



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 2, 2012

**Order of Worship**

**Welcome**

**Barney Crawford**

**Song Leader**

**Jon Ewing**

#732

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**Opening Prayer**

**Dennis Smith**

#752

**The Lord's Supper**

**Jerry Young**

#752

**Contribution**

**Jerry Young**

#267

**Lesson**

**Bill McFarland**

#714

**Announcements**

**Barney Crawford**

#746

**Closing Prayer**

**Dustin Stokes**

**Elder of the Month**

**Barney Crawford**

**"WHOEVER..."**

It isn't uncommon to hear someone say "whatever..." in some passing conversation. It is a response meant to indicate indifference toward the matters being discussed. Maybe that is one reason why another term has caught my attention this past week—one that is used several times in our Bible readings. It is "whoever." As the first word in several statements, "whoever" initiates the ideas expressed so as to emphasize that these are truths which have significance to all persons, everywhere and all the time.

The Proverbs we have read use "whoever..." to call our attention to how life works. These are general rules which cannot be evaded by human irresponsibility nor escaped by human ingenuity. They are just how things are. Here are some examples from the passages we have read over the last few days.

- 20:1 – "Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise." (And, as the alternate rendering indicates, he "will not become wise.")
- 20:19 – "Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with a simple babbler." (The footnote observes that "with a simple babbler" could be translated "with one who is simple in his lips"—that is, thoughtless in what he says.)
- 21:13 – "Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered."
- 21:17 – "Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich."
- 21:21 – "Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor."
- 21:23 – "Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble."

These are Wisdom's observations on human experience. In each case there is much food for thought for anyone who would discern the difference between right and wrong.

But where would we be without the way the Gospel of John uses "whoever"? John uses the term to emphasize that each of us matters to God, and that he has done something through his Son to remedy our shortcomings where "whoever" in the Proverbs is concerned. Notice these cases.

- 3:16 – "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (Verse 36 indicates that the "believing" contemplated has the habit of "obeying" the Son.)
- 6:35 – "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."
- 8:12 – "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

There are, of course, other great examples of this usage in John. These are enough, though, to make any thinking person grateful to be a "whoever" with a life to live that God values.

—Bill McFarland

**Today's Messages:**

**AM: The GREAT Confession**

**PM: A Healthy Spirit**



# 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

August 26

Bible Study:	238
Morning:	327
Evening:	227
Wednesday (8/29):	207
Contribution:	\$ 8,699

- ◆ Continue to remember Paul Bratcher, Eula Compton, Thelma Fain
- ◆ Ella Mae Findlay is in Cox South in poor health; no visitors at this time; cards should be sent to her c/o Pat Hatfield, 401 S. Dexter Avenue, 65802
- ◆ Verl Duncan fell and hurt his knee recently
- ◆ Pat Harris and Truman Coltrane have both been in and out of the hospital this past week
- ◆ Jeff Fisher's dad, Paul Fisher, has been in and out of the hospital this past week
- ◆ Samantha York's mother, Mary Lind, is having some health problems
- ◆ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, as he continues to deal with cancer and other health problems
- ◆ Eddie Sanders' mother, Chloa, has been moved back to the nursing home; her address is West Vue Nursing Home, Room 304, 210 Davis Drive, West Plains, MO 65775
- ◆ Ruth Lund's mother, Martha Alspaugh, remains in Mercy Hospital
- ◆ Gail White's brother, Paul Ellard, as he continues to deal with cancer and other health problems
- ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, remains in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis
- ◆ Judy Dixon, from the Brandsville congregation, has had a reoccurrence of her cancer. Tumors have now appeared in her brain. She is the wife of Joe Bill Dixon, an elder at Brandsville.

*Please pray for our country!*

### 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  
Tabitha Blaney/March

### Baptism

We rejoice with Brent Looney II and his family as he made the decision to put on Christ in baptism this past Sunday. Please offer your encouragement and support to Brent as he begins his new life as a Christian.



**“...and I will give you rest.”**

By Dennis R. Smith

What beautiful words our Lord has given to us in Matthew 11:28-30: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." While much could be said about the different "parts" of these promising passages, I would invite our readers to center their thoughts on the words concerning the "rest" which Jesus mentions in verse 28. They reach out in different directions. Without a doubt the eternal rest of heaven is the ultimate goal of all Christians. On the other hand there is a rest which is included and promised to us here on earth. Life itself is full of troubles and sorrows and even sometimes sins of such a magnitude that by ourselves we can never feel its weight being lifted. This is where the first part of these words come into play. Jesus said, "Come unto me." When we respond to Christ in full obedience of the gospel, not only will he lift those terrible burdens of sin from our lives but will also lift our burden of sorrows as a faithful and loving Christian when they occur. Here is another thought to consider. By taking "his yoke upon us" we then are privileged to be a co-worker with the Lord. It will not then be burdensome to us as other labors are but will provide for us a joy of being partners with our Lord. What a "win-win" situation this is!

# Mark Your Calendars

*This is the last day to sign up for the Ladies Fall Retreat scheduled for November 16-17 at the Keeter Center. Sign-up sheets at Information Desk. Payment is due in full today.*



If you signed up to play in the golf tournament, you need to be at the Stewart Golf Course at 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning (9/8)

## LADIES BIBLE Study

The Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday, September 13th, at 10:30 a.m. Ruth Essex will teach the class on "Heirlooms" Bible Keepsakes. Please bring a treasured family heirloom (old photograph, Bible, dishes or any special keepsake and be prepared for a short description of what it means to you. Sheryl Low will be available to take care of the children. Potluck lunch will follow.

## International Friends Program

There will be an information session for families who would like to participate in the International Friends program for MSU students. Please join us to learn more on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. Contact Michelle Hulett for more information.

### THIS AND THAT

- ◆ We have 2 vintage quilt racks that need a new home; check with office
- ◆ We keep monthly/year-to-date Budget Reports posted on bulletin board in West hallway
- ◆ Golden Messenger for September is available in the foyer.



*Gene Creson will celebrate his 90th birthday Saturday. Be sure to wish him well.*

### Birthdays Next Week

12 Tom Norrell  
Jeff Treat  
Leah Prewitt  
14 Leah Freeze  
Kyrah McFarland  
15 Eddie Sanders  
Linda Barnett  
Johnie Jones



To all our brothers and sisters at Water Mill Church of Christ: Words cannot express the appreciation we feel for all the kind acts done for my sister Chatty and for our family during this very difficult time. Your love and concern for her and us is very apparent and speaks so well of you all. The food, the flowers, the cards, and most of all your very selves were such blessings. May the Lord grant you all much grace and favor. With love, Carl & Sue Wilmore

- \* Golden Agers meet today at 4 p.m.
- \* Book Club meeting is September 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Library Station Panera Bread
- \* The Annual FAIR HAVEN AUCTION is Saturday, September 15. All are invited to attend.
- \* Elders/Deacons meet September 16 at 3 pm.
- ◆ Quilters will start back quilting on Tuesday, September 18th, at 10 a.m.
- \* SUPER SATURDAY VBS will be rescheduled due to youth rally at Ozark the same weekend.
- \* The GOLDEN AGE JAMBOREE is scheduled for October 20. Watch for more info.



⇒ September 8 - Devotional and Movie Night!! Adam will have details!

- ⇒ September 16 - Area Wide Youth Night at the Union Hill church. A bus will run.
- ⇒ September 28-30 is the annual Show Me Christ youth rally at the Southside church in Ozark. More info to come as we receive it.
- ⇒ September 30 - Youth-Led Worship Sunday evening here at Water Mill.

*Bro. Dennis will begin a new study today in the auditorium Bible class on the "Parables of Our Lord." We invite you to be a part of this new class.*

**REMEMBER WEDNESDAY EVENING WE WILL ALL MEET IN THE AUDITORIUM AT 7:00 AND THEN BE DISMISSED TO OUR CLASSES AT 7:15!**

## AREA EVENTS

- Ladies' Day 9/15 at Sunset Church of Christ
  - Gospel Meeting 9/16-19 at 26th & Connecticut in Joplin with Bill McFarland
  - Gospel Meeting at Lincoln Church of Christ 9/21-23
  - Ladies Day at Marshfield Church of Christ on 9/22
  - 50th Anniversary Celebration of South Highway Five Church of Christ in Lebanon, Sunday, September 23.
- See flyers on bulletin board!

## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
 Greeters: Bill & Gail White  
 Van Driver: AM/James Simons/988-8873  
 PM/Tucker Jobes/894-0826  
 KYB Phone: Adam & Sara Stipp  
 Serve: Daniel Meinsen/Tom Norrell  
 Communion: Jerry Milligan/Steve Prewitt  
 Aaron Morrison/Justin Reaves  
 Travis Morison/Aaron Schwartz  
 Jerry Stockdale/James Simons

### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Adam Blaney  
 Opening Prayer: Daniel Wilson  
 Lesson: Bill McFarland  
 Closing Prayer: Kyle Buckner  
 Communion: Jon/Briley Ewing  
 Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### NEXT WEEK (September 9)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer:	Bob Snider	Brendan Carroll
Communion:	Brian York	Jon/Briley Ewing
Closing Prayer:	Tyler Thornton	Aaron Alexander
Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/ Orvella Blackburn	Alice Buckner/ Jenny Carroll
Greeters:	Adam & Sara Stipp	
Van Driver:	Lance Griter/350-4646	

### Wednesday, September 5

Devotional: Jeremy Thurlkill  
 Song Leader: Luke Lines  
 Opening Prayer: Scott Barton  
 Closing Prayer: Eddie Currier  
 Van Driver: Don Tracy/224-1936

### MONTH OF AUGUST:

AV Room: Scott Barton/Ron Stokes  
 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  
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 Fair Haven Children's Home

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 7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10

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



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