



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 14, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Clay Joseph

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#111

"I Am a Sheep"

#564

Opening Prayer

Jeff Fisher

#950

The Lord's Supper

Barney Crawford

#642

Contribution

Barney Crawford

"The Greatest Commands"

Lesson

Bill McFarland

"How Deep the Father's Love"

Announcements

Clay Joseph

#277

Closing Prayer

Jackie Freeze



LOAD BALANCING

I remember something that struck me as I watched news reports about huge cargo planes being loaded with equipment and supplies to be airlifted to the Persian Gulf regions. One person who played an essential role in the process was called the "load planner." His job was to direct the weight distributions and balance of the load so that the plane could fly properly.

Sometimes I think we could really use somebody like that to help us balance the load in our spiritual lives. It seems so easy for us to get weighty matters distributed unevenly and to drift toward disaster.

For example, we need a balance between zeal and knowledge. Zeal without knowledge can leave a person ignorant of God's righteousness and not subject to his will (Rom. 10:2,3). Knowledge of God's will, on the other hand, without a burning desire to do it, will bring no blessing (cf. Jn. 13:17). What we need is enthusiasm guided by understanding.

We also must have balance between doctrine and attitude. It seems as though some want so badly for all teaching to make us feel good that they don't much care whether it is true. Others think it is alright to be proud or mean so long as our doctrine is sound. Remember that the scriptures call for the Lord's people to be "*speaking the truth in love*" (Eph. 4:15).

A third area where balance is necessary has to do with freedom and responsibility. If we allow ourselves to be controlled by somebody else's rules, we forget that Christ set us free and we allow ourselves to be entangled again in a yoke of bondage (Gal. 5:1). But, neither are we to use our freedom as a cloak of wickedness, ignoring our obligation toward others (1 Peter 2:6). Paul set the proper course when he said, "*Through love be servants one to another*" (Gal. 5:13).

Another place where we need balance is between faith and works. If one forgets that we are saved by grace through faith, he begins to act as if salvation were the result of his own deeds rather than of the blood of Christ (Eph. 2:8-9). However, if he thinks all he has to do is believe, his faith is dead (James 2:17). What avails is "*faith working through love*" (Gal. 5:6).

Most of us have learned what happens in the physical world when we lose our balance. The consequences in our spiritual lives are even worse. We must have balance.

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: *Looking Over Into The Promised Land*

PM: *But What Belongs to God, And What Belongs to Caesar?*

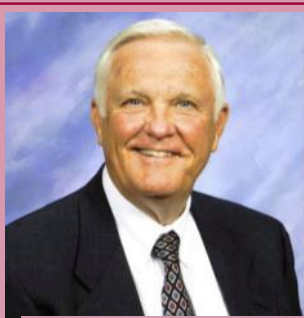
Prayer List & Notes

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 October 7

Bible Study:	237
Morning:	306
Evening:	221
Wednesday (10/10):	196
Contribution:	\$11,806



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph



- Prayer List**
- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Bonnie Cole, Thelma Fain
 - ♦ Paul & Mary Bratcher will be back at Mayo Clinic this week for another series of treatments for Paul
 - ♦ It was good to see Eula Compton with us Wednesday night
 - ♦ Jack Lynch has been in and out of the hospital this past week
 - ♦ Alice Allen is not doing well.
 - ♦ Cecil Lines will have a bone marrow biopsy on the 17th.
 - ♦ Nancy Snider is feeling better; Lucille Ford is in very poor condition; Ella Mae Findlay is at Brookhaven Nursing Facility, 3505 W. Mount Vernon Street, Springfield, 65802.
 - ♦ Leona Snider as she deals with her ongoing health problems
 - ♦ Gene Creson is at Manorcare and not doing well
 - ♦ 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 now at home
 - ♦ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, is not doing well
 - ♦ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, is scheduled to go home this week after more than 9 months in different hospitals
 - ♦ Kenna Taylor's mom, Mary Head, has given up her apartment and is now at Springfield Rehab, A11.
 - ♦ Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, cancer has returned in her lungs and bones
 - ♦ Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, as she continues her battle with cancer and other health issues



We extend our sympathy to Kay Adams in the loss of her friend and roommate at The Manor, Sandra Forrester.

- 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

"Our Father knows what's best for us, so why should we complain? We always want the sunshine, but He knows there must be rain." - Helen Steiner Rice
Do everything without complaining or arguing. (Philippians 2:14)

Check out all the AREA EVENTS on the bulletin board!

The Sunday School Teacher ...

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible, Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."



There will be a meeting TODAY IMMEDIATELY after AM worship of all who are interested in LTC (parents, students, coaches, etc.).

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.



Birthdays

- 21 Frances Grann
- 22 Gaitha Downing
- Matt Keener
- 23 Aaron Morrison
- 24 Brent Looney
- 26 Shelia Craig
- Connie Westerman
- 27 Aiden Davis
- Pierce Hansen

Upcoming Events

Golden Age Jamboree

SATURDAY 9:45 a.m.—1 p.m.

Fair Haven Children's Home

Be sure to sign up TODAY on the sheets at the Information Desk if you plan to attend..

- ☞ Quilters meet Tuesday at 10
- ☞ Youth Night at Brookline October 21st
- ☞ Ladies Retreat November 16-17.

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.

We need YOU in Sunday School

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

- Barney Crawford 417-866-0592
- 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

Golden Age Minister

- Dennis Smith 417-866-6918

Youth/Associate Minister

- Adam Blaney 304-520-9800

Deacons

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

Staff

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| Johnnie Elliff | Secretary |
| Tim Bowling | Custodian |

THE LEVEL OF REVERENCE DUE HIM

By Dennis R. Smith



I sometimes wonder if some of us fully understand the Level of Reverence which belongs to the Lord and which is due Him. Especially is this true when we consider how this thought is expressed both in the Old as well as the New Testaments. Consider the following: At the age of 99 years when God appeared unto Abram with the promise of the covenant to his people, "And Abram fell on his face; and God talked with him..." (Gen. 17:3). The familiar story of Moses and the burning bush with the voice of the Lord saying, "Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Exod. 3:5). Also this familiar passage which has been put into song should remind us "But the Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him" (Hab. 2:20). From the New Testament we find other passages of equal importance. "As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God" (Rom. 14:11). This same thought appears in Philippians 2:10-11 giving emphasis to the word should: "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Looking then at these passages should make us want to consider what our present Level of Reverence is and the need to perhaps increase it more as time goes by.

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
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: P. Malanowski/O. Blackburn
Greeters: Tim & Alice Buckner
Van Driver: Kevin Wuench/833-6134
KYB Phone: Carolyn Young/Norma Lorenz
Serve
Communion: John Stayton/Luis Tovar
 Adam Stipp/Isaac Tovar
 Van Barnes/Kevin Westerman
 Ron Stokes/Daniel Wilson
 Jeremy Thurlkill/Wayne Harmon

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer: Russell Lilly
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jon Ewing
Communion: Brent/Brendon Looney
Nursery: Alice Buckner/J. Carroll

NEXT WEEK, October 21

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer:	Oran Green	Brent Looney
Communion:	Brendan Carroll	Brent/Brendon Looney
Closing Prayer:	Matt Keener	Dale Harp
AM Nursery:	Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves	
PM Nursery:	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
Greeters:	Randy & Orvella Blackburn	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/833-4048	

MONTH OF OCTOBER

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

Wednesday, October 17

Devotional: Jeff Treat
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Prayer: Eddie Carrier
Van Driver: Jason Luna/
 838-7152