



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 21, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

Opening Prayer

David Kern

The Lord's Supper

Brendan Carroll

Contribution

Brendan Carroll

Lesson

Bill McFarland

Announcements

Jerry Young

Closing Prayer

Todd Kraus

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



Guest Editorial

HOW WOULD JESUS VOTE?

By Steve Tandy

Interesting question, isn't it? How would Jesus vote? Before you give me your answer, let me point out a couple of things. First of all, he didn't vote. I don't recall hearing that the Jews had much democratic input under the Roman occupation. Secondly, I'm not sure he would have voted even if he could. I'm not saying that as a certitude, just my opinion. From the way he lived his life, he sure didn't seem too caught up in politics. He did recruit as apostles a few guys involved in politics. For instance, Simon was a Zealot. Zealots were nationalistic Jews who hated the Roman government and used any means (even assassinations) to overthrow the ruling party. And he also chose Matthew the tax collector, a Jew who had "sold out" and profited financially from working for the Romans. So, when Jesus and his 12 sat around the campfire, there were at least two present with strong - and extremely opposite - political leanings. But, we never read about a campfire discussion on the latest polls or government policies. About the only semi-political comment I remember Jesus making was to "pay your taxes." Other than that, he went about the business of helping people, teaching people, and glorifying God.

But ... IF he was able to vote? IF he was interested in voting? IF he was an American in 2012? Then, how would Jesus vote? That's a lot of "ifs," but some folks still wonder about the question. In fact, I have a whole book that attempts to answer the question. It's conveniently named *How Would Jesus Vote? - A Christian Perspective on the Issues*. It was written in 2008 by D. James Kennedy, so it is a little bit dated; but "the issues" haven't changed much in four years. That's what we really need to discuss here - what are "the issues" that are of such a nature to require a Christian perspective? The book covers: abortion, euthanasia, death penalty, war, education, economy, health care, environment, immigration, marriage, and the judicial system. Whoa, Nelly! Are all of those concerns traceable to chapter and verse? I think not. I have an American perspective on all of them. I have a Constitutional perspective on all of them. I might even have some hard-core partisan perspectives on some of them. But, I'd be hard pressed to come up with a thirty minute Biblical sermon on most of them. Oh, I could come up with a verse or two and extrapolate a pretty good position statement on them, but I wouldn't take pulpit time to do so. Don't misunderstand—I believe a few of the topics are definitely of concern to God, and we should vote appropriately. But much of the list can't have a "Christian perspective" because they are totally of this world. We Christians in America are blessed with the privilege of voting, and ought to; but it is a stretch to endow worldly concerns with heavenly affirmation.

(via Family Matters Newsletter, Wichita, KS)

Today's Messages:

AM: Face to Face with the Irony of Ironies (Acts 6:8 – 7:60)

PM: Why Righteousness Exalts a Nation and Sin Is a Reproach to a People (Nahum)

Prayer List & Notes

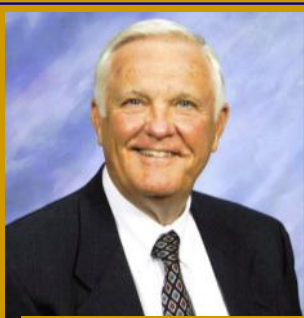
Welcome Visitors

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 14

Bible Study:	228
Morning:	311
Evening:	213
Wednesday (10/17):	217
Contribution:	\$9,576



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph



Prayer List

- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Bonnie Cole, Thelma Fain, Paul & Mary Bratcher
- ♦ Alice Allen is not doing well.
- ♦ Cecil Lines is awaiting results of a bone marrow biopsy
- ♦ 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 has moved to a nursing facility in Oklahoma to be near his son. (Will try to have his address by next week)
- ♦ Norman High will have kidney surgery tomorrow at Cox South
- ♦ Pat Woods has returned to CA to see her doctor

Friends & Family

- ♦ Continue to remember Judy Dixon, from the Brandsville congregation
- ♦ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, is now at home after more than 9 months in different hospitals
- ♦ Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, cancer has returned in her lungs and bones; she has started radiation treatments; her address is P.O. Box 1524, Fulton MS 38843; she always loves receiving your cards.
- ♦ Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, as she continues her battle with cancer and other health issues



Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Gene and Ruth Lund and their family in the loss of Ruth's mother, Martha Alspaugh. Funeral services were Saturday.

We also express our sympathy to Gloria and Lynn Luallin and all of their family in the loss of Lynn's brother, John Luallin. Funeral services were Saturday in Indiana.



Expectant Moms

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

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

Retreat Report

While the men retreated out of town, we made great progress to advance our efforts as a church. After hearing three great lessons and discussing the SWOT's that were turned in, we came up with 5 areas of opportunity in which to focus our work (relationship building, using facility as a tool, worship planning, college/early career ministry, and community involvement). With the guidance of our elders, we will be working in these opportunity areas to give every member a way to find purposeful meaning in our ministry at Watermill.

You will notice that these 5 topics are very broad and that some are in the infancy of their development. Obviously, we also have many works currently running that do not fit these categories. These works will continue and the new ones will develop as we have members to fill the need. Our desire is that every member at Watermill realizes their meaningful purpose in the Lord's work. If you would like to know more about any ministry that you would like to be involved in, please see one of our elders.

More than anything, we ask for your prayers as we continue our work at Watermill.
-Travis

News & Activities



At Fair Haven gym Saturday, October 27, beginning at 4 p.m. for sixth grade and under (but young and old are welcome).

Hayrides, costume contest, and many different activities. Flyers and sign-up sheets are on the Information Desk.



Congratulations to Katelynn Wilson for winning 2nd place in dramatic interpretation at the speech and debate tournament last weekend at Glendale/Kickapoo.

Upcoming Events

- ☞ **Youth Night at Brookline** tonight at 5 p.m. Van will leave at 4:15. Let Adam know this morning if you plan to ride the van.
- ☞ Next **book club meeting** will be November 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Panera Bread on N. Kansas Expressway.
- ☞ **Ladies Retreat** November 16-17.



FALL FEST AT THE LINES' HOME November 3rd from 6-9 p.m. Sign up at the information desk.

Check out the MANY AREA EVENTS on the bulletin board! One of the events is a Ladies' Night at the Mill Street church in Cassville. The featured speaker is our very own ANN THIESEN.

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

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



Birthdays

28 Truman Coltrane
Adam Blaney
29 Sharon Joseph
31 Jeanetta Hardy
11/1 Ron Stokes
2 Ruth Raines
Jerry Young
Kerry Cole
Taylor Friend
Landon Sekulic
Ron Bower

We need YOU in Sunday School



Can Improper Attitudes Keep Us Out of Heaven?

Dennis R. Smith

In seeking for an answer to the question in our heading we would do well to look at the following verses: "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. (Matt. 5:38-42). In looking back over these verses I think we could all agree that the normal intuition of most is to strike back. However, the Lord has shown that the reverse of this is what he desires. Just think of what could have happened if this truth had been followed down through the years. No more wars, no more murders, no more divorces, no more lies, etc. You see, the proper thing to do is always be in control of one's attitude. The parable of the lost boy (Luke 15) clearly shows that God is displeased when we fail to have a forgiving spirit and a loving heart. An improper attitude might never show up on the surface but to harbor evil thoughts puts our souls in jeopardy. Knowing this, consider these words: "For as he (mankind) thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). David also gives us some good advice: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).

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: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves
Greeters: Jackie & Virginia Buck
Van Driver: Russell Lilly/833-4048
KYB Phone: Jerry & Pat Milligan
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: Brent Looney
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Dale Harp
Communion: Brent/Brendon Looney
Nursery: Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, October 28

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer:	Oran Green	Fred Lorenz
Communion:	Tom Davis	Brent/Brendon Looney
Closing Prayer:	Matt Keener	Jason Luna
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier	
PM Nursery:	Glenda Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Tim & Jan Bowling	
Van Driver:	AM: James Simons/PM: Tucker Jobes	

MONTH OF OCTOBER

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

Wednesday, October 24

Devotional: Scott Barton
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Prayer: Tom Easterly
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
 849-7678