



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 29, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#1 (1,2,5)

#436 (1,2,4)

Opening Prayer

David Kern

#836 (1,3)

#742 (1,3,5)

The Lord's Supper

Russell Lilly

Contribution

Russell Lilly

#350

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#68

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#599 (1,4)

Closing Prayer

Jason Luna

Elder of the Month

Barney Crawford

This Will Take Care of Everything

First Corinthians is a letter to a congregation from a man who loves them. As he writes, they are a church being consumed with quarrels, moral failures, family questions, personal agendas, worship problems, and doctrinal confusion. What can he say that will help?

It boils down to this: "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love" (16:13-14). The apostle offers extensive practical instruction throughout the letter, of course, but he concludes with these five brief imperatives for everybody involved, as if to say, "If you'll do this, it will take care of everything." Here is what I hear him saying to me.

"Be watchful." Like a sentinel at his post, be on your guard. Keep alert. Pay attention. You have both an enemy and a hope, and you must not be surprised by either. Be sensible and prayerful in the way you go about life.

"Stand firm in the faith." Be firm and stable in the content of the faith. Like a tree with roots deep in solid ground, remain loyal to what the word of the Lord says. Rather than wavering in uncertainty and doubt, be solid and dependable.

"Act like men." Stop acting childishly. Too much is at stake; preoccupation with the shallow and the short-term will no longer do. It is time to show yourself to be spiritually mature. Conduct yourself as a responsible grown-up.

"Be strong." The term means to be strengthened, or to show strength. Often in Scripture it is found along with the call to be of good courage. Be on duty. Stay courageously involved. Be faithfully engaged in the battle for what is holy and right.

"Let all that you do be done in love." Do everything in love. Do not merely take up your responsibilities "with" love; do all that you do "in" love. Make love—God's kind of love--the realm within which you operate. In effect, this will mean doing what the rest of the letter says.

These five commands, coming as they do as the conclusion of what the apostle has written regarding various issues and questions troubling the church, remind us that things finally come down to individuals **being** what they should. Let each of us take them as our marching orders.

- Bill McFarland

Today's Lessons:

AM: What Can I Do?

PM: Something Beautiful

Prayer List

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

April 22

Bible Study: 267
Morning: 319
Evening: 222
Wednesday (4/25): 183
Contribution: \$ 9,104

- ◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton, Ella Mae Findlay and Paul Bratcher*
- ◆ *George Downing* suffered a heart attack this past Wednesday night. He is now home recovering.
- ◆ *Jerry Stockdale* was in a bicycle/car accident Wednesday night. He is doing well after spending a few days in the hospital.
- ◆ *Kevin Westerman* is recovering from outpatient surgery
- ◆ *Marilyn Lanpher* is now home and doing well
- ◆ *Allen Harmon* is at Manorcare, Room 201
- ◆ *George Downing's father* is in the hospital in Joplin with health problems
- ◆ *Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze*, will be moved Tuesday to her daughter's home at 41 MacKay Lane, Cookeville, TN 38406.
- ◆ *Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland*, is now at home after a long stay in hospitals in St. Louis and Mountain Home
- ◆ *Nancy Barnes, Van Barnes and Chloe Gaddis' sister-in-law*, remains in very serious condition in ICU at Mercy Hospital
- ◆ *Steve Prewitt's granddad* is very seriously ill in the hospital in Joplin
- ◆ *Bonnie Cole's nephew (Kerry's cousin), Scott Golden*, who has cancer
- ◆ *Shawna Stockdale's sister-in-law, Jenn Moore*, and her unborn child

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams	Irene Johnson
Alice Allen	Carol Law
Shirley Bartlett	Carol Mahon
Paul Bratcher	Wilma Melton
Doris Burch	Jarita Nimmo
Bonnie Cole	Betty Shaw
Fern Davis	Wilma Spoor
Thelma Fain	Doris Thomason
Lucille Ford	Doris Tobler
Milton Ford	Judy Todd
Doris Iorg	Pat Woods

Expectant Moms

Sarah Griffin/boy/May
Megan Jobes/boy/July
Sara Stipp/December

New Converts' Bible class meets each Sunday at 9 am in Room 122. See Eddie Sanders if you have questions.

All contributions today will go towards payment on our building or other special needs.



THE DRAWING POWER OF GOD

By Dennis R. Smith

When the Psalmist said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psa. 119:105), in essence he was saying that the Bible must be our authority in all things pertaining to the knowledge and response to religious matters. This includes the drawing power of God. In the Gospel of John (6:44-45) we have a clear-cut pattern of how this is done. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me." These verses verify that Christianity is a taught religion. This is why Jesus also commanded his disciples to "...teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Adding to these thoughts, Jesus continued to say, "...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). In other words, not only must our faith center on Jesus Christ (John 3:16), but all that he commanded his disciples to write must become a part of the drawing power of God" (Rom. 1:16). If we are looking for a faith to carry us over the rough shoals of life, let us focus entirely on the way in which God, through the scriptures, draws us to his Son. It is the right way!



Today is our regular Fifth Sunday Potluck lunch combined with the Preschool Potluck. We hope you have made plans to join us. We especially invite our visitors to stay and enjoy good food and fellowship!



You are invited to
Jerry and Pat Milligans's 50th Anniversary Informal Celebration on May 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Omission of gifts is requested.

Birthdays Next Week
6 Lonnie Wilkinson
Don Essex
Tom Easterly
Jenny Carroll
Autum Herrington
7 Gregory Johnson
8 Clint Holden
9 Shannon Haddock

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Thank you so much for all the acts of concern shown me during the last few weeks. The many cards, visits and prayers are appreciated more than you know.

In Christian love, Allen Harmon

If you plan to attend Bill's session at Green Valley Bible Camp this summer (July 15-21) you will need to register and pay online for Session 7 at www.greenvalleybiblecamp.com.

Youth Banquet May 4 at 6 p.m.

Diapers/Formula Shower

for **Sarah Stokes Griffin** on May 6 (next Sunday) at 3 p.m. Sarah and Adam are expecting a boy later in May. Please bring either diapers or Enfamil/Newborn formula in the light blue can.



Elaine Poland
from Carthage,

MO is scheduled to teach the Thursday Ladies Bible Class on May 10 at 10:30. The title of her lesson is "Herbs and Spices of the Bible." She will bring samples and tell how they were used. All the ladies are invited. Potluck lunch will follow.



May Anniversaries

7 James & Lori McCall 24 yrs.
7 Aaron & Brittany Morrison 7 yrs.
10 Jason & Lora Luna 15 yrs.
12 Jerry & Pat Milligan 50 yrs.
15 Cecil & Mary C. Lines 19 yrs.
19 Charlie & Rosalie Cruse 40 yrs.
19 Bill & Kay McFarland 38 yrs.
20 Jim & Debbie Meinsen 23 yrs.
27 Scott & Jenna Nichols 4 yrs.

Happy Anniversary!!

Area Events

April 29-May 2 Gospel meeting at Strafford
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April 29-May 2 Gospel meeting at 26th & Connecticut, Joplin
April 29-May 3 Gospel meeting at Bolivar Church of Christ with Walter Buchanan
May 19 Ladies Day at Strafford with Maria Cowden as speaker
(See flyers on bulletin board)

- ◆ **Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 am to work on quilting and on May 15th to work on cancer caps.**
- ◆ **James River Nursing Home Devo Saturday at 2 p.m. All who can are encouraged to attend.**
- ◆ **Golden Agers meet next Sunday at 4 p.m. in Room 126.**
- ◆ **Elders meet May 8 at 2 p.m.**
- ◆ **May 13 is MOTHERS' DAY!**
- ◆ **Book Club Meeting May 14th.**
- ◆ **Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19, for a WORK DAY.**
- ◆ **Potluck lunch on May 20 after AM services honoring the Haddocks**
- ◆ **July 28 Super Saturday VBS**

Graduates' Reception May 20

Our 2012 Graduates:

High School:

Alissa Buckner/Republic
Erica Ewing/Kickapoo
Charlyn Lines/Nixa
Hannah Meeks/Republic
Rebekah Meinsen/Home School
Julian Penner/Home School
Aaron Tovar/Home School

College:

Lori Fisher/Drury/Masters
Scarlett McCall/MSU
Elizabeth Tieszen/MSU
Janel Wydick/MSU/Masters
If you are graduating and are not on this list, see Linda Barnett.

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: *Jan Bowling/Robin Meeks*
 Greeters: *Mike & Glenda Thurlkill*
 Van Driver: *Kevin Wuench/833-6134*
 KYB Phone: *Eddie & Linda Currier*
 Serve: *Aaron Tovar/Don Tracy*
 Communion: *Kevin Westerman/Daniel Wilson*
 Brian York/Jerry Young
 Adam Barton/Randy Blackburn
 Tim Bowling/Jackie Buck

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Kyle Buckner*
 Opening Prayer: *Tom Easterly*
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
 Closing Prayer: *Jim Elliff*
 Communion: *Steve Prewitt/Adam Stipp*
 Nursery: *Meredith Reaves*

NEXT WEEK (May 6)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole</i>	<i>Jeff Fisher</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Dennis Smith</i>	<i>Tim Stockstill</i>
Communion:	<i>Fred Lorenz</i>	<i>Scott/Adam Barton</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Luis Tovar</i>	<i>Tim Timmons</i>
Nursery:	<i>Donna Jordan/ Michelle Hulett</i>	<i>Lisa Stayton/ Emily Simons</i>
Greeters:	<i>Brent & Shanna Asher</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>AM/James Simons/732-5641</i> <i>PM/Tucker Jobes/274-3663</i>	

Wednesday, May 2:

Devotional: *Eddie Currier*
 Song Leader: *J.J. Blevins*
 Opening Prayer: *Larry Baggett*
 Closing Prayer: *Randy Blackburn*
 Van Driver: *Don Tracy/224-1936*

MONTH OF MAY:

AV Room: *Larry Baggett/Travis Morrison*
 Secure Building: *Paul Lines/Tim Buckner*

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
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7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10

"KNOW YOUR BIBLE"
10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSPR



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