



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 6, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#755
#345 (1,2,4)

Opening Prayer
Fred Lorenz

#416 (1,2,4)
#742 (1,3,5)

The Lord's Supper
Brendan Carroll

Contribution
Brendan Carroll

#892
#776 (1,3,5)

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#714 (1,4,5)

Announcements
Jerry Young

#273 (1,3)

Closing Prayer
Brent Looney

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

Starting And Ending With Hope

I love the line of thought in the first few verses of the fifth chapter of Romans. I am moved by the beautiful phraseology of the paragraph, but even more than that I am grateful for its wonderful message. It teaches us that the overall tone of Christian living must always be hope, from first to last.

The genesis of the Christian life is hope. We have a Lord who was handed over to death on account of our wrongdoings and was raised for our righteousness (4:25, McCord). We have been accounted righteous by faith in the sufficiency of his work. We have peace with God through him, and have been allowed to enter into his grace. We stand in it. From the start, our boast, our ground of rejoicing, is that we hope because of Christ to share in the glory of God (5:1-2).

The growth of the Christian life is hope. Even the toughest things that can happen to us only make us lean harder upon the basis of our hope and long more for its precious fulfillment. The sufferings encountered produce endurance, and that proves character, and that enriches hope (5:3-4). Recognizing this, we take the same attitude toward the discipline of living that we take toward hope—we rejoice in it, boast in it (5:3).

The goal of the Christian life is hope. Hope will not mock us and leave us disappointed. The love of the God who gave his Son for us even while we were weak and ungodly sinners has already been made real to us (5:5). If he loved us while we were enemies to reconcile us by his death, surely he now loves us enough to save us by his life (5:10)! After all, it was by the glory of the Father that, in our obedience to the gospel, we were raised to walk in newness of life, which we surely must and will do (6:4, 22).

There are high notes and low notes in Christian living, but the melody is hope. There is suffering, but against a background of thanksgiving. There is endurance, but not with the stiff upper lip of grim determination. There is character, but it's the humble and kind honor of a servant of the Lord. May we rejoice in hope.

—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 29

Bible Study: 235
 Morning: 330
 Evening: 221
 Wednesday (10/02): 206
 Contribution: \$ 18,480



Elder of the Month
 Jerry Young



- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Greg Larimore, Blanton Glenn, Dale Harp, Leona Snider, Pat Harris, Lucille Ford
- ♦ Melinda Barton received good news Friday that the lymph nodes were all clear. She will see her chemo doctor on the 22nd.
- ♦ Norman High will see the doctor tomorrow and get the results of his recent scan
- ♦ Jackie Freeze has now started his medication for leukemia known as CMI; if it works he should feel better in about 6 weeks; because of his immune system right now the drs. have advised him not to have a lot of contact with others
- ♦ Sharon Joseph is in Cox South with several health issues including gall stones
- ♦ Julie Alexander is in Cox South with congestive heart failure
- ♦ Verl Duncan is recovering from eye surgery
- ♦ Selene Gellan's baby, Madelyn, (Stockdale's grandbaby) remains in Mercy Hospital and could be there for another 4-6 weeks unless they can get it worked out for home health care to check her; she is doing much better

Friends & Family

- ♦ Becky Marsolf's mom, Mary Jones, had a biopsy Friday on tumor in gall bladder; what looks like tumors were found in lungs, liver and pancreas; waiting to see oncologist; she would appreciate cards: 3660 N. Manor Lane, Springfield, 65803,
- ♦ Joann McFarland is at home and continues to make slow but steady progress; her address is 541 Spring Lake Dr., Mountain Home, AR 72653
- ♦ David & Alysha Glenn (Megan's brother/Gloria Luallin's niece) are expecting twins in February; she is still experiencing complications and once that is cleared up, they will need to go to Houston, TX for a twin to twin transfusion so the babies can survive
- ♦ Denzil & Ruth Raines' granddaughter, Carrie Raines, is doing better
- ♦ Josiah Kern, David & Debbie's grandson, is doing well after heart surgery last week
- ♦ Amber Sardeson will see the doctor at the end of the month to discuss results of tests
- ♦ Sue Crosby's sister, Katheryn Holligan, who is dealing with problems in her life; Also a friend of Sue Crosby, Donnie Free, has cancer
- ♦ Continue to remember Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze, Gene Lund's brother, Bill Lund; Carolyn Young's sister, Nita; Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, who is now on hospice

- #### Long Term/ Shut-ins
- Kay Adams
 - Shirley Bartlett
 - Doris Burch
 - Eula Compton
 - Fern Davis
 - Thelma Fain
 - Ella Mae Findlay
 - Chloe Gaddis
 - Doris Iorg
 - Irene Johnson
 - Carol Mahon
 - Betty Shaw
 - Doris Tobler
 - Judy Todd
 - Pat Woods

Expectant Mom

Megan Hollingsworth (boy) (Late Oct.?)



You cannot imagine how much I appreciate your prayers and cards! Thanks for your love and support Love you all, Jackie Freeze

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(See note on bulletin board from Chris & Carrie Raines)



- #### Birthdays
- 13 Judy Todd
 - 14 Bruce Tindall
 - Amy Winters
 - 16 Lisa Stokes
 - 18 Brenley Keener

Upcoming Area Events

- Gospel Meeting at Bolivar Church of Christ 10/13-17 with Walter Buchanan
- Gospel Meeting at Fordland Church 10/13-16 with Bill McFarland
- Ladies Night at Mill Street Church of Christ October 28
- Gospel Meeting at South Hwy. Five Church in Lebanon 11/1-3 with Kyle Butt
- See Flyers on Bulletin Board

News & Activities

Upcoming Events



• **Volunteer Opportunity: Saturday October 26 @**

the Breast Cancer Walk.

• **October 20—AWYN @ Brookline. 5 PM.**

• **Nov. 2—Lines Fall Fest**

• **LTC—Be sure to sign up!**



Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday at 10:30 for our

3rd annual Mexican Fiesta. Devotional and Mexican cooking demonstration will be by Carol Tovar. She will be making Mexican meatballs. They are called albondigas and are a little spicy because of the chipotle. All ladies are invited to attend. Child care will be provided.

Fall Ladies Retreat

“The Strength of a Woman”

will be held **November 15 & 16** at the AmericInn in Republic. Everyone is invited to attend a weekend of fellowship, singing, games and entertainment. Signup sheets and schedule are on the Information Desk



≈ Golden Agers meet today at 4 p.m.

≈ Elders meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.

≈ Quilters meet 10/15 at 10 a.m.

≈ Secret Sister revealing October 20 after AM worship. (more info to follow)

≈ Elders/Deacons meet on Oct. 20 at 3 p.m.

≈ Area-wide Singles college age and up will meet on October 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pizza Hut at 1850 N. Glenstone.

≈ Men's Retreat has been rescheduled to November 8-9



Be sure to pick up your Fourth Quarter Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Golden Messenger for October is available (for everyone) in the foyer.

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
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Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith	417-866-6918
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Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney	304-520-9800
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Russell Lilly
Tim Bowling	Aaron Morrison
Tim Buckner	Travis Morrison
Tom Davis	James Simons
Jim Elliff	John Stayton
Jon Ewing	Mike Thurkill
Matt Keener	

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



THE RENEWING OF OUR MINDS

By Dennis R. Smith

One of the Great Chapters of the Bible is Romans Twelve. The Apostle Paul has here written many different things which God desires of his people. One thing in particular is the importance of our “renewing of the mind.” Look at the first two verses of this wonderful chapter: *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”* There is no doubt but what Paul is asking is that when we give our lives to the Lord it must be body and soul! Jesus told us that we must love the Lord *“with all our heart, soul and mind”* (Matt. 22:37). In Hebrews 10:22 we find that we must have our *“bodies washed in pure water”*. This is in reference to the subject of baptism. In both cases there has to be a spiritual change when we put Christ on in our lives. However, in both cases also there is a physical application. The mind needs rest as do our bodies. Let us then not become so heavily engaged with activities (some of the world as well as the church) that our bodies and minds can become over-taxed to the point of forgetting important responsibilities due our Lord. This is good advice with one footnote. I often need to practice what I preach! (I had to be reminded that I had not written my weekly article.)

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/KSPR



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan
Greeters: Truman & Helen Coltrane
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/343-7451
KYB Phone: Van & Barbara Barnes

Serve James Simons/John Stayton
Communion: Adam Stipp/Kevin Westerman
 Todd Kraus/Tyler Thornton
 Aaron Tovar/Aaron Alexander
 Carl Tindall/Luis Tovar
 Luke Lines/Ron Stokes

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jon Davis
Opening Prayer: Travis Morrison
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Dennis Smith
Communion: J. Hulett/M. Keener
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, October 13

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
Opening Prayer:	Paul Lines	Aaron Morrison
Communion:	Jackie Buck	John Hulett/M. Keener
Closing Prayer:	John Mahon	Bob Snider
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Barney & Debbie Crawford	
Van Driver:	Lance Griter/833-2818	

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

AV Linda Barnett/
 Room: Bruce Tindall
 Open Tim Timmons
 Building
 Secure Justin Reaves/
 Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, October 9

Devotional: Don Essex
Song Leader: Larry Baggett
Prayer: Tom Davis
Van Driver: Jason Luna/
 838-7152