



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 11, 2015

## Order of Worship

*Song Leader*  
Kerry Cole

#599 (1,3,4)  
#642 (1,2,5)

*Opening Prayer*  
John Hulett

#756 (1,2,5)  
#312 (1,3,4)

*The Lord's Supper*  
Tom Davis

*Contribution*  
Tom Davis

#205

*Lesson*  
Bill McFarland

#714 (1,3,4)

*Announcements*  
Barney Crawford

#170 (1,2,3)

*Closing Prayer*  
Travis Morrison

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



## God's First Questions

The first questions of life appear in the third and fourth chapters of Genesis. Our enemy raises one to introduce doubt and an opening for temptation. Especially noteworthy, however, is the series of questions God asks once sin has entered human experience. It's not that he doesn't know the answers. It's that he wants persons to grasp reality.

1. "Where are you?" (3:9). This is what one asks of somebody when he wants to help that person. It's also the first thing a person has to answer to himself before he can ever do any better. It's not about where I have been or where I plan to go. The question is where I am.

2. "Who told you?" (3:13). In other words, what authority have I been listening to? By what standard have I been determining reality? Who we are willing to listen to—why we think what we do—is as important as what we think or do.

3. "What have you done?" (3:13). Not, what has someone else done? Not, what has been done to me? Rather, can I offer a candid statement of the facts of my own actions with no attempt to spin them? We will all finally be judged according to what we have done.

4. "Why are you angry?" (4:6). There is reason for concern when anger becomes my settled mood. When it does, it may be more because of what I am than because of what has been done to me (cf. 1 Jn. 3:12). The first thing to do with an emotion is to examine what really brought it on.

5. "Where is your brother?" (4:9). How I handle this question says so much about my heart. Do I care about people or about things? Do I have any awareness of anyone but myself? Am I capable of loving God and my neighbors? Each one is responsible for his own part in any relationship.

Aren't these still really the first questions of life? Our answers to God open our eyes to our real condition and open our hearts to his grace.

—Bill McFarland

## **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

January 4

Bible Study:	231
Morning:	290
Evening:	198
Wednesday (1/7):	133
Contribution:	\$ 9,328



Elder of the Month  
Barney Crawford

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Dale Harp, Greg Larimore, Estel Pendergrass, Tom Norrell & Ola Jean Feeny
- ◆ Sharon Joseph is in ICU at Cox South with severe heart disease.
- ◆ Rachel Lilly has been moved to a rehab facility: The Rehabilitation Institute of St. Louis, 4455 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110, room 204.
- ◆ Shawna Stockdale will have back surgery on January 28.
- ◆ Sherry Sherman is at Quail Creek
- ◆ Mary Head (Kenna Taylor's mom) is doing some better
- ◆ Seldon Essex has very serious issues with his back
- ◆ Bob Snider's surgery has been postponed while he takes care of some dental work
- ◆ Evelyn Haguewood is back at home.

### Friends & Family

- Jerry Milligan's aunt, Wilma Ferrell, is in very poor health
- Carolyn Young's sister, Nita along with her husband George, are now in a skilled nursing facility in Joplin
- Jon Ewing's brother, Mike Ewing

### 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  
Sherry Sherman  
Doris Tobler  
Judy Todd  
Pat Woods



### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Sheryl Low and her family in the loss of Jim last Saturday morning.

### Expectant Moms

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

We are in need of a male teacher for the 5th grade Wednesday evening class. If you are interested in helping with this work please see Tom Davis.

### Welcome Laurie Atwood

Laurie has moved from Lebanon and has placed her membership here with us at Water Mill. Be sure to meet and extend a welcome to her.



### Birthdays

11 Bill McFarland  
14 Gayle Gaunt  
15 Anita Cobb  
17 Kyle Buckner

*Thank you!*

Thank you for your calls, cards, visits and encouragement shown to us after Mike's recent heart attack. A special thank you to Bill for sitting with us during the procedure. It is such a blessing to be a part of the Water Mill congregation. **Mike & Glenda Thurlkill**

There are no words to express our gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful outpouring of love you all have shown our family since Rachel's surgery. The way you've shown your love and support through calls, texts, cards and mostly prayers, means more than you'll ever know. Rachel continues to show progress and we hope to bring her home soon. Even though we know Rachel still has a long road ahead of her, we are hopeful for the New Year! Because we know the Lord holds the future in His hands! We love and miss you all! **Russell & Elizabeth**



# News & Activities

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Book Club Meeting tomorrow night
- Elders meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.
- Quilters meet January 20th at 10 a.m. weather permitting.
- Genealogy Class will NOT meet this



January 16-18/Y.O.U. youth rally in Conway, AR  
 January 25/Middle School AWYN at Jackson St. in Willard

### CHINESE HOT POT DINNER

**Saturday, January 17 at 1 p.m.**

**At the building  
 Please sign up at the  
 Information Desk.  
 See Jill Morrison or  
 Michelle Hulett for  
 more information.**

### 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 Thurlkill
Matt Keener	

#### Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

### NOTE FROM THE ELDERS:

During the six years our congregation has met at the Water Mill location, Jim Elliff, Tim Timmons, and Fred Lorenz have met us at the front doors when we came to any of our services. We have all been blessed by their greetings and assistance. Health limited Jim's ability to do this a while back, and now both Tim and Fred have health issues that require them to take a break from the task. We have really appreciated their service and dedication to welcoming everybody. For now, we ask that all our members be attentive to everyone approaching the doors, offer assistance as needed, and put each one at ease with a warm greeting.

—The Elders of the Water Mill church

### SOMETIMES THERE IS DANGER IN LOOKING BACK

By Dennis Smith



Most of us have the habit of looking back at times when we were younger and things seemed less serious. This is especially true for those of us who are older. But there is a danger in doing this if we are not careful. Consider these words of Jesus: "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). The Hebrews writer also gives us something to think about here: "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him" (Heb. 10:38). Again, let us listen to the words of Jesus: "If you continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31). Surely all would agree that these passages have reference to our spiritual life. Faith in God and His saving grace is most wonderful as well as comforting. However, let us not be so comfortable that we forget the possibility of apostasy - more commonly known as "falling from grace." No where is this thought more forthright than the following: "For if after they have escaped the pollution of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning" (2nd Pet. 2:20-22). Here the scriptures use the return of a dog to his vomit and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. How Sad!

### Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study ....9:00 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:** Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn  
**Greeters:** Brendan & Jenny Carroll  
**Van Driver:** AM: Luis Tovar/864-8409  
PM: Chris Wiseman/597-4405  
**KYB:** Eddie & Linda Currier  
**Serve** Kevin Westerman/Van Barnes  
**Communion:** Jerry Young/Randy Blackburn  
Carl Tindall/Adam Barton  
Chris Wiseman/JJ Blevins  
Aaron Alexander/Tim Bowling

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Adam Blaney  
**Opening Prayer:** Gene Lund  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Bob Snider  
**Communion:** Jon/Briley Ewing  
**Nursery:** Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

### NEXT WEEK, January 18

#### AM

**Song Leader:** Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing  
**Opening Prayer:** Fred Lorenz  
**Communion:** John Dutton  
**Closing Prayer:** Eddie Sanders

#### PM

**Greeters:** Truman & Helen Coltrane  
**Van Driver:** Kevin Wuench/833-6134  
**AM Nursery:** Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves  
**PM Nursery:** Le Ann Donoho

### MONTH OF JANUARY

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

### Wednesday, January 14

**Devotional:** Aaron Morrison  
**Song Leader:** Luke Lines  
**Prayer:** Jason Luna  
**Van Driver:** Charles Crum/  
840-2632