



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 16, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#968

#694

Opening Prayer

Jeremy Thurlkill

#924

#137

The Lord's Supper

Van Barnes

#1

Contribution

Van Barnes

#36

Lesson

Adam Blaney

#859

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#138

Closing Prayer

John Stayton

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

The Spirit of Giving

By Tom Norrell

Every time it is my opportunity to be involved in the public part of the worship service I get a little nervous. It is that part of all of us that doesn't want to do anything that would be a distraction to anyone else. But it also a reminder to me personally that often some of the greatest lessons of life are taught by those who sit in the pews and never participate in leading singing, directing a prayer, or serving communion.

Today as I participated in passing the offering basket, I noticed one person intently watching and waiting for the basket to be presented for their offering. As the basket was passed some people put checks and offering envelopes into the basket, but as I handed the basket to this one particular individual, she took a small change purse, opened it and poured all of her change into the basket. As she handed the basket back to me, I couldn't help but notice the weight that was created from the pennies, nickels, and dimes. It was at that moment that as I continued to pass the basket to others, I prayed a prayer of thanks for the great lesson God had just given to me.



The spirit of giving is not based on the amount of the gift, for the size of the gift I saw this morning was not large. However, today I realized that it is based on how we give. Today I saw a person give totally from their heart and I was humbled by the lesson that gift taught me and wanted to share it with my family.

Today's Messages:

AM: The Book

PM: Prayer Service by Elders

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

September 9

Bible Study: 269
 Morning: 357
 Evening: 190
 Wednesday (9/12): 202
 Contribution: \$14,095



Elder of the Month
 Barney Crawford

- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Paul & Mary Bratcher
 - ♦ Ella Mae Findlay will be moved tomorrow to Brookhaven Nursing Facility, 3505 W. Mount Vernon Street, Springfield, 65802; short visits are welcome after Monday
 - ♦ Ted Crabtree was in a motorcycle accident recently and broke his leg in two places
 - ♦ Norman High is having health issues
 - ♦ Verl Duncan's knee is some better
 - ♦ Pat Woods will be returning to CA the 1st week in October to see her doctor
- Friends & Family*
- ♦ Kerry Cole's uncle, Skip Cole, is having health issues
 - ♦ Samantha York's mother, Mary Lind, is at Select Specialty Hospital
 - ♦ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, is not doing well
 - ♦ Ruth Lund's mother, Martha Alspaugh, is now at Gene & Ruth's home
 - ♦ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, had a setback and remains in Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis
 - ♦ Judy Dixon, from the Brandsville congregation, has had a reoccurrence of her cancer.

Keep Bill and Kay in your prayers as Bill is in a meeting in Joplin starting today and going through Wednesday night.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Angela Asher in the loss of her Aunt Dorothy this past week.



Congratulations to Daniel Meinsen & Elizabeth Tieszen

who are now engaged and plan to marry next summer.



- 23 Jim Reaves
- Steve Prewitt
- 27 Ruth Essex
- 28 Tim Stockstill
- Grace Trogdon
- 29 Mary C. Lines



If you have been missing your Bible, check the table next to the coat room!!

Long Term/ Shut-ins

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

Expectant Moms

- Sara Stipp/boy/December
- Leah Prewitt/boy/January
- Brittany Morrison/March
- Tabitha Blaney/March



Appreciation and gratitude to each of you for cards and phone calls regarding my recent birthday. It is my unending prayer that God will let me finish my journey here at Water Mill. I could ask for no more when my life here in this world is over.

All my love to each of you. Gene Creson

When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be. We are all very sad now and hardly know what to do. Hundreds of George's and our friends have been so wonderful and supportive that it is impossible to say thank you enough. We love you all dearly and appreciate you so much. We will forget all these tears and sadness when we see George and our other loved ones on the other side in that place we call Heaven. God bless you all. Oran and Nadean Green

I don't have enough words and thoughts to let you all know how much you mean to me. Thank you so much for praying for me, visiting me, calling me and sending me cards and flowers. Thank you so much for the flowers in the Smiley Face mug—I look at it every day. It reminds me of all the love in the church at Water Mill. Thank you for taking me in when I started attending North National/Water Mill. I love you all. Kay Adams

News & Activities

- Elders, Deacons Meeting TODAY at 3 pm.
- Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- Golden Age Jamboree October 20. *Be sure to sign up on the sheets on the Information Desk if you plan to attend and what you would like to bring.*
- Check out the umbrellas as you leave the west doors to see if one might belong to you.



⇒ **TONIGHT** is Area Wide Youth Night at the Union Hill church. Bus will leave about 4. Let Adam know this 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.



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!



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.

Several AREA EVENTS

See flyers on bulletin board!

Phone #s for Simons Family

James: 417-942-7139

Emily: 417-988-8873

(no home phone)

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

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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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Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney	304-520-9800
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Deacons

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

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



THE PARALLELS OF THE 23RD PSALM

By Dennis R. Smith

"The LORD is my shepherd" - The Good Confession - (Matt. 10:32; 16:16; Acts 8:37). *"I shall not want."* - The provisions of life - (Phil. 4:19; James 1:17). *"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters"* - Learning the values of contentment - (1st Tim. 6:6-8). *He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake* - Keeping us in line when we get out of line - (James 5:19-20; 1st John 1:9). *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me"* - Salvation through the Word, plus having the promise of our Lord to be with us always - (James 1:21; 2nd Tim. 4:8; Mark 16:16; Rev. 2:10; Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5). *"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over"* - The values of remembering the Lord's Supper - (Matt. 26:26-29; 1st Cor. 10:21; 11:20-29). *"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever"* - (John 14:1-3; James 1:17). Perhaps this little "drill" will help to verify that *"all scripture is given by the inspiration of God"* (2nd Tim. 3:16-17). This may have a different "twist" to it than you've possibly thought of but if you will take the time to check on these comparisons you surely will be benefited in your faith.

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 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10
 'KNOW YOUR BIBLE'
 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSRP



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Jill Morrison/M. Reaves
Greeters: John & Lisa Stayton
Van Driver: Kevin Wuench/833-6134
KYB Phone: Jackie & Leah Freeze
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: Jerry Young
Lesson: Prayer Service by Elders
Closing Prayer: Kerry Cole
Communion: Jon/Briley Ewing
Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, September 23

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer:	Larry Baggett	Tim Stockstill
Communion:	Tim Bowling	Jon/Briley Ewing
Closing Prayer:	Daniel Tovar	Tim Timmons
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Randy & Orvella Blackburn	
Van Driver:	Jackie Freeze/616-9789	

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

AV Scott Barton/
Room: Ron Stokes
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, September 19

Devotional: Brian York
Song Leader: Luke Lines
Prayer: JJ Blevins
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/
 207-7877