



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 9, 2012

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Barney Crawford

### Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#350

#336

### Opening Prayer

Bob Snider

#756 (1,2,4)

#916

### The Lord's Supper

Brian York

### Contribution

Brian York

#882

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#492 (1,3,4)

### Announcements

Barney Crawford

#780 (1,3)

### Closing Prayer

Tyler Thornton

### Elder of the Month

Barney Crawford

## "...Shall Never Die."

*"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?'" (John 11:25-26).*

That statement was at the heart of our thinking when we met last Lord's day. We knew at the time that it contains a very important claim and an exceedingly precious promise. We did not realize, though, how deeply meaningful it would become to us before the week was out.

And what does it mean? Remember that we learned that what the Lord says here is to be understood in light of at least three other points Scripture makes. *First*, there is such a thing as being spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1). This kind of death is the separation between man in his sins and trespasses and God in his holiness. *Second*, it is appointed for every man to die once physically (Heb. 9:27). Unless the Lord were to come first, there is no escaping this fact of our existence. If not for what God has done through Christ, this would be the end of the story. *Third*, however, in Christ something has been done that undoes the effect of the second fact for all of us, and that has the power to undo for any of us the reality of the first. "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep...For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:20, 22). The question of all questions for each individual has now become whether there will be "the second death"—continuing separation from God due to rejection of what he has done to put things right (Rev. 20:14).

This perspective puts us in a position to appreciate what the Lord is saying. He has life in himself, and that life is the light of men who would otherwise continue to dwell in the darkness of hopelessness. He gives life to whoever believes in him according to the scriptures. Even if such a one dies *physically*, he will still live *spiritually* forever. While he lives and believes, the *second death* will never have any power over him, even when the *first death* is undone like a defeated enemy in the resurrection on the last day.

In his *Notes on the Miracles of Our Lord*, R. C. Trench observed that "as He is *the Resurrection* of the dead, so is He *the Life* of the living," and that the Lord is saying, "In Me is victory over the grave, in Me is life eternal: by faith in Me that becomes yours which makes death not to be death, but only the transition to a better life" (p. 254).

*"She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world'" (John 11:27).*

—Bill McFarland

## Today's Messages:

AM: *Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled*

PM: *Let The Redeemed of the Lord Say So*

# 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

September 2

Bible Study: 233  
Morning: 301  
Evening: 171  
Wednesday (9/5): 170  
Contribution: \$ 9,201

- ◆ Continue to remember Paul Bratcher, Eula Compton, Thelma Fain
- ◆ Ella Mae Findlay has been moved to Select Specialty Hospital; no visitors at this time; cards should be sent to her c/o Pat Hatfield, 401 S. Dexter Avenue, 65802
- ◆ Ted Crabtree was in a motorcycle accident and broke his leg in two places
- ◆ Norman High is having health issues
- ◆ Verl Duncan fell and hurt his knee recently
- ◆ Kerry Cole's uncle, Skip Cole, is having health issues
- ◆ Samantha York's mother, Mary Lind, is having some health problems
- ◆ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, is not doing well
- ◆ 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, has been moved back to Select Specialty Hospital here in Springfield
- ◆ Judy Dixon, from the Brandsville congregation, has had a reoccurrence of her cancer. She is the wife of Joe Bill Dixon, an elder at Brandsville.

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**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

## S y m p a t h y



Our hearts are broken as we have lost a wonderful Christian man and servant in the Lord's church in the sudden death of **George**

**Downing** last Thursday morning. Gaitha, our hearts and prayers are with you and the children during this most difficult time.

Visitation is this afternoon (Sunday) from 2-4 p.m. and the memorial service is Monday at 10 a.m. at Greenlawn North. Burial will be in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.



## VICTORY AS A CONQUEROR

By Dennis R. Smith

The greatest victory in all our lives will be when we give ourselves to God. This victory gives us the power to become "**More than Conquerors**." When this victory has been won, you have defeated many of the other problems of life that are produced through fear and anxiety. This victory means that you have arisen from the **slave** of sin to become the **servant** of righteousness (Rom. 6:17). When you have made the public confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Matt. 10:32) and when you have completely changed your mind concerning your relationship to God (Luke 13:3, 5) and when you have obeyed the commandments of Christ concerning baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), you then become the **Conqueror of Conquerors**. With the proper concept of your relationship with God you become mighty. You have power that you never dreamed of before. I am not saying that you will receive this power instantaneously or miraculously, but the deep running power of God that comes through your ability to talk to God in prayer and to receive instruction through his word, promises you (and gives you) a partner above all partners who will always be with you (Heb. 13:5). These two things, plus the fellowship (strength) that comes through a relationship with other Christians, help you on your journey to heaven. Is there any wonder then that the Apostle Paul could identify faithful Christians as being "**more than Conquerors**" (Rom. 8:37)?



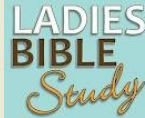
Please extend a warm welcome to **Carl & Yvonne Tindall** and their son, **Bruce Tindall** who have made known their desire to work and worship with us at Water Mill. Their addresses are as follows:

**Carl & Yvonne Tindall**  
120 New Melville Road,  
Willard, 65781/417-742-2913

**Bruce Tindall**  
783 A Hughes Road  
Willard, 65781

We are thrilled you chose to be a part of the Water Mill congregation.

## Mark Your Calendars



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

Please join us TODAY AT 4 P.M. to learn more about the International Friends program for MSU students. Contact Michelle Hulett for more information.



⇒ **September 16 -**  
Area Wide Youth

Night at the Union Hill church. Bus will leave about 4. Let Adam know that Sunday morning if you are going.

⇒ **September 28-30** "Show Me Christ" youth rally. Adam needs to know how many are going and be paid by **Sept. 21**. Cost is \$15. Will attend Friday night, return home and then go back Saturday. Will not attend Sunday as a group.

⇒ **September 30 - Youth-Led** Worship Sunday evening here at Water Mill.

### Baptisms

We rejoice with **Madison Davis and Katelynn Wilson** and their families as **Madison and Katelynn** put on Christ in baptism last Sunday evening. Please give them a hug and offer your support and encouragement as they begin their lives as Christians.

- \* The Annual **FAIR HAVEN AUCTION** is 9/15. All are invited to attend.
- \* **Elders/Deacons** meet 9/16 at 3 pm.
- ◆ **Quilters** will start back quilting on Tuesday, 9/18, at 10 a.m.
- \* The **GOLDEN AGE JAMBOREE** is scheduled for October 20. Sign-up sheets are at the information desk.



Mark your

calendars for October 12-13 for the Men's Retreat to be held at the Maranatha Camp in Everton!! Watch for more info!



Book Club meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening has been cancelled.



### 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch September 30.

Team No. 4 is responsible for working that day.. Kern, Donoho, Thurlkill, Currier, Simons, Prewitt, Malanowski, Sanders, Ann Thiesen, Kenna Taylor

Let Jill or Travis know if you are unable to work.



I would like to again say thanks to my family at Water Mill. It is comforting to know I am thought of in so many ways. Whether at the care center or hospital, I know, I am in your prayers and thoughts and for that I am grateful. Though I would let the ladies that work on the bears know that I received one when I was a patient. They say they give out lots of bears and receive lots of smiles. This is a great ministry. Love through Christ, Thelma Fain



### Birthdays Next Week

17 Susan Crum  
19 John Hulett  
Katelynn Wilson  
21 Mark Friend

### AREA EVENTS

See flyers on bulletin board!

We need YOU in Sunday School each week!

## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

Nursery: *Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn*  
Greeters: *Adam & Sara Stipp*  
Van Driver: *Lance Griter/350-4646*  
  
KYB Phone: *Daniel Meinsen/E. Tieszen*  
Serve: *Daniel Meinsen/Tom Norrell*  
Communion: *Jerry Milligan/Steve Prewitt*  
*Aaron Morrison/Justin Reaves*  
*Travis Morrison/Aaron Schwartz*  
*Jerry Stockdale/James Simons*

### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Adam Blaney*  
Opening Prayer: *Brendan Carroll*  
Lesson: *Bill McFarland*  
Closing Prayer: *Aaron Alexander*  
Communion: *Jon/Briley Ewing*  
Nursery: *Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll*

### NEXT WEEK (September 16)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole</i>	<i>Adam Blaney</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>John Stayton</i>	<i>Jerry Young</i>
Communion:	<i>Van Barnes</i>	<i>Jon/Briley Ewing</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Jeremy Thurlkill</i>	<i>Kerry Cole</i>
Nursery:	<i>Jill Morrison</i>	<i>Lee Ann Donoho</i>
	<i>Meredith Reaves</i>	<i>Karen Duncan</i>
Greeters:	<i>John &amp; Lisa Stayton</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Kevin Wuench/833-6134</i>	

### Wednesday, September 12

Devotional: *Jerry Young*  
Song Leader: *Luke Lines*  
Opening Prayer: *Randy Blackburn*  
Van Driver: *Tim Stockstill/849-7678*

### MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

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  
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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