



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 30, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#554

#234

#613

Opening Prayer

Ron Stokes

"In Christ Alone"

The Lord's Supper

Jackie Buck

#261

Contribution

Jackie Buck

#260

Lesson

Adam Blaney

#197

Announcements

Barney Crawford

"Make Me A Servant"

Closing Prayer

Luis Tovar



*You are
the light of
the world.*

*A city set
on a hill cannot be
hidden. (Matt. 5:14)*

IT STILL COMES DOWN TO BASICS

The other evening I happened to see part of the interview of a fellow who has been influential in the political arena for the last several election cycles. He is widely recognized as something of a strategist where the interests of values voters are concerned. What caught my attention is one point he made as the reporter questioned him. He says the surprise is that even in this age when we have instant and constant mass messaging available for our use, and even when social media contacts are made around the clock, it still comes down to who talks to the most neighbors one on one and who turns out the most friends to vote.

Perhaps we need to be reminded of this truth when it comes to the fruitfulness of our service in the Lord's kingdom, too. What matters most is not spectacular programming or the splash of skilled usage of the latest technical gadgets. It is still about a commitment to excellence in some basic things.

For example, in our daily Bible reading we have just been reminded again of the faithful and successful experience of the early church as the second chapter of Acts concludes. These first Christians are "praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). If we are tempted to think this is only because of the signs the apostles were doing and because their faith was still fresh and new, perhaps we should consider how strong the recent opposition to Christ had been and how hard to believe the claim of the resurrection surely was. They did well anyhow, and at least a great part of the reason is that they attended to the things that are basic to the church.

And what are the basics in the functioning of a congregation? There are five of them, and we can see them even in this earliest glimpse of the church at work. (1) Communicating the good news to those who are not yet in Christ: "And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them...So those who received his word were baptized." (2) Training those who are in Christ: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching..." (3) Assembly as people of Christ in remembrance of him and in relation to each other: "and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...And all who believed were together...with glad and generous hearts." (4) Works of mercy like Christ: "...and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need." (5) Service for Christ: whatever is necessary to enable working together in any of the above ways.

These are the basics in the work of the Lord's people. They provide a scriptural ideal for a healthily functioning congregation. They are where we should start in evaluating our own work together. It still comes down to the basics.

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: *One Body In Christ*

PM: *Fervent in Spirit*

Prayer List & Notes

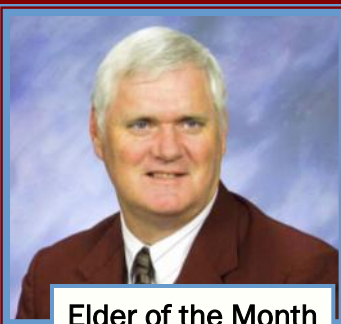
Welcome Visitors

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 23

Bible Study: 216
 Morning: 290
 Evening: 209
 Wednesday (9/26): 206
 Contribution: \$ 9,223



Elder of the Month
 Barney Crawford



Prayer List

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Paul & Mary Bratcher
 - ◆ Alice Allen is not doing well.
 - ◆ Lucille Ford is in very poor condition
 - ◆ Ella Mae Findlay is back at 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 as she continues to recuperate from pneumonia
 - ◆ Marilyn Lanpher has been having some problems with vertigo
 - ◆ Gene Creson is now at Manorcare; no visitors at this time
 - ◆ Norman High is having health issues
 - ◆ Pat Woods will be returning to CA this week to see her doctor
- Friends & Family**
- ◆ Continue to remember Kerry Cole's uncle, Skip Cole, Ruth Lund's mother, Martha Alspaugh; Judy Dixon, from the Brandsville congregation; Samantha York's mother, Mary Lind, who is in Select Specialty Hospital
 - ◆ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, is not doing well
 - ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, has been moved back to Select Specialty Hospital in Springfield
 - ◆ Kay McFarland's niece, Beth, is recovering from surgery

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



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Gertrude Hughes, who passed away this past Tuesday. Graveside service was held Saturday.

Addresses for George's family: In case you did not receive the e-mail with addresses for George's family, a list is posted on the bulletin board. I know they would appreciate a card from you.



Expectant Moms

Sara Stipp/boy/December
 Leah Prewitt/boy/January
 Stephanie Schwartz/February
 Brittany Morrison/March
 Tabitha Blaney/March



Fordland Church of Christ invites you to a Singing School with Tim Stevens October 11-13. Also they will have an area wide singing on October 21st at 2 p.m. See flyer on the bulletin board.



Birthdays

7 JJ Blevins
 Kensi Tillman
 9 Meredith Reaves
 Dustin Stokes
 10 Randy Blackburn
 11 Dave Blackburn
 Ben Ratterree
 Doris Herrington
 13 Carol Law
 Judy Todd

October Anniversaries

5 Luis/Carol Tovar 21 yrs.
 17 John/Megan Hollingsworth 3 yrs.
 18 Adam/Sarah Griffin 4 yrs.
 21 Greg/Scheryl Larimore 1 yr.
 22 Ron/Marsha Bower 50 yrs.
 23 Dale/Phyllis Gregory 51 yrs.
 25 Jon/Coyeatte Ewing 26 yrs.
Congratulations



A special thank you to VAN BARNES for all his work with the landscaping around our building. He has worked really hard this summer to keep the plants and trees from dying in the extreme heat and lack of rain.

News & Activities



5th Sunday Potluck Lunch

We hope you have made plans to join us for good food and fellowship immediately after services today. We especially encourage our visitors to stay and have lunch with us.

Men's Retreat

October 12-13 at the Maranatha Camp in Everton!! Sign-up sheets on Information Desk.

Food Pantry

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

Boxed Meals	Canned Meals
Jelly	Peanut Butter
Cereal	Canned Fruit
Tuna	Jello/Pudding
Canned Veggies	Mac & Cheese
Spaghetti & Sauce	
Canned soup	

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

Upcoming Events

- James River Nursing Home Devotional and Singing Saturday at 2 p.m. All who can are encouraged to attend
- Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- Golden Agers meet next Sunday at 4 p.m. This is an important meeting as we will make assignments for GA Jamboree
- Elders meet October 9 at 2 p.m.
- Thursday Ladies Bible Class meets October 11 at 10:30 a.m.
- Next Book Club meeting is November 12 at 6:30 p.m.

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 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.

Golden Age Messenger for October is available in the foyer. Be sure to pick up a copy



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

Don't forget to bring your used toner cartridges to the office. We can turn them in to Staples for rewards to help with purchasing supplies.

New Address

Julie Alexander
817 West Poplar
Springfield, MO 65802



THE GIFT OF GOD - (Ephesians 2:8)

By Dennis R. Smith

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast." Never were there any truer words than "it is the gift of God," yet, we cannot isolate this scripture and receive its full benefit by just not waiting on God to give it to us. If this thought were true, then why did Peter on the day of Pentecost say "Save yourselves from this untoward generation" (Acts 2:40)? Then there is the famous question asked by the Philippian Jailor - "What Must I Do To Be Saved" (Acts 16:30)? My point here is this: God's Gift of Salvation awaits for all men. He holds this gift in reserve and makes it available when we reach the place where our complete faith and trust abides in God's Holy Word. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: And I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me" (John 6:44-45; Acts 18:8). By looking at all the examples of conversion given in the Book of Acts you will find that they first heard, believed, repented, confessed Christ as God's Son and were baptized. Listen to these words of Peter: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the GIFT of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Those who did so were added to the saved (Acts 2:41, 47).

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: Jan Bowling
Greeters: Mike & Glenda Thurlkill
Van Driver: Kirk Tracy/576-4591
KYB Phone: Eddie & Linda Carrier
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: Youth
Opening Prayer: Youth
Lesson: Youth
Closing Prayer: Youth
Communion: Jon/Briley Ewing
Nursery: L. Barnett/M. Reaves

NEXT WEEK, October 7

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer:	Don Essex	Dale Gregory
Communion:	Eddie Carrier	Brent/Brendon Looney
Closing Prayer:	Clarence Feeney	John Mahon
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Scott & Melinda Barton	
Van Driver:	Daniel Wilson/773-6707	

MONTH OF OCTOBER

AV Linda Barnett
Room: Luke Lines
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, October 3

Devotional: Larry Baggett
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Prayer: Tom Davis
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
 849-7678