



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Weekly Newsletter*

*August 12, 2012*

## **Order of Worship**

*Welcome*

**Jerry Young**

*Song Leader*

**Kerry Cole**

#824

#853

#344

*Opening Prayer*

**Barney Crawford**

*"In Christ Alone"*

*The Lord's Supper*

**Luis Tovar**

#888

*Contribution*

**Luis Tovar**

#336

*Lesson*

**Bill McFarland**

#800

*Announcements*

**Jerry Young**

#197

*Closing Prayer*

**George Downing**

*Elder of the Month*

**Jerry Young**

## **PLANS AND WAYS**

The sixteenth chapter of Proverbs includes several thought-provoking observations on the plans and ways of people and how they relate to the will and purposes of God. These reflections about how life works are especially meaningful as we anticipate what we will do in new stages of our lives. After all, plans turn into ways—ways of life, that is—and ways lead to destinies. If we are wise, we will consider our ways in the light of the following realities.

Our plans depend upon circumstances we assume but cannot guarantee. This is the key fact in Proverbs 16: "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps" (v. 9). Life is uncertain and temporary. When and where and what and how much are in the hands of Providence, not in the grasp human ingenuity (James 4:13-15).

Lacking control of events and knowledge of the future, our thinking and choices are inadequate guides where the ultimate issues of life are concerned. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (v. 25; also 14:12). None of us has the perspective necessary to declare on our own the way that is right.

An important reason is that our motives are a significant part of the story. "All the ways of man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit" (v. 2). It is not just where we are headed that matters, but why.

The overriding intention to please God is therefore the difference-making factor in any person's life. "Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established" (v. 3). Ways that are born of trusting obedience to him will stand the test of time.

Such a purpose tends to produce good fruits in the other relationships of our lives. "When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be a peace with him" (v. 7). Even God has his enemies, but as a general rule the dearest relationships of life are enriched by loyalty to him.

That sense of purpose and loyalty secures one from evil influences. "A man of violence entices his neighbor and leads him in a way that is not good" (v. 29). What would otherwise be too much pressure is not as threatening when we are committed to the Lord's way.

Guarding our way is thus the crucial concern of our lives. "The highway of the upright turns aside from evil; whoever guards his way preserves his life" (v. 17). If our plans are to walk with the Lord, our ways will indicate that we do—and life worth living will be the result!

—Bill McFarland

## ***Today's Messages"***

***AM: Brothers Beloved by the Lord***

***PM: The Lord will Not Forsake His People***

# 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.

- ◆ Continue to remember Paul Bratcher, Mary Charlotte Lines, Eula Compton, Teresa Mahon, Tom Norrell
- ◆ Ella Mae Findlay is in Cox South in poor health; no visitors at this time
- ◆ Thelma Fain is in Ozark's Community Hospital
- ◆ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, continues to recover from a stroke; his cancer is responding to the chemo treatments
- ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, has been moved back to St. Louis
- ◆ Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, has cancer
- ◆ Betty Grabber's sister and her family as she deals with serious health issues

When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul. (Psalm 94:19)

### Long Term/Shut-Ins

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

### Expectant Moms

Sara Stipp/boy/December  
Leah Prewitt/boy/January  
Brittany Morrison/March

## For The Record

August 5

Bible Study:	230
Morning:	314
Evening:	211
Wednesday (8/08):	199
Contribution:	\$10,125

## S y m p a t h y

We extend our sympathy to the following families:

*Tim Timmons, John, Lisa & Hannah Stayton and the rest of their family in the loss of Chatty this past Wednesday night. Visitation will be Sunday evening from 6-8 p.m. and the memorial service will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Greenlawn North. Our prayers are with you as we all mourn the loss of a great Christian wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend;*

*Steve Prewitt and his family in the loss of his grandfather, Lester Prewitt;*

*Former member Monty Lewis in the loss of his father, Morgan Lewis;*

*George Downing and his family in the loss of his father, George Sr.*



### “THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE”

By Dennis R. Smith



The last verse of that beautiful “Love Chapter” of the Bible ends with the words of this title (1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 13:13). This whole chapter has long been the favorite of many Bible readers. As beautiful as it is, I am sure than many also never carry out this commandment in their lives. Here are some examples which should be an eye opener to all of us. “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind” (Matt. 22:37). **Do We?** “Love the brotherhood” (1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 2:17). **Do We?** “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself” (Matt. 22:39). **Do We?** “Husbands, love your wives” (Eph. 5:25). **Do We?** “But speaking the truth in love” (Eph. 4:15). **Do We?** “For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another” (1<sup>st</sup> John 3:11). **Do We?** “We love him, because he first loved us” (1<sup>st</sup> John 4:19). **Do We?** “O how love I thy law” (Psa. 119:97). **Do We?** “I will love thee O Lord, my strength” (Psa. 18:1). **Do We?** “I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice” (Psa. 116:1). **Do We?** These are just a few of the many times the Holy Scriptures remind us of the necessity of our exercising love to all men. The question is still there in each case. Do we say we love God but fail in the most important of all things and that is to simply love God and each other and want to have the closest relationships with them as our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Let's work on this more! Amen?



**Community Blood Center Blood Drive here at the building Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. Free Cholesterol Screening! Make your plans to participate. Sign-up at the Information Desk. We had 18 donors last year. Let's try to have at least 20 this year.**

## Upcoming Events

- \* Elders meet Tuesday at 2 p.m.
- \* ATTENTION GOLFERS: A 2-man scramble golf tournament will be held September 8 at Stewart Golf Course. If you previously signed up to play, please check the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk to let us know that you still are going to play. If you did not sign up but would like to play, please add your name to the list.
- \* Next Book Club meeting is September 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Library Station Panera Bread
- \* The Annual FAIR HAVEN AUCTION is scheduled for Saturday, September 15. All are invited to attend.
- \* Elders/Deacons meet September 16 at 3 p.m.
- \* SUPER SATURDAY VBS is September 29.
- \* The GOLDEN AGE JAMBOREE is scheduled for October 20.

### International Friends Program

There will be an information session for families who would like to participate in the International Friends program. We have over 300 new International students from many countries arriving at MSU this fall and each one benefits greatly from getting to know a local family. Your time commitment will be minimal, but the benefits immense. Please join us to learn more on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. Contact Michelle Hulett for more information.

### BIBLE CLASS GRADUATION

Our Bible Class graduation will be Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. This is one week earlier than our normal date to avoid the holiday weekend. Please see Tom Davis if you have questions.



• Areawide Youth Night at Marshfield TONIGHT at 6 p.m. The van will leave the building at 5 p.m.

*Ladies Fall Retreat is November 16-17 at the Keeter Center. Sign-up sheets at Information Desk. Payment is due in full by Sunday, September 2nd.*

Good luck to all the teachers and students who have already returned to school or will in the next few days. Also, to those of you leaving for college, we wish you well, and our prayers will be with you as you begin this next phase of your life. We will miss you!



### Birthdays Next Week

- 19 Cecil Lines
- JT Stockdale
- 21 Don Tracy
- Terri Wilson
- 22 Donna Jordan
- Beth Trogdon
- Tori York
- Lindy Blaney
- 23 Daniel Herrington
- 25 Phyllis Gregory



*Thank you for all the prayers and hugs and encouragement. I got good test results and the medication changes are helping me feel more like myself again. That's a good thing. I love this congregation's supportive and caring way. **Becky Marsolf***

*Words hardly express a thank you for the encouragement you've given us. Your love and kindness, flowers, cards and calls have truly meant a lot to us. Thank you for being there. In Christian love, **Pat & Regina Woods***

*Thank you so much for the lovely bouquet of daisies and the "smiley cup." I appreciate the fact that you all remember me with such special attention. Thanks to Bob and Leona Snider for making it a special day by delivering the bouquet to me. I love you all. **Doris Iorg***



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

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

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



*We need YOU in Sunday School each week!*

## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

Nursery: *Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn*  
 Greeters: *Jerry & Pat Milligan*  
 Van Driver: *Russell Lilly/833-4048*  
 KYB Phone: *Carolyn Young/Norma Lorenz*  
 Serve Communion: *Russell Lilly/ Jack Lynch*  
*Luke Lines/John Mahon*  
*Fred Lorenz/Les Malanowski*  
*Jason Luna/Andy McFarland*  
*Gene Lund/Tom Meeks*

### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Travis Morrison*  
 Opening Prayer: *Clarence Feeney*  
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*  
 Closing Prayer: *Jackie Freeze*  
 Communion: *Bill Chilton/Verl Duncan*  
 Nursery: *Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll*

### NEXT WEEK (August 19)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole</i>	<i>Travis Morrison</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Eddie Currier</i>	<i>Dale Gregory</i>
Communion:	<i>Daniel Wilson</i>	<i>Bill Chilton</i>
		<i>Verl Duncan</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Tom Easterly</i>	<i>Dale Harp</i>
Nursery:	<i>Jill Morrison</i>	<i>Lee Ann Donoho</i>
	<i>Meredith Reaves</i>	<i>Karen Duncan</i>
Greeters:	<i>Tom &amp; Marti Norrell</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Daniel Wilson/773-6707</i>	

### Wednesday, August 15

Devotional: *Aaron Alexander*  
 Song Leader: *Briley Ewing*  
 Opening Prayer: *Todd Kraus*  
 Closing Prayer: *Russell Lilly*  
 Van Driver: *Tim Stockstill/849-7678*

### MONTH OF AUGUST:

AV Room: *Jeremy Thurlkill/*  
 Secure Building: *Paul Lines/Tim Buckner*

#### Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study ....9:00 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**  
**Fair Haven Children's Home**

**"In Search of the Lord's Way"**  
 7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10

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



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