



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 20, 2009

Order of Worship

Welcome

Randy Blackburn

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#647 (v. 1,2,4)

#442

Opening Prayer

Tom Meeks

#291 (v. 1,2,4)

#951

Communion

Jeremy Thurlkill

Contribution

Jeremy Thurlkill

#642 (v. 1,3,5)

#400

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#687 (v. 1,2,4)

Announcements

Gene Lund

#756 (v. 1,4)

Closing Prayer

Tom Newell

WHOM HAVE I IN HEAVEN?

Bill McFarland

This thought-provoking question is raised in our daily Bible reading this week. It has a relevance which comes up frequently in everyday life.

It's because loneliness and doubt so often run together. Remember when Elijah, weary and afraid, came to the cave at Horeb thinking his zeal for the Lord had not made much difference. He felt that he was all alone (1 Kings 19:9, 10).

John the Baptist found himself in danger and alone in Herod's prison – not exactly the reward for courageous service which might have been expected. He wondered, "Is Jesus the one, or should I be looking for someone else?" (cf. Matt. 11:3).

And the singer of the seventy-third Psalm looked around at how well the wicked seemed to be doing, comparing their ease with his own struggles. He began to doubt whether his efforts to keep a pure heart and clean hands were worth it (v. 13, 14). A sense of extreme loneliness must have begun to settle over him.

But there has always been an answer to this slippery slope of doubt. It is realizing that someone is for you, working with you. Think of it. God gave Elijah a co-worker to go with him. Jesus sent John the reassurance that he was at work. And the issue was resolved for our singer when he thought, "Whom have I in heaven but you?" (Ps. 73:25). His doubt was overcome by a deepened conviction that nothing on earth compares with having the God of heaven as one's strength and portion (v. 26). His loneliness was relieved by the nearness of God (v. 28).

We also have someone in heaven! He appears before the face of God for us (Heb. 9:24). He is our advocate with the Father (1 Jn. 2:1). He intercedes for us at the right hand of God (Rom. 8:34).

In the face of any circumstance we may say with the singer: "*Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory*" (Psalm 73:23, 24).



Today's Sermons:

Morning: Show Me Faith

Evening: When People Want to See Jesus

Prayer List & Announcements

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 13

Bible Study:	309
Morning:	395
Evening:	275
Wednesday:	208
Contribution:	\$10,481



Elder of the Month
Gene Lund

In need of our prayers ...

Cora Lee Minnich is in St. John's, room 4118.
Sondra Lorenz as she continues radiation treatments
Thelma Fain and Cassie Penner are now at home.
Sarah Cowden as she continues her recovery.
Seldon Essex has continuing health issues.
Milton Ford, Lucille's husband, is in Cox South.
Don Essex is having some health problems.
Marlene Matthews has pneumonia.

Friends & Family:
 Kerry Cole's niece, Cara Behr, who is 9, has an eye disease that will cause her to go blind.
Carolyn Henson, a KYB student, has severe health problems.
Virginia & Bob Bussard requested our prayers.

Long-Term Prayer List:

Alice Allen
 Paul Bratcher
 Bonnie Cole
 Thelma Fain
 Gerald Jean
 Clay Joseph
 Sondra Lorenz
 Carol Mahon
 Jarita Nimmo
 David/
 Debbi Ratterree
 Sherry Sherman
 Judy Todd
 Pat Woods
 Phil Baker,
 former member

Pot Luck Lunch

Everyone is invited to join us for a **Pot Luck Lunch** today after service! We will be honoring Glenn and Margie Logston before they move to Wellsville, Ohio. We especially encourage our visitors to stay and fellowship with us!!



Married Couples Retreat
 at Happy Hollow
September 25 - 26
 Be sure to sign up on the sheet at the Welcome desk!

Today's events:

- Pot Luck Lunch
- FPU class at 2:30
- Pew Packers meet at 4:45
- Youth Night at Fordland

New Bible class begins in the Auditorium on September 27. It is a textual study of 1st Corinthians taught by Dennis Smith. All students are requested to study the first 3 chapters of this great book.



Words fail when we try to express our thanks to you all for your outpouring of love and sympathy at the loss of our father and grandfather, Carl Langston. Having grown up in the North National church of Christ, so many of you played an integral part of my maturing and developing my faith as you taught, admonished, and helped Mom and Dad shape me for a life of service to our Lord. I will be indebted to you all for my lifetime. Your impact continues to be felt in our family. Again, thank you for the kindness, support and sympathy you continue to show in the passing of Dad.

In His Service, Doug Langston & Family

[Doug's address is 2300 Orleans Place, Searcy, AR 72143]

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and cards on the loss of my mother. She was a great lady and will be missed dearly.

The Friend Family

Our family would like to sincerely thank those who sent cards, called and were there for us after my father passed away. We greatly appreciated your expressions of sympathy and concern at our loss.

Greg Donoho & Family



"Show Me Christ Youth Rally"
at Southside church of Christ in
Ozark - Oct. 2-4. Deadline to
register to attend is TODAY!!

**Areawide Youth
Night Tonight at
Fordland!**

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR LTC!!



*Happy Fellow
Singing Night and Chili Supper*

October 10

*Beginning at 5 p.m. Chili Supper
fundraiser \$5 a bowl. Bring your lawn chairs. All
proceeds go to further the ministry at Happy
Fellow*

*GAMES, SINGING,
SMORES BY THE CAMPFIRE*

Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter
Jelly Soups
Cereal Jello
Canned meals
Boxed meals
Instant Pudding
Canned Vegetables
Thanks for your help!

BAKERS NEEDED

If you would like to help support the Hillcrest High Band, we are in need of Baked Items for a Bake Sale on September 26th. This is to help raise money for band students whose families can't afford the money for a band trip schedule to Florida in March 2010. If you would like help by baking: **Pies, cookies, cupcake or a cake** please see Melinda Barton or bring your item to the building by Wednesday Night September 23rd. Thank you from the Hillcrest High School Band Boosters.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Fred Lorenz	417-833-1664
Gene Lund	417-869-6423
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 Minister

Andrew Morton	417-712-4809
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Matt Keener
Tim Bowling	Russell Lilly
Tim Buckner	Paul Lines
Tom Davis	Jim Meinsen
George Downing	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	Eddie Sanders
Jon Ewing	James Simons
Shannon Haddock	Tim Stockstill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

**11th Annual GOLDEN AGE JAMBOREE
and OPEN HOUSE at Fair Haven
Children's Home on Saturday, October
10 Beginning at 9:45 a.m.
Golden Agers, be sure to sign up at the
Welcome Center if you plan to attend
and indicate what you will bring!**

Area Events

9/20 Union Hill
Open House/2-4
9/20-23: Gospel Meeting/
Fordland
9/27-30: Gospel Meeting/
Hillcrest
9/27-30: Gospel Meeting/
Conway

TAKING HOLD OF OUR OWN ACTIONS

By Dennis Smith



On Pentecost day, the beginning of the church, Peter stood up and preached what has often been called the first gospel sermon. After reminding his audience of their guilt in crucifying the Christ and their plea of "what must we do," Peter then delivered these famous words: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). After laying down the correct information, he then gave another command: "Save yourselves from this untoward generation" (Acts 2:40). In like manner, the Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians and said: "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12). Any reasonably good bible student knows that we do not have the power in and of ourselves to remove all the sins in our lives. This can only be done through the grace and mercy of God. He has set the terms of our salvation which apply to all mankind. He has also created us in such a splendid fashion that we are able to control our own actions. Salvation from God is a free gift (Rom. 5:15-18); however, God does not force His gift upon us. We, as those responsible for our own actions, must take hold of our actions and obey the gospel of faith, repentance, confession of Christ and baptism. The same is true in all our actions. We must step up and take control.

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

OUR MISSION POINTS

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa

Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands

Jeremiah Akamah, Cameroon, Africa

Voice of Truth International

"The Living Word"
 7:30 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"In Search Of
 The Lord's Way"
 7:00 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"Know Your Bible"
 10:30 A.M. Sundays
 Springfield 33
 KSPR-TV



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling
Greeters: Bob & Leona Snider
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970
KYB Phone: N. Bradley/S. Chilton
Serve J. Hulett/A. McFarland
Communion: D. Essex/J. Meinsen
 T. Loveland/J. Luna
 D. Meinsen/J. Milligan
 L. Malanowski/T. Morrison

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer: Daniel Meinsen
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Scott Nichols
Communion: D. Tovar/I. Tovar
Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan

NEXT WEEK, September 27

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer:	John Penner	Justin Reaves
Communion:	Barney Crawford	D. Tovar/I. Tovar
Closing Prayer:	Jim Reaves	Eddie Sanders
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Jerry & Carolyn Young	
Van Driver:	Shannon Haddock/732-4203	

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Ushers: S. Haddock/
H. Cunningham
AV Room: Larry Baggett/
Adam Stipp
Secure Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, September 23

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: John Mahon
Opening Prayer: Tim Stockstill
Closing Prayer: Tim Timmons