



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 25, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Clay Joseph

Song Leader

Larry Baggett

#676 (1,2,4,5)

#910 (1,2)

Opening Prayer

Daniel Wilson

#900 (2 times)

#784

The Lord's Supper

Travis Morrison

Contribution

Travis Morrison

#822 (1,2,3)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#335 (1,2,4)

Announcements

Clay Joseph

Closing Prayer

Luis Tovar

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

About Our Work

“Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness”—that is, of the truth of which the church of the living God exists to be the pillar and support (cf. 1 Tim. 3:14-16). In this brief section of his letter to his beloved “true child in the faith,” Paul lays out in the open his purpose in writing. He does not know what the future will bring. He does know, however, that there is an appropriate way for one to conduct himself in the household of God, especially given its crucial function in upholding the truth. He realizes also that this knowledge must be undergirded by a sense of wonder at the divine origin of the Christian system.

That is something for us to remember. We don’t know what will happen, but we know something wonderful. We have a responsibility to uphold it, and it must govern our behavior as the household of God. The apostle put it this way:

“By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness:

He who was revealed in the flesh,
Was vindicated in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Proclaimed among the nations,
Believed on in the world,
Taken up in glory.”

—First Timothy 3:16, NASB

It is our high calling and our great task to be “the pillar and ground” of truth so admittedly profound!

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We all want to extend our best wishes to all of you during this holiday season. Thank you so much for all the cards, the thoughtful words, and the kind things you have done to bless us, both during this season and throughout the year.

We want you to know that we consider it an honor to serve along with you. We appreciate your prayers for us in our responsibilities, your encouragement toward us in our efforts, your cooperation with us in our work, your patience with us and mercy toward us in our weaknesses, your understanding in our humanity, and your support for our ministries. We thank the Lord for his people in the world, and for this great congregation in particular.

As all years do, this year we have known together many high points and some heartbreaks. We are grateful to the Lord for his faithfulness through all things. It is our prayer that in the new year you and yours may experience new delights, fresh success, and much joy.

—Johnnie, Tim, Dennis, and Bill

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

December 18

Bible Study:	258
Morning:	336
Evening:	230
Wednesday (12/21):	236
Contribution:	\$ 8,815



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph



Prayer List

✧ Herman Harris is now at home
✧ Jarita Nimmo is at Westside Health Care

✧ Lucille Ford is in Cox South but Milton is now at home. Cards can be sent to 2013 E. Cherry, Apt. A, Springfield, MO 65802.

Friends and Family:

- ✧ Stacy Haddock's grandpa, Jim Moreland, is recovering from bypass surgery
- ✧ Continue to remember Betty Grabber's sister, Hazel Cook, and Samantha York's father
- ✧ Kerry Cole's sister, Susan Barnett - angiogram did not show any heart problems but she does have sleep apnea
- ✧ Bonnie Cole's sister, Fonda, is very low; family request prayers that she will not have to suffer very long
- ✧ Debbie Kern's dad, Don Hamlin, as he deals with cancer; Jan Bowling's cousin's daughter, Shelby Davidson; Noel Green's father-in-law, Dan Scott, who is in very serious condition in the hospital in Albuquerque
- ✧ John Stayton's aunt & uncle from Arkansas who were in a serious auto accident
- ✧ 17-year old Jonathan Saterfield, friend of the Norrells, is in St. Jude's for extensive chemo treatment; cards can be sent to him at 1427 Cedar Street, West Monroe, LA 71291; Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, is doing well after having surgery to remove what turned out to be scar tissue from the previous surgery site

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Gaylen Jones and his family in the loss of his aunt, Wilma Witherspoon. Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Greenlawn East with visitation before the service.

Long-Term

Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods

Military:

Matthew Patterson

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



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

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

Boxed & Canned Meals

Jelly Peanut Butter
Cereal Canned Fruit
Jello/Pudding Soup
Canned Vegies Mac & Cheese

Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support.

January Anniversaries

- 1 David/Debbie Kern - 36 yrs.
- 2 Tim/Becky Marsof - 31 yrs.
- 5 Lonnie/Wanda Wilkinson - 59 yrs.
- 13 Fred/Norma Lorenz - 1 yr.
- 16 Bill/Gail White—2 yrs.
- 17 Dennis/Carolyn Smith - 59 yrs.
- 27 Joy/Alice Allen - 44 yrs.

Through the Bible in 2012

Our daily Bible Reading Schedule for 2012 is available at the Information Desk.

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." (Romans 15:4)



Thank you so much for your

kind words, prayers, thoughts and cards, phone calls and love you have shown me while I was so sick.

In Christian love,
Orvella Blackburn

Happy Birthday

Birthdays Next Week

- 1 Alice Daniels
Teresa Mahon
- 2 Doris Thomason (93)
- 4 Olivia Downing
- 5 Gloria Luallin
- 6 Ben Lines
Amanda Green
- 7 Bonnie Cole

The office will be open on a limited basis this week. If you have a need, please call the office and leave a message or send an e-mail. We will be checking those on a continual basis.

NEW ADDRESS:

Elizabeth Tieszen
923 W. Battlefield St., Apt. B302
Springfield, MO 65807

News & Activities



We are planning a New Years

Eve game night and fellowship for all ages in the fellowship room. Bring a favorite game and finger foods. We'll start at 7:00. Feel free to celebrate the new year in whichever time zone you wish (as long as it is shortly after midnight using central time zone).



Secret Sisters

There will be a short meeting on January 8 after morning services at the front of the auditorium to discuss the revealing. Please do not forget to drop your Secret Sister a note to let her know that you are thinking about her.

Upcoming Events

- ✧ *Wednesday, December 28th, all classes will meet in the auditorium for a special year-end devotional*
- ✧ *Golden Agers WILL NOT meet in January*
- ✧ *James River Nursing Home Devotional January 7 at 2 p.m.*
- ✧ *Women's Book Club will meet Monday, January 9; if you have questions, see Linda Currier*
- ✧ *Elders meet January 10*
- ✧ *January 29th will be our 5th Sunday Contribution and Potluck Lunch*
- ✧ *January 29 the Deacons will host a Ministry Fair*

Contribution envelopes for 2012 are available at the information desk. If you currently are using the envelopes, your name has been put on that same number for 2012 and they are arranged alphabetically.

There are additional envelopes available if you have not been using the envelopes but would like to begin in 2012 so you can have a receipt from the church of your contributions.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Eddie Sanders	417-833-5712
Bob Snider	417-833-3498
Jerry Young	417-724-0324

Minister

Bill McFarland	417-833-0110
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Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith	417-866-6918
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Shannon Haddock
Tim Bowling	Matt Keener
Tim Buckner	Russell Lilly
Tom Davis	Paul Lines
George Downing	Jim Meinsen
Jim Elliff	Travis Morrison
Jon Ewing	James Simons

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF OUR PLEA - Part Three

By Dennis R. Smith



The church of Christ, which is the body of Christ, is not to be construed as the building where its members meet to worship (1st Cor. 11:20). Therefore, since the church of Christ is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23 - Col. 1:18), then its members should maintain a spirit of love and compassion on others as did Jesus when at the tomb of Lazarus he "wept" in support of the two sisters, Mary and Martha (John 11:35). In keeping with the instructions of Romans 12:15 they learn to "rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep." "Of course this is just one of many things which each member should learn about their responsibility as a part of the body of Christ. The holy scriptures, according to 2nd Timothy 2:15, are to be fervently studied in order for the members to "understand what the will of the Lord is (Eph. 5:17). Even if I knew them space does not allow that I should mention all things which its members should know and practice. However, I will mention a few more: The sick and the needy as well as the care of the widows and orphans were high priorities with our Heavenly Father (Matt. 25:35-46; James 1:27; Gal. 6:10). I suppose if there would be just one or two scriptures which would serve as the sum of Christian duties it would be the following: "As you would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise (Luke 6:31). Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matt. 22:37).

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: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Matt & Sara Keener
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970
KYB Phone: Jim & Rebekah Meinsen
Serve George Downing/Jeff Fisher
Communion: John Dutton/Jackie Freeze
 Verl Duncan/Mark Friend
 Jon Ewing/Ryan Friend
 Briley Ewing/Blanton Glenn

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: John Mahon
Opening Prayer: Tim Bowling
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jackie Buck
Communion: George/William Downing
Nursery: Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, January 1

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	George Downing	Oran Green
Communion:	Daniel Tovar	M. Kelley/B. Allen
Closing Prayer:	John Dutton	Dale Harp
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Linda Barnett & Ruth Reaves	
Van Driver:	AM-James Simons/PM-Tucker Jobes	

MONTH OF December

Ushers: Jerry Stockdale/
James Simons
AV Room: Scott Barton/
Jeremy Thurlkill
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, December 28

Devotional: Jerry Milligan
Song Leader: Isaac Tovar
Opening Prayer: John Dutton
Closing Prayer: William Downing
Van Driver: Todd Kraus