



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 4, 2009

## Order of Worship

### *Welcome*

Bob Snider

### *Song Leader*

Jon Ewing

#682 (v. 1,2)

#970

#136

### *Opening Prayer*

Luis Tovar

#511 (v. 2,3)

### *Communion*

Eddie Currier

#511 (v. 1)

### *Contribution*

Eddie Currier

#204

### *Lesson*

Bill McFarland

#50

### *Announcements*

Bob Snider

#134

### *Closing Prayer*

Larry Baggett

## Smiling Faces

Bill McFarland

*I once noticed a sign in front of a business here in town with this message for the public: "Now Hiring Smiling Faces." Whoever was doing the hiring apparently knew that people like you and me appreciate being met and assisted by someone with a cheerful way about him. In fact, his sign suggests he had that kind of disposition himself. A smiling face puts people at ease, sets a warm tone, and leaves a good impression.*

*The wise man of the Old Testament obviously respected the value of a cheerful disposition. In Proverbs 15:13 he observes, "A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed." Two verses later he says, "All the days of the afflicted are evil, but the cheerful of heart has a continual feast." In Proverbs 17:22 he adds, "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Notice what a blessing a glad heart, a cheerful heart, a joyful heart can be.*

*It is not surprising, then, that New Testament writers also assign great value to this quality. "Glad and generous hearts" are said to have been a leading characteristic of the early church (Acts 2:46). The call for the Lord's people to always be rejoicing in him is repeated for emphasis (Phil. 3:1; 4:4). John even explained that his reason for writing was "that our joy may be complete" (1 Jn. 1:4).*

*Statements like these don't mean, of course, that brothers and sisters in Christ all have exactly the same temperament or that they ignore the tough things that happen in life. They do not suggest that we put on insincere smiles for the crowd, or that we become flippant about serious things. But they do remind us that our general disposition, our overall demeanor, as God's children is to be one of cheerful goodwill.*

*If the sons of this world can recognize the value of smiling faces, it should be even more obvious to the family of God. The message a smiling face sends is, "I know I've been blessed; I'm glad to be here; I'm interested in you." Cheerful hearts honor God, encourage others, and bless their owners.*



## Today's Sermons:

*Morning: Whole-House Faith*

*Evening: A Prophet's Call For Social Justice*

# Prayer Lists and 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 27

Bible Study:	261
Morning:	376
Evening:	237
Wednesday:	203
Contribution:	\$9,011



Elder of the Month  
Bob Snider

## In need of our prayers ...

Thelma Fain is now at home

Lucille Ford is in Cox South with pneumonia.

Sondra Lorenz as she continues to deal with cancer

Cassie Penner as she continues her recovery

Sarah & Maria Cowden are now home in Poplar Bluff

Seldon Essex has continuing back problems and will have surgery in the near future

Don Essex continues to have severe headaches associated with his neck pain. He should have tests results soon.

### Friends and Family:

Former member Sue Edwards will have an angiogram Tuesday followed by heart valve surgery a day or two later

The Bratcher's grandson, Kaleb Bratcher, who is 21 and lives in Nixa, has several health issues.

Kerry Cole's niece, Kara Behr, who has an eye disease that will cause her to lose her sight

Charles & Ava White's daughter, Donna, has been diagnosed with lupus. Also, Ava is recovering from heart valve replacement.

Gene Lund's mom, Ruth Lund, has been moved to the Strafford Care Center.

## Long-Term Prayer List:

Joy & Alice Allen

Paul Bratcher

Bonnie Cole

Thelma Fain

Milton Ford

Gerald Jean

Clay Joseph

Sondra Lorenz

Carol Mahon

Jarita Nimmo

David/

Debbi Ratterree

Sherry Sherman

Judy Todd

Pat Woods

Phil Baker,

former member

### Military

Cody Newman, Lora

Luna's nephew, will leave for Iraq on the 15th.



## Ladies Bible Class

Will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Ruth Essex will continue the study on "Musical Instruments and the True Worship of God."

Pot luck lunch will follow.



Thank you for the cards, kind words of love and sympathy in the loss of our sister Hollie, and also for the delicious desserts. Love, Chloe Gaddis & Van Barnes Family



## LTC Needs:

We are in need of an Art Coach and a Banner Coach.

Please see Eddie Currier if you are interested.

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The LTC Scrapbooking Group needs supplies to prepare for their competition in April. For specific supplies that are needed, see the Giving Tree or see Julie Alexander or Linda Currier. We also need pictures from church events for the past year.

## Today's events:

- FPU class at 2:30
- Golden Agers meet at 4 in Rm 126
- Pew Packers meet at 4:45
- SNAC TONIGHT after service



## New Addresses

Cora Lee Minnich  
c/o Bonnie Lopez  
609 11th Avenue  
Rock Falls, IL 61071.

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The Cowdens  
2754 Barron Road  
Poplar Bluff, MO  
63901

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **GOLDEN AGE JAMBOREE** at Fair Haven Saturday, October 10 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!
- ◆ **Happy Hollow SINGING NIGHT AND CHILI SUPPER** October 10 beginning at 5 p.m. \$5 a bowl. Games, singing, smores by the camp fire
- ◆ **Elders meet next Sunday at 2**
- ◆ **Areawide Youth Night** at Water Mill October 18. We request your assistance by providing canned soda or bottled water. Please bring by Wednesday, October 14, and place in the kitchen. As always, thank you in advance for your willingness to help in this way.
- ◆ **Daylight Savings Time Ends** November 1
- ◆ **Fall Preschool Potluck** 11/1



**Bus Drivers:**  
Please turn in your keys to the old bus to the office.



All are welcome to attend the wedding of Megan Crum and John Hollingsworth at 1 o'clock on October 17 at the Bell Tower Chapel in Ozark. Reception will follow at 5 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the reception.



*A special "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped out with the garden! What a "treat" it has been for so many of us!*

### October Area Events

- 9-11 **Gospel Meeting/Bolivar**  
Dave Miller, Speaker
- 11-14 **Gospel Meeting/Berryville**  
Bill McFarland, Speaker
- 17 **Ladies Day at Sparta**  
Elaine Poland, Speaker (RSVP by 10/7)
- 24 **Ladies Day at Stafford**
- 25-28 **Gospel Meeting/Seymour**  
Bill McFarland, Speaker
- 25-28 **Gospel Meeting/Carthage**  
Ray Sullins, Speaker

See Flyers on Bulletin Board

## 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

***October Golden Messenger is available in the foyer.***

## Kicking Against The Goats

By Dennis Smith



Even though the expression "kicking against the goads"-- or as it is found in the King James Version -- "kicking against the pricks" ( Acts 9:5), it is not found there in some of the newer translations. Yet, (almost without exception) it is found in other translations from Acts 26:14. Here the Apostle Paul retells the story of his **conversation** with the Lord which eventually led to **the conversion** of this once persecutor of the church. This is one reason why every Bible student must consider all possible avenues which are available in scripture. The real lesson is not just where this thought is found, but what is its meaning. E. M. Zerr explains it like this: "If an animal kicks back when his master prods him with the goad, it only makes it pierce him the more. Likewise, if Saul continues to rebel against the authority of the Lord, it will make his experience that much more disagreeable at last." So it is with us all! The rejection of the Lord by Paul, known at this time as Saul of Tarsus, was counted by the Lord as a process of persecuting Him. Year after year there are those who are turning their backs upon Jesus or they are turning back to a life of sin. In either case, they are persecuting Jesus, but the worse case scenario is this: It will be more disagreeable with them in the end -- meaning the end of time and the eternal judgment of the Lord.

### 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:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
**Greeters:** Randy & Orvella Blackburn  
**Van Driver:** Kristy Sivils/838-1836  
**KYB Phone:** Adam & Sara Stipp  
**Serve** Jerry Young/Bob Stockstill  
**Communion:** Justin Reaves/Dustin Stokes  
 Eddie Sanders/Daniel Wilson  
 James Simons/Mike Thurlkill  
 John Stayton/Don Tracy

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Tim Bowling  
**Opening Prayer:** Matt Kelley  
**Speaker:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Jim Meinsen  
**Communion:** Aaron Tovar/Isaac Tovar  
**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### NEXT WEEK, October 11

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Tim Bowling
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jerry Young	Howard Cunningham
<b>Communion:</b>	Tom Davis	A. Tovar/I. Tovar
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Porter Barnes	Eddie Currier
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Tim & Jan Bowling	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	James Simons/732-5641	

### THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

**Ushers:** Briley Ewing/  
 Kyle Buckner  
**AV Room:** Ron Stokes/  
 Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines

#### Wednesday, October 7

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** Tom Easterly  
**Opening Prayer:** Isaac Tovar  
**Closing Prayer:** Tom Davis