



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 7, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Clay Joseph

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#282 (1,2,4)

#122 (1,2,4)

Opening Prayer

Don Essex

#820

#709 (1,2,4)

The Lord's Supper

Eddie Currier

Contribution

Eddie Currier

#971

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#299 (1,3,5)

Announcements

Clay Joseph

#746 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Clarence Feeney

*You are the light of
the world.*



*A city set
on a hill
cannot be*

hidden. (Matt. 5:14)

About Our Work

As you know, we're in the midst of the big political season now. The election which will determine those who are to serve us at all levels of government is just a month ahead of us. We Christians approach the occasion knowing that we hold dual citizenship—of heaven and of this country—and that the Most High God rules the kingdom of men. Yet, we recognize that this very God has taught his people to seek the welfare of the community where they live, to submit to its laws and to pray for those who are in high positions, and to live as honorable servants of God in public life so that he may be glorified. We may not merely check our minds at the door of daily life and ignore what is going on around us. Having determined to love him with our heart, soul, mind, and strength, we must bring our knowledge of God to bear even toward the issues that confront our thinking in civic life. I will try to help us in this direction with the passages we study when we meet these next four weeks, particularly on Sunday evenings. (Our study of "No Respector of Persons" week before last was one of these topics.) Pray for us in this regard, and be sure to be with us—starting tonight!

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Our Men's Retreat is coming up in just a few days. I encourage all of our men who possibly can to be involved in it. If there's no way you can stay for the whole schedule, come to whatever part of it you can. Here is one of several reasons why this is a valuable occasion: as the continuing stream of life runs along and some become unable to serve, or are no longer available to do so, others have to step up to fill the various roles that allow a body of the Lord's people to function. This activity may help us toward that end. Besides, we need the joy of fellowship together. Thanks to Travis for his work in making the arrangements.

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Kay and I enjoyed our quick trip to Mountain Home. Thanks to our elders for allowing me the time to try to help the church there as one of the fill-ins while Ken Burton, their faithful preacher, has been recovering from an illness. Also, thanks to the elders of the church there for the thoughtful consideration for Ken they have shown through this time. It was good to see Michael and Amy while we were there.

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In my devotional reading this past week, I ran across an observation by someone that the autumn of the year is a good time for reflection. Maybe it's because of the cool reminders that winter is ahead, or because of the melancholy evidence that the cycle of life includes winding down. Perhaps each of us can use this season to ask ourselves where we are headed, and why we're headed there, and how far we've come, and how fast, and what we have reason to hope will be next.

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: *The Four Hopes of These Days*

PM: *The Church's Prayer for Itself in the Midst of the Community*

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 30

Bible Study: 286
Morning: 345
Evening: 203
Wednesday (10/3): 212
Contribution: \$22,869



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph



◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Paul & Mary Bratcher, Bonnie Cole

◆ Alice Allen is not doing well.

◆ Julie Alexander has been in Cox South this past week with congestive heart failure

◆ Nancy Snider has bronchitis; Lucille Ford is in very poor condition; Ola Jean Feeney had a scary diabetic episode this past week but did not have to go to the hospital

◆ Scheryl Larimore is feeling better after spending a few days in the hospital this past week.

◆ Ella Mae Findlay is at Brookhaven Nursing Facility, 3505 W. Mount Vernon Street, Springfield, 65802.

◆ Kay Adams roommate, Sandra Forrester, as she has some very serious health issues; also continue to keep Kay in your prayers

◆ Leona Snider as she deals with her ongoing health problems; she will probably not have hip surgery until after 1st of the year

◆ Gene Creson is now at Manorcare; Norman High is having health issues; Pat Woods has returned to CA to see her doctor

Friends & Family

◆ Continue to remember Ruth Lund's mother, Martha Alspaugh; Judy Dixon, from the Brandsville congregation

◆ Marlene Matthews, Illene Birdsong's daughter, is in Ozark Community Hospital with pneumonia

◆ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, is not doing well

◆ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, is now at Select Specialty Hospital in Springfield

◆ Kenna Taylor's mom, Mary Head, has given up her apartment and is now at Springfield Rehab, A11.



We extend our sympathy to Fred Lorenz and his family in the loss of his brother-in-law, Frank Luce, from Lexington, MO.

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/boy/February
Tabitha Blaney/??/March
Brittany Morrison/??/March

Note to all families: remember to complete your survey and turn it in today. As always, pray for our work as His church.

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE EAST HALLWAY FOR MANY ENVENTS THAT ARE GOING ON IN THE AREA INCLUDING SINGING SCHOOL, AREAWIDE SINGING, LADIES' DAY ACTIVITIES, GOSPEL MEETINGS & OTHERS.



Birthdays

14 Bruce Tindall
Amy Winters
16 Lisa Stokes
18 Brenley Keener
19 Zech Weadock



Thank you all for your response to our request for items needed for the pantry. We are thankful to have at least a half dozen of most of the staple items. Thank you! The Lunas
Thank you for all your care and concern for me while I have been in the hospital.
Julie Alexander

News & Activities



Thursday Ladies Bible Class

meets Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Carol Tovar will be presenting the lesson entitled "*Cling to What is Good*" from Romans 12:9. It's the Mexican Fiesta potluck and Carol will make chiles relleños ahead of time and then just do one for the demo. Please bring a dish related to the Mexican Fiesta theme. **Please sign up at the Information Desk if you plan to attend or Carol can make one chile per person.** She will buy the ingredients and each person can then pay her \$3.00 on Thursday to cover the expense. **Child care will be provided for those ladies with children who would like to attend.**

MEN'S RETREAT Friday & Saturday at Maranatha Camp in Everton!! **Sign-up sheets on Information Desk.**

The cost if you are not spending the night will be \$15 to cover meals. **Payment is due today.** Checks should be made out to Water Mill church of Christ. Travis will be giving the camp a final count tomorrow, so please sign up and pay **TODAY.** Those who are spending the night will need to bring bedding or a sleeping bag.

WORK DAY AT THE DOWNINGS

There will be a work day at the Downings' home Saturday, October 20 beginning at 10 a.m. Those who are attending the Golden Age Jamboree are welcome to come out after the Jamboree.

Please sign up at the Information Desk if you plan to help OR if you would like to provide food for the workers. If you have any questions contact Tim Buckner.

Upcoming Events

- ☞ **Golden Agers** meet today at 4 p.m. This is an important meeting as we will make assignments for GA Jamboree
- ☞ **Elders** meet Tuesday at 2 p.m.
- ☞ **Youth Night at Brookline** October 21st
- ☞ Next **Book Club** meeting is November 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Panera Bread on N. Kansas Expressway.

LTC There will be a meeting on October 14 immediately after AM worship of all who are interested in LTC (parents, students, coaches, etc.). See Adam if you have questions.



The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

Golden Age Jamboree
October 20/ 9:45 a.m.—1 p.m.
Fair Haven Children's Home
"Blessed Assurance"

Speaker: Adam Blaney
Be sure to sign up on the sheets at the Information Desk if you plan to attend and what you would like to bring.



PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

By Dennis R. Smith

Surely every Christian has heard the words of Hebrews 10:24-25 quoted several times as they have attended services on the Lord's Day. Just in case you might have forgotten, here it is: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Actually, every Christian should consider this day - the Lord's Day - to be the most important day of their week. The idea of assembling with those of like precious faith is one of the blessings offered in coming together. However, there is something about our being present on the Lord's Day that must never be forgotten. It is that we meet the Lord there also. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). While most of us have known these verses for years, have we considered that readiness in advance would help to make the day more meaningful and fulfilling? Consider the following: Anticipation - preparedness - prayer - study - meditation - rest - proper mind set - longing - priorities - values - last, but not least, a genuine love for God and His Son. The last question in this regard may well be the first priority. When should we start preparing for the next Lord's Day Worship? The answer is simple: Just as soon as the present one ends! (A Reprint of over a year ago)

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

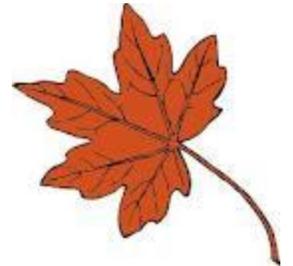
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 7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10
 'KNOW YOUR BIBLE'
 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSRP



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Scott & Melinda Barton
Van Driver: Daniel Wilson/773-6707
KYB Phone: Van & Barbara Barnes
Serve John Stayton/Luis Tovar
Communion: Adam Stipp/Isaac Tovar
 Van Barnes/Kevin Westerman
 Ron Stokes/Daniel Wilson
 Jeremy Thurlkill/Wayne Harmon

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer: Dale Gregory
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: John Mahon
Communion: Brent/Brendon Looney
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, October 14

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer:	Jeff Fisher	Russell Lilly
Communion:	Barney Crawford	Brent/Brendon Looney
Closing Prayer:	Jackie Freeze	Jon Ewing
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Tim & Alice Buckner	
Van Driver:	Kevin Wuench/833-6134	

MONTH OF OCTOBER

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

Wednesday, October 10

Devotional: JJ Blevins
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Prayer: Verl Duncan
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/
 207-7877