



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 23, 2012

## Order of Worship

### *Welcome*

Barney Crawford

### *Song Leader*

Kerry Cole

### *Opening Prayer*

Larry Baggett

### *The Lord's Supper*

Tim Bowling

### *Contribution*

Tim Bowling

### *Lesson*

Bill McFarland

### *Announcements*

Barney Crawford

### *Closing Prayer*

Daniel Tovar



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

## Images of the Church at Work

Think for a moment of what has gone on in your life over the week past, and of the matters that will be of concern to you during the week ahead. Consider next the various kinds of problems and responsibilities that are being born by fellow members of the congregation here, the projects in which some are engaged and the hurts that others are enduring. Then remember how meaningful these days are in this nation: the obvious challenges range from the economic to the international to the cultural, and we are in the midst of the process of making choices that may have major implications for what kind of society this will be.

Within this setting, we may understand the place of the church in the picture. The kingdom of God in this world has a function in real life which is irreplaceable. In the New Testament there are images of the church at work that are especially meaningful now.

Like salt and leaven, we are to be present within the larger community, in contact with it and involved with our neighbors, yet living by a different principle, so that the Lord may work his purifying and preserving influence through his people. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leaven... You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet" (Matt. 13:33; 5:13). The country needs the godly influence of those whose citizenship is in heaven.

Like a royal priesthood, we are to be faithfully ministering mercy to each other within the congregation, even making intercession for one another in the holy places. We have confidence to enter such places by the blood of Jesus (Heb. 10:19). We are to understand ourselves corporately as a priesthood, privileged to offer spiritual sacrifices together, responsible for praying for one another, and engaged in bearing the Lord's compassion to each other. This holy, royal task is deeply ingrained in the nature of the church (1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:5, 6).

Like members of a family, we are to be true to our relationship with our Father in how we behave, in what our priorities are, and how we cope with the stresses of everyday life. We are children of God who have been loved well and who want to be like the one who loves us (1 Jn. 3:1, 2). The doing of the will of our Father is the guiding purpose in our lives and blessed tie that binds us to one another (Mk. 3:35). There is a steadiness about this.

The fact that I am a part of the church at work impacts my own life, the lives of my brothers and sisters in the Lord, and even the culture in which I live.

—Bill McFarland

# 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 16

Bible Study: 258  
 Morning: 305  
 Evening: 153  
 Wednesday (9/19): 200  
 Contribution: \$ 6,452



Elder of the Month  
 Barney Crawford

- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Paul & Mary Bratcher
- ♦ Ella Mae Findlay has been moved to Brookhaven Nursing Facility, 3505 W. Mount Vernon Street, Springfield, 65802; short visits are welcome.
- ♦ Leona Snider as she deals with her ongoing health problems
- ♦ Bonnie Cole has pneumonia; was in the hospital earlier but is now home
- ♦ Marilyn Lanpher has been having some problems with vertigo
- ♦ Gene Creson is in Mercy Hospital ICU
- ♦ Norman High is having health issues
- ♦ Pat Woods will be returning to CA the 1st week in October to see her doctor

#### Friends & Family

- ♦ Continue to remember Kerry Cole's uncle, Skip Cole, Ruth Lund's mother, Martha Alspaugh; and Judy Dixon, from the Brandsville congregation
- ♦ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, is not doing well
- ♦ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, remains in Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis
- ♦ Kay McFarland's niece, Beth, will have surgery in St. Louis on 9/27

Gertrude Hughes has been having some serious health problems; she has been moved to Parkview Healthcare Facility, Room 143B, 119 W. Forest, Bolivar, MO 65613. I'm sure she would appreciate a card to cheer her up. She also celebrated her 94th birthday this past Friday.



#### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Gail White and her family in the loss of her brother, Paul Ellard, who lived in Oklahoma.

#### 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  
 Stephanie Schwartz/February  
 Brittany Morrison/March  
 Tabitha Blaney/March

#### Several AREA EVENTS

See flyers on bulletin board!

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



To my Water Mill church Family, I thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls I received during my recuperation from a knee injury. They certainly meant a lot to me and were greatly appreciated. In Christian love, VerI Duncan

Your kindness is always appreciated. Thank you for being thoughtful and for making our family a part of your church family. We appreciate all that you are doing in memory of George and for Gaitha and the children. Thank you from all of us. Joyce Harmon, Darrin Downing, Lisa Burns, Christine Davis, Clell Harmon and Tim Harmon

I want to thank you for the beautiful arrangement sent to George's service. It's hard for me to express what your love and support means to us. I never would have thought it would be me going through this loss, but I realize more with each passing day, it's why God gives us this family. We can encourage each other through trials and tears and we can be confident we will be together again. Thank you for your continued prayers. Gaitha, William, Josiah & Olivia

Thank you for the flowers, cards and prayers while mother was in the hospital. Christian family is so important. In Christian love, Jim & Pat Hatfield (Ella Mae Findlay's daughter)

# News & Activities



⇒ September 28-30

"Show Me Christ" youth rally. 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.



## 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.

The next book club meeting will be Nov. 12 at 6:30 pm at Panera Bread on N. Kansas Expressway. We will be reading "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. We will also discuss "The Centurion's Faith" which we read for Sept. If you have been thinking about reading with us, this would be a great time to come. Both of these books focus on why we base our lives on the God of the Bible and the story of our redemption through his son Jesus Christ.



Mark your calendars for October 12-13 for the Men's Retreat to be held at the Maranatha Camp in Everton!! Sign-up sheets on Information Desk.

## Golden Age Jamboree

October 20/ 9:45 a.m.—1 p.m.

Fair Haven Children's Home

"Blessed Assurance"

Speaker: Adam Blaney

All who are (or drawing near) 55 and over are invited and encouraged to attend as we host other Golden Agers from the area. Be sure to sign up on the sheets at the Information Desk if you plan to attend and what you would like to bring.



## Birthdays

Tommy Grabber  
Megan Glenn  
Collin Breckner  
Emma Winters  
Fred Lorenz  
James Craig  
Charles Crum



If you plan to participate in LTC for 2013, please sign up on the sheet provided on the counter next to the west hallway.

## Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

### Elders

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Bill McFarland 417-833-0110

### Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith 417-866-6918

### Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney 304-520-9800

### 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



## TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS?

By Dennis R. Smith

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified (Isa. 61:1-3)." For all practical purposes these same words were quoted by Jesus Christ in Luke 4:18-19. Let us focus on the expression "trees of righteousness." What was Isaiah talking about? He was talking about those who demonstrated a degree of compassion on the less fortunate. The dialogue of Luke's record also shows the blessings which will come to those who have these concerns. What about being called "trees of righteousness?" Like the literal trees the strongest are those whose roots go deeply into the ground. Our spiritual root system lies in the commandments of God for they are all "righteous" (Psa. 119:172). Let us be sure that our roots are anchored deeply in the word of God. If so, according to Psa. 1:3, then our "leaves will not wither; and whatsoever we do shall prosper." Sounds like a double blessing!

### 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  
 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:** Linda Carrier  
**Greeters:** Randy & Orvella Blackburn  
**Van Driver:** Jackie Freeze/616-9789  
**KYB Phone:** John Dutton/Megan Glenn  
**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:** Tim Stockstill  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Tim Timmons  
**Communion:** Jon/Briley Ewing  
**Nursery:** Glenda Thurlkill

## NEXT WEEK, September 30

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Adam Blaney
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Ron Stokes	Youth
<b>Communion:</b>	Jackie Buck	Jon/Briley Ewing
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Luis Tovar	Youth
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Jan Bowling	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Linda Barnett/Meredith Reaves	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Mike & Glenda Thurlkill	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Kirk Tracy/576-4591	

## MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

## Wednesday, September 26

**Devotional:** Daniel Wilson  
**Song Leader:** Luke Lines  
**Prayer:** Tim Bowling  
**Van Driver:** Jason Luna/  
 838-7152