



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 20, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#833

#419 (1,2,4)

Opening Prayer

Brent Looney

#315

#417

The Lord's Supper

Mark Thiesen

Contribution

Mark Thiesen

#367

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#645 (1,3,4)

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#391 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Tom Norrell

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

"In the Midst of the Congregation"

Our brother John Luallin "finished the course" a day or two ago, but he will continue to have a significant impact on my life. One reason is that I will never be able to think of this church coming together without remembering him. A view of what it means to serve as a member of the body of Christ, and a sense of the affection and appreciation such service engenders, will come to my mind because of John.

You who have come to us more recently will need some explanation. A lot of us in this congregation got our first warm word, handshake, and pat on the back from John. He greeted everyone at the door with a delightful sense of humor that could easily give way to compassion and concern, and he made us feel at home. For years he and Leah, who was also a gentle and faithful servant of the Lord, took our old van and transported folks to and from every service. We enjoyed the hospitality of their home and learned from watching them maintain their marriage and their friendships. Big John sang bass wherever needed, raised a huge garden at the children's home every year, drove the grocery route, and did not need acclaim for any of it. His presence was always a good influence.

As I run these scenes through my mind, I thank the Lord for his will that those who belong to him be connected to each other so as to know such people. My path crossed John's because of the congregation, the people of the Lord in a particular place who assemble together regularly and who organize themselves according to the scriptures to function as his body in that community. I am so grateful to God for having had the privilege of being "in the midst of the congregation" (cf. Heb. 2:12).

The congregation is the Lord's gift to his people. It is where we come to know what brotherhood is. It is where we actually become partners in love and good works. It is where we experience the discipline of understanding one another and bearing each other's burdens. There is no shortcut to learning to respect service and humility. It takes life in the congregation.

Some are going to miss this. I'm sad to say it, but I think it's true. As creatures of our culture, we are going to look here and there for what we want, in the process missing what we need—the experience of knowing people like John in the congregation over a long period of time.

— 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

November 13

Bible Study:	253
Morning:	334
Evening:	237
Wednesday (11/16):	237
Contribution:	\$ 8,453



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford



We extend our sympathy to the following families:

Family and friends of **Mr. John Luallin** who passed away last Friday morning. Visitation will be this afternoon from 2-4 p.m. at Greenlawn East Funeral Home and the funeral service will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the new Veterans' Cemetery;

Gene Creson in the loss of his cousin;
Norma Lorenz in the loss of her nephew, **John Bradley**, at the age of 44.



Thank you to all of the ladies that participated in the Fall Ladies Retreat last weekend. Hopefully it was a fun, uplifting event for everyone. **The planning committee would like to get your feedback on the Fall Retreat as well as the Spring Tea. If you attended one or both of these events this year, please fill out a survey to offer your opinions and give us suggestions for next year. The surveys are located on the desk by the east entrance to the building. We will have a box set up for you to return them to on the same desk. Thank you!!**

"Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephes. 5:20)

In Our Prayers

- ☞ **Herman Harris** is at Cox Walnut Lawn, Rm. 311, doing better
- ☞ **Little Dane Stipp** spent a night in the hospital this past week but is feeling better now
- ☞ **Truman Coltrane** is recovering from a fall
- ☞ **Jarita Nimmo** is at Christian Health Care
- ☞ **Lucille Ford** is now at her daughter's home.

Friends and Family:

- ◆ **Jon Ewing's dad, Winston Ewing**, is in St. John's
- ◆ **Cecil Kirby**, friend of Bob & Leona Snider, broke his hip
- ◆ **Chloe Gaddis' great-grandson, Carter Letterman**
- ◆ **Jeff Fisher's niece, Julianne King**, is now at Children's Hospital in CO; hopes to be home for Thanksgiving
- ◆ **Kerry Cole** has several family members he would like you to keep in your prayers: his niece, **Sandra Barnett**, who lives in Dixon, ILL; his cousin, **Greg Cole** who is recovering from surgery in North Carolina; his niece **Kaitlyn Behr**, who has an inherited disease that causes her to go blind.
- ◆ **Gail White's brother, Paul Ellard**, who is dealing with cancer
- ◆ **Jan Bowling's cousin's daughter, 6-year old Shelby Davidson**, is still undergoing testing at St. Jude for a tumor in her leg

We will have a special devotional period Wednesday evening; all classes will meet in the auditorium. We hope you will join us!

In Appreciation

We express our love and gratitude to **Gene Lund** for his service as one of our elders over the years. As was announced last Lord's Day, he believes that with family responsibilities he and Ruth have, it is best that he no longer try to serve in this way. Gene and Ruth are servants and care-givers who are blessings in our lives. Their examples are a source of strength to many of us. We thank them for their faithful service in the Lord's kingdom.



Shut-ins:

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

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

News & Activities

- **Youth Night at Sunset** tonight
- **Teachers Appreciation Dinner** is December 3
- **Golden Agers** meet Dec. 4
- **Quilters** meet Dec. 6 at 10 am
- **Ladies Bible Class** meets Thursday, December 10 at 10:30; potluck lunch will follow



Golden Agers, you need to sign up this morning if you plan to attend the Thanksgiving Dinner Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. here at the building. Sign-up sheets are on the Information Desk.

If you plan to attend LTC in the Spring and need to reserve a hotel room, see Jeremy Thurlkill as soon as possible so he will know how many rooms to reserve.



Water Mill Youth Holiday SNAC

Dec. 4 after evening worship, we will be having a gift exchange for the youngsters and teens. This will be in place of our normal S.N.A.C.

The teens will again be doing a "white elephant" exchange. The younger children will do a regular gift exchange (boys please bring a toy for a boy and girls bring one for a girl). Please try to keep all gifts under \$5. We will also need sandwiches, chips, desserts, and drinks for this event.

"Know Your Bible"

We got a call this past week we thought you would like to know about. What led up to it started months ago. One of you corresponded with a lady who called KYB and enrolled in a Bible course. After studying the Bible this way for a while, she visited the services of the West and Lincoln congregation. Ron Blakey, their preacher, and his wife called on her several times and were able to continue studying with her. Last Sunday she was baptized into Christ! Thanks to God who, when his servants sow the seed and water it, gives the increase! And thanks to you who quietly continue to help teach these Bible courses without ever knowing all that may come of it.



Thank you all for the happy birthday wishes and for the beautiful cards. It is wonderful to have you for our church family. God bless you all. Betty Holden

We want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards for my birthday and anniversary. Thanks also to Carolyn Young for the chocolate chip cookies. They were wonderful. I don't know what we would do without our Christian family. If it hadn't been for my faith I wouldn't have made it these last three years. We still need your prayers. In Christian love, Denzil & Ruth Raines

Birthdays

- 27 Tom Crumrine
- 29 Wayne Harmon
- Johnnie Elliff
- Elaina Treat
- Jerry Stockdale
- 30 Travis Morrison
- 12/1 Sheryl Low
- 3 Ashlyn Wuench

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.



We are in urgent need of the following items for the Food Pantry.

Boxed & Canned Meals

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| Jelly | Peanut Butter |
| Cereal | Canned Fruit |
| Tuna | Jello/Pudding |
| Canned Vegies | Mac & Cheese |
- Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support.**



Considering the word "Desire"

By Dennis Smith

The meaning of this word is "a strong conscious impulse to have, be, or do something." In scripture it is used many times. For example, the Apostle Paul stated, "My heart's **desire** and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved" (Rom. 10:1). Jesus, in response to the question of who would be the greatest in his kingdom, replied in this manner, "If any man **desire** to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all" (Mark 9:35). In reference to qualifying for the honorable position of a bishop (elder, shepherd, overseer), the Apostle Paul said, "If a man **desire** the office of a bishop, he **desireth** a good work" (1st Tim. 3:1). In keeping with the definition already given, may I suggest that one reason why the church is seeing less and less conversions must just come from two avenues. First, I believe we are seeing less and less **desire** on the part of the masses to even want to become a Christian. Secondly, perhaps there are less and less of us who have the **desire** to go forth with the saving power of the gospel (Rom. 1:16). Following this line of thought and in keeping with examples in scripture, it seems that these two **desires** were always present when one became a Christian. Those on Pentecost, as well as the Philippian jailor, cried out, "What must we do?" (Acts 2:37; 16:30). The **desire** to teach, preach and enlighten must be coupled with the **desire** to know (John 8:32). When these two **desires** are in harmony, the borders of the Lord's Kingdom **will** be increased.

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: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves
Greeters: Jeremy Thurlkill/Johnnie Elliff
Van Driver: Lance Griter/833-2818
KYB Phone: Shirley Chilton/Norma Lorenz
Serve Randy Blackburn/Tom Davis
Communion: Jackie Buck/Kyle Buckner
 Tim Buckner/Ted Crabtree
 Brendan Carroll/Eddie Currier
 Charles Crum/Greg Donoho

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer: Jason Luna
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Scott Nichols
Communion: Tyler Thornton/John Dutton
Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan

NEXT WEEK, November 27

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	Gene Lund	John Penner
Communion:	Mike Thurlkill	T. Thornton/J. Dutton
Closing Prayer:	Andy McFarland	Justin Reaves
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Mike & Glenda Thurlkill	
Van Driver:	Travis Morrison/742-1970	

MONTH OF NOV.

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

Wednesday, November 23

Devotional: Special Devo
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer: Ron Stokes
Closing Prayer: Mike Thurlkill
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill