



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 2, 2014

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#682
#542

Opening Prayer
Jon Davis

#523 (1,2,4)
#709

The Lord's Supper
James Simons

Contribution
James Simons

#19

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#255 (1,2,4)

Announcements
Bob Snider

#627 (1,3)

Closing Prayer
Randy Blackburn

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



The Urgent Issue for the Church: Godliness

Bill McFarland

Our beloved brother Paul wrote the first letter to Timothy, his true child in the faith, in the midst of pressing circumstances. His theme is how one ought to behave himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God (1 Tim. 3:15). This, of course, is something every child of God wants to know.

What is striking in such a letter is the frequency with which the apostle turns our attention toward *godliness*. In fact, he brings it up eight times in 1 Timothy. His use of the term as he discusses the behavior of the family of God is thought-provoking because he employs it only two other times outside this letter, and it is used only four other times in the New Testament.

What does he mean by this word? "Godliness" has been described as the mixture of fear and love which constitutes true devotion to God. Its essential quality is the respect which wants above all to be well-pleasing to God. It implies goodness and holiness as a way of life, with an emphasis on the source of that lifestyle, which is a deep reverence for God.

Consider the prominence the practical pursuit of godliness is to have in life and thinking of the church.

- The object of our prayers for those in positions of civil authority is that we may lead godly lives (2:2).
- The effect of the entire Christian system is profound godliness—genuine humility, reverence before God, and worship of him in our lives (3:16).
- Our training and disciplining ourselves in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine must be in pursuit of godliness, not controversies (4:6-7).
- There is value in developing godliness because it holds promise both in this life and in the life to come (4:8).
- Sound teaching accords with godliness rather than puffing up with conceit (6:3).
- It is unhealthy to, in any way, treat godliness as if it were merely a means of gain or influence (6:5).
- Perhaps the greatest gain to be had in this life is godliness with contentment, for there is nothing else we can take out of the world (6:6-7).
- Godliness lies at the heart of what a man of God pursues with every fiber of his being; it is central to what he fights for and wants to take hold of (6:11-12).

*The burning issue for the church is **godliness**. May we order our prayers, our priorities, and our practices accordingly.*

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

Prayer List & Notes

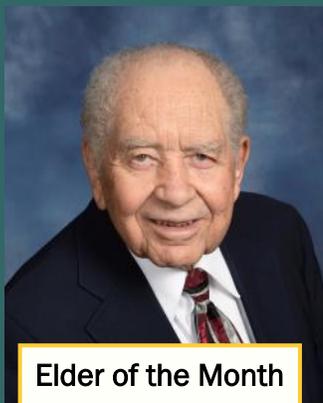
Welcome Visitors

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 26

Bible Study:	233
Morning:	347
Evening:	197
Wednesday (10/29):	213
Contribution:	\$9,164



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Dale Harp, Greg Larimore, Jerry Gillespie, Sharon Joseph, Ola Jean Feeney and Nancy Snider as they all deal with continuing health issues.
- ◆ Estel Pendergrass, Kay McFarland's dad; Lyle Mishler is still not feeling well; John Stayton is recovering from back surgery
- ◆ Ruth Raines will have surgery Wednesday to have a spine stimulator put in.
- ◆ Tim Timmons will have another procedure Tuesday as the lung biopsy did not work
- ◆ Sherry Sherman remains in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, room 9234, recovering from a heart attack and other health issues; she is slowly getting better; e-cards can be sent to her at <http://www.barnesjewish.org/EGreeting/?id=530&sid=1>

Friends & Family

- Coyeatte Ewing's mom, Beverly Hammond; Joyce Harmon, Gaitha Downing's mother-in-law, as she deals with cancer treatments
- Robert Keith requests prayers for Marilyn Keith's health issues
- Amanda Eilenstein's grandma, Pat McCarty, is now home from the hospital recovering from surgery; her uncle, Richard Fredendall, has been in Barnes for another round of chemo.
- Judy High (friend of Terry Loveland) requests prayers for her father Horace High in VA Hospital in Topeka, Kansas.
- Continue to remember Bonnie Cole's nephew, Scott Golden, Janice Newell, former member, Jon Ewing's brother, Mike Ewing, who are all dealing with cancer.
- Nadean Green's nephew, Tyler Crabtree, recently had a malignant tumor removed from his neck. He has since had 2 more related surgeries.
- Mary Jo Rookstool's neighbor, Julie Dibben, and her mother, Joy Shelburn; Julie will have several very serious back surgeries soon, and her mother Joy has kidney failure.

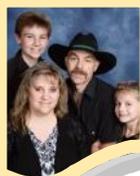
Long Term/
Shut-ins
Kay Adams
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Chloe Gaddis
Mary Head
Doris Iorg
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods



Expectant Moms

Stephanie Schwartz/boy/
February
Sara Keener/girl/March
Leah Prewitt/boy/March

Baptisms



We rejoice with the Orum family as Colton made the decision last Wednesday night to put on Christ in baptism. Be sure to offer your encouragement to Colton and his family as he begins his new life as a Christian.



We then had a second occasion to rejoice Thursday evening when Jace and Rylee Simons also made the great decision to be baptized into Christ. Congratulations to James and Emily and their family!

Thank You!

Thank you so much for all the calls, cards and visits during John's surgery. A special thank you to Truman for sitting with us. We appreciate and love you all. John, Lisa and Hannah Stayton

Veterans

We received a letter from Pleasant View School inviting Veterans and their families to a Veteran's Day Assembly at 8:15 a.m. on November 11. Veterans will have special seating at the front of the gym. If you are interested in attending, please call the school at 523-2303. (see letter on bulletin board)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthdays

10 Kasey Sekulic
11 Linda Currier
Betty Holden
Debbie Kern
Debbi Ratterree
12 Judy Johnson
14 Reid Hollingsworth
15 Richmond Griter
Carol Tovar

News & Activities

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Tuesday, Nov. 4 Quilters meet at 10 a.m.**
- ◆ **Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 10 am will be the second meeting of the Genealogy Class**
- ◆ **Monday, Nov. 10 Book Club meets**
- ◆ **November 11 is VETERANS DAY**
- ◆ **Elders meet November 11 at 1 p.m.**
- ◆ **Thursday, Nov. 13 Ladies Class meets at 10:30. Linda Currier will give the lesson; potluck lunch will follow; Sheryl Low will provide child care**
- ◆ **Friday & Saturday, Nov. 14 & 15 Ladies Retreat**

Triumph is just
"umph" added to try.

Elders, Deacons,
Preachers meet next
Sunday at 3 p.m.



SINGING NIGHT

TONIGHT is Singing Night **from 4:30-4:55 PM**. Everyone is invited to join in, and we especially want to encourage young song leaders to gain experience in song leading. **For those interested in leading a song, pick two verses of that song, and communicate that to Jason, Travis, or Jon Ewing this morning.**

**GOLDEN AGERS
WILL NOT MEET
TODAY!**



- ◆ **Be sure to turn in your LTC registration forms to Adam as soon as possible.**
- ◆ **11/16—packing food boxes for Friends Against Hunger after am service**
- ◆ **11/16 Youth night at Sunset**



Community Involvement Service Opportunity

Event: **Feeding The Homeless and Underprivileged**

Sunday November 9th – Immediately after the morning worship service
806 North Jefferson Ave, Springfield, MO (near Central High School)

Contacts: - Aaron/Brittany Morrison
(aaronmorrison@gmail.com;
brittmorrison7@gmail.com)

We need enough **food** to feed approximately 80 people !!

We need servers!

Sign up sheets are posted at the information desk for the items needed.

Gay Nichols has graciously provided some extra disposable containers for your convenience.

Thanks in advance for all your help!



PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS

By Dennis Smith

Since we are on the eve of an election, I thought the following would be in order. One of the greatest blessings which we have here in America is still Freedom of Religion. Explanation of this freedom is as follows: "In the United States freedom of religion is a constitutionally guaranteed right provided in the religious clauses of the First Amendment. Freedom of religion is also closely associated with separation of church and state, a concept advocated by Thomas Jefferson." While much of this clause from the First Amendment has been considerably altered with the absence of prayer in our public schools and not being able to display the Ten Commandments, still in the main we enjoy having a place to go to worship our God. How much longer this might be available no one knows. As much as we should enjoy this freedom, there is another freedom which extends worldwide. The bible speaks of it as "*the perfect law of liberty*" (James 1:25). The Apostle Paul tells us that obedience to this law frees us from sin in order that we may become the servants of righteousness (Rom. 6:18). Someday we may lose our public Freedom of Religion, but there is one who will assist us so that we will never lose our love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. He said, "*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us*" (Rom. 8:37). Let us NOW lift high the name of Jesus "*while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work.*" (John 9:4).

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
 Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission
 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

Nursery: Donna Jordan/ Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Jack & Rose Lynch
Van Driver: Gene Lund 343-5783
KYB: Eddie & Linda Currier

Serve Jason Luna/John Mahon
Communion: Andy McFarland/Tom Norrell
 Aaron Morrison/Scott Nichols
 Travis Morrison/Gene Lund
 Steve Prewitt/Eddie Sanders

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer: Jack Lynch
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: John Dutton
Communion: Carl Tindall/Adam Stipp
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, November 9

AM

PM

Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer:	Tim Bowling	Jon Ewing
Communion:	Ron Stokes	Carl Tindall/Adam Stipp
Closing Prayer:	Tom Davis	Oran Green
Nursery AM:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
Nursery PM:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Gerri Dickens/Ann Thiesen	
Van Driver:	Kevin Wuench/833-6134	

MONTH OF OCTOBER

AV Scott Barton/
 Room: Bruce Tindall
 Open Tim Timmons
 Building
 Secure Tim Buckner
 Building:

Wednesday, November 5

Devotional:
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Prayer: Eddie Currier
Van Driver: Charles Crum/
 840-2632