



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 6, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

Opening Prayer

David Kern

The Lord's Supper

Bob Snider

Contribution

Bob Snider

Lesson

Bill McFarland

Announcements

Barney Crawford

Closing Prayer

Todd Kraus

*You are the light
of the world. A
city set on a hill
cannot be hidden.
(Matt. 5:14)*

DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE

Many religious people have concluded that the bottom line in any matter of faith is personal preference. To them, choices about churches and their practices should be made upon the basis of what suits the individual.

Does it make any difference what one believes? We are convinced that it does. There are some good reasons why one's opinions are not a sufficient guide.

1. The things we need to know lie beyond the realm of human reason. *Spiritual truths which are eternal and unseen must be revealed. God's purpose to save those in Christ, for example, is a mystery which could never have been discovered without revelation (Eph. 3:3-5). The Bible guides us where no man could have, for it reveals the deep things of the mind of God (1 Cor. 2:10-13). Apart from it, we can never know the truth.*

2. Authority always rests with Deity. *It is not up to the creature to decide how the Creator will be worshipped and served. God made us, revealed himself to us and gave his Son for us. The whole object of our faith is to please and honor him, not ourselves (Gal. 1:10). If God is important, then what he wants is important. If God rules, then his word is the final authority in any question.*

3. The Bible clearly claims to be the only safe guide. *It speaks of "good doctrine" (1 Tim. 4:6) and "sound doctrine" (1 Tim. 1:10). We are told to "hold the pattern of sound words" (2 Tim. 1:13) and "not to teach a different doctrine" (1 Tim. 1:3). Brothers in Christ are encouraged to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). None of these statements could make any sense if it makes no difference what one believes.*

When a person is making any spiritual decision, the first questions should always be, "What does the Lord want?" The answer to this question must never be regarded as less important than what you think or what you feel.

— Bill McFarland

Prayer List & Notes

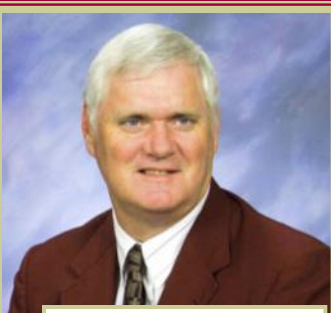
Welcome Visitors

We are honored that you joined us. We hope you will be blessed by your time with us. We have an attended nursery, a cry/training room and a nursing mother's room for your convenience if you have small children. Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the end of the pew so that we may thank you for your visit.

For The Record

October 30

Bible Study:	255
Morning:	374
Evening:	176
Wednesday (11/02):	225
Contribution:	\$19,890



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

- ☞ It was great to see **Paul Bratcher** with us last Sunday morning.
- ☞ **Norman High** will have outpatient kidney surgery Tuesday
- ☞ **Herman Harris** is in Cox South in very serious condition
- ☞ **Thelma Fain** is not doing well; she is at Strafford Care Center
- ☞ **Jarita Nimmo** is at Christian Health Care on Mt. Vernon in Springfield and **David Nimmo** is recovering from surgery
- ☞ **Pat and Regina Woods** are back home from California. It will be great to see them.

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Tiffany Meeks' sister, **Larrie White**, is now at home recovering
- ◇ **Cecil Kirby**, friend of Bob & Leona Snider, broke his hip
- ◇ Nadean Green's sister, **Vera Barnes** is home from the hospital
- ◇ Jeff Fisher's niece, **Julianne King**, is now at Children's Hospital in CO for treatment of a serious illness. Cards can be sent to the family at 259 E. Washington, Marshfield, 65706.
- ◇ Mary Jo Rookstool's brother, **John Key**, in Texas
- ◇ Gail White's brother, **Paul Ellard**, who is dealing with cancer
- ◇ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, **Dylan**, is recovering from eye surgery
- ◇ Jan Bowling's cousin's daughter, 6-year old **Shelby Davidson**, is still undergoing testing at St. Jude for a tumor in her leg
- ◇ **Kaylee Farmsworth**, daughter of friends of Ann Thiesen's daughter, was seriously injured in a auto accident
- ◇ **Sandra Park**, mother of Jeremiah Holt (who has been attending recently) has cancer but it is now in remission

New Address

Greg & Scheryl Larimore
858 Lone Pine
Marshfield, MO 65706
Scheryl's Cell
#: 830-1823



Congratulations to the **McFarland Family** on the arrival of Baby Boy Hatfield, born last Thursday to Kari & Justin in Abilene. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 ozs. All are doing well.

Just a reminder about the request from the Elders ...

The Elders are looking ahead at different aspects of the work here in the areas of youth and family ministry, and we need your help in assessing these needs. We would like your suggestions and ideas as to the direction you would like to see us go in these areas. Please put them in writing with your name so we can visit with you further if we have any questions, and give to one of the Elders. - *The Elders*



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the money tree. The money will be used in setting up our home. It will help so much. We appreciate so much our Christian family. **Greg & Scheryl Larimore**

Words cannot express how grateful we are for Larrie's remarkable outcome during this very long and trying time. Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, visits and endless prayers said on her behalf! In Christian love, **Tom Meeks & Family**

We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful anniversary cards and also for the great birthdays cookies and cards and all the well wishes. Also thank you for the many visits to my Mother Betty Shaw. She really appreciates them and so do we. In Christian love, **Ronald & Marsha Bower**
The **Young ladies** wish to thank all who have donated sheets for 90 chair covers and napkins for the Teachers' Appreciation Dinner.

Thank you to the **anonymous donor** of the 2 beautiful chairs in the foyer.

Long-Term

Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Lucille/Milton Ford
Herman Harris
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods
Military:
Cody Newman
Matthew Patterson

Shut-ins:

Kay Adams
Joy/Alice Allen
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Iorg
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
John Luallin
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Annie Overstreet
Wilma Spoor
Doris Thomason
Judy Todd



Birthdays

13 **Christian White**
14 **Alice Allen**
 Kaya White
15 **Carol Tovar**
Richmond Griter
16 **Ann Fahr**
17 **Kay McFarland**
18 **Van Barnes**
19 **Doris Burch**
 Carol Jackson

Be sure to
pick up
your
dishes
from the
table in
the foyer.

News & Activities

Ladies Fall Retreat November 11-12

For those of you attending the Fall Ladies Retreat, here is our schedule:

Friday - Registration starts at 6:30 PM, and the first session begins at 7:00 PM.

Saturday - The second session begins at 10:00 AM, and we plan to wrap things up by 5:00 PM.

We continue to be amazed and thankful for you and your generosity in response to helping hands situations, our Fifth Sunday Contributions and any other projects you are asked to assist with or contribute to. May God continue to bless you as you walk with him.

- The Elders



Be sure to check out the request for volunteers from the American Cancer Society. Information is posted on the bulletin board.

*Scott & Melinda Barton and Eric & Wanita Duncan invite you to join them in celebrating **Verl and Karen Duncan's 50th Wedding Anniversary** on Saturday, **November 19th** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Water Mill Church of Christ. Omission of gifts is preferred.*

Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. with potluck lunch to follow. Ruth Essex will be the speaker. Her topic is Exploring the Jungle of Women's Relationship: Danger in the Undergrowth.

Young Ladies helping with the Teachers' Appreciation Dinner will meet today after AM services.

- [Golden Agers](#) meet today at 4
- [Visitation Team 1](#) will meet after services tonight in room 126
- [SNAC](#) after PM services tonight
- The [book club](#) will meet tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marty Stockstill.
- [Elders](#) meet Tuesday at 2 p.m.
- [Quilters](#) meet on the 15th at 10
- [Youth Night](#) at Sunset 11/20

We need YOU in Sunday School

Since so many of us just use our cell phones now and no longer have a home phone, I am considering putting out a directory that includes cell phone numbers. I haven't done this in the past because I wasn't sure that everyone wanted their numbers out there. If I have your cell phone number and you do not want it published, please let me know. If I do not have your cell phone number and you want it published, please send that to me. Thanks for your input. Johnnie



Veterans Day is Friday. Thank you to all who served and gave so much.



SAVED BY HIS LIFE

By Dennis R. Smith

As food for thought, consider the following: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Romans 5:10). In short, I believe the message here tells us that without Christ we become his enemies. However, where there is a recognition that Jesus died for our sins and redeemed us through his precious blood, we can be reconciled back to him to become his friends (John 15:13). This is the overall message of the Gospel of Christ as can be seen in 1st Corinthians 15:1-4. The second part of this most interesting text reminds us that we are also "saved by his life." Is it then his death or his life which brings us our eternal redemption? The answer is both! When we obey a form of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ in baptism (Roman 6:1-6), this places us in Christ (Gal. 3:26-27). This qualifies us to be called the "children of God" (Romans 8:16). Afterward, God does not allow us to "fin for ourselves" but rather sets for us an example in the life of his son as our pattern to live by (1st Peter 2:21). This can further be confirmed in the writings of John: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1st John 1:7). It is a simple process of dying with Christ and then living for Christ as his faithful servant which insures us of an eternal life (Rev. 2:10).

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship...5:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Class....7:00 PM

WORKS WE SUPPORT

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
 Voice of Truth International
 Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
 World Christian Broadcasting
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
 Lincoln Church of Christ
 Fair Haven Children's Home

"In Search Of The Lord's Way"
 7:00 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"Know Your Bible"
 10:30 A.M. Sundays
 Springfield 33
 KSPR-TV



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Kerry & Sandy Cole
Van Driver: James Simons/732-5641
KYB Phone: Jackie & Leah Freeze
Serve Randy Blackburn/Tom Davis
Communion: Jackie Buck/Kyle Buckner
 Tim Buckner/Ted Crabtree
 Brendan Carroll/Eddie Currrier
 Charles Crum/Greg Donoho

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer: John Mahon
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jim Meinsen
Communion: Tyler Thornton/John Dutton
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, November 13

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer:	Russell Lilly	Mark Thiesen
Communion:	John Stayton	T. Thornton/J. Dutton
Closing Prayer:	Paul Lines	Aaron Morrison
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Barney & Debbie Crawford	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/839-4048	

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Ushers: Jeremy Thurlkill/
 Adam Barton
AV Room: Linda Barnett/
 Travis Morrison
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, November 9

Devotional: Steve Prewitt
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer: Dennis Smith
Closing Prayer: Bob Snider
Van Driver: Jason Luna