



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 25, 2009

Order of Worship

Welcome

Verl Duncan

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#743 (v. 1,3,4)

#598 (v. 1,3,4)

Opening Prayer

Randy Blackburn

#391

#621

Communion

Contribution

Tom Davis

#33

Lesson

Dennis Smith

#111

Announcements

Bob Snider

#400

Closing Prayer

Tim Bowling



“NOTHING”

Bill McFarland

Sometimes impressive Bible truths are found in words which we take pretty much for granted. An example is the little word “nothing.” We commonly use it to speak of things which are unimportant. The scriptures, however, attach a whole new significance to the word.

NOTHING is what we own in this world. “For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out” (1 Tim. 6:7). The things here belong to God and we merely use them temporarily. Since we can keep no material things, godliness with contentment is what really matters (1 Tim. 6:6).

NOTHING is what we are without God. Paul said, “For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself” (Gal. 6:3). Any man who believes he can do without God is fooling himself, “for in him we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

NOTHING is what we gain without the words of Christ. Jesus said, “It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life” (Jn. 6:63). We ought to believe and obey the words of Christ, for they are the words of eternal life (Jn. 6:68).

NOTHING is what we can accomplish without Jesus. The Lord said, “I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing” (Jn. 15:5). It is the vine which gives the branch the life and the strength to bear fruit. We must abide in Christ.

NOTHING is what those who follow the Lord lack. After the journey through the wilderness, Moses told Israel, “These forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing” (Deut. 2:7). God cares for his people. Jesus said, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt. 6:33).

We would all do well to do some careful thinking on what the Bible says about “nothing.” It could make all the difference for us, both now and in eternity.

This Morning's Sermon:
Are We Wrestling With Wild Beasts?

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 October 18

Bible Study:	270
Morning:	400
Evening:	430
Wednesday:	214
Contribution:	\$8,774



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider



Prayer List
Milton Ford is in Cox South
Lucile Ford is at Springfield Rehab Center
Sondra Lorenz is in Cox South; no visitors at this time

Alea Sardeson has been in and out of urgent care last week; she is a little better

Friends and Family:

Jim Meinsen's mom, *Eileen*, is in St. John's and will have heart bypass surgery Monday
Van Barnes and *Chloe Gaddis'* nephew's wife, *Debbie Barnes*, has breast cancer.
Ann Thiesen's 6-year old granddaughter, *Sierra* who lives in Searcy, has the swine flu
The Bratcher's grandson, *Kaleb Bratcher*
Joe Chaney, father of the Young's daughter-in-law, has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer
Remember Bill this week as he is holding a gospel meeting at Seymour today through Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

Today:

- **FPU** class at 2:30
- **Pew Packers** meet at 4:45

Next Sunday (November 1)

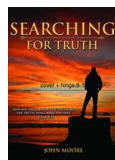
- ⇒ **Preschool Potluck Lunch**
- ⇒ **LTC Scrapbookers** meet after morning service
- ⇒ **LTC Puppet/Drama** meet after evening service

- ◇ **James River Nursing Home** singing/devotional Nov. 7 at 3 pm
- ◇ **Elders** meet Nov. 8 at 2 pm
- ◇ **Elders/Deacons** meet Nov. 15 at 3 pm

Ladies

Beginning Thursday,

November 5th, at 6:30 p.m. we will be viewing the DVD *Searching For Truth*. If you are interested in this study, please contact Gaitha Downing.



Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 AM November 1



Thursday Ladies Bible Class Schedule
Nov. 12 at 10:30 Leona Snider
"Count Your Blessings-How Can We Bless Others?"
Dec. 10 at 10:30 Elaine Poland from Bona/"Man Versus God"
Pot Luck Lunch following lesson

LTC Scrapbookers are in need of supplies for their projects. Please see Linda Currier or Julie Alexander for details.



In conjunction with the youth leaf raking on November 7, the Elders are asking those who can to please come to the building to pick up rocks from the field. We plan to start at 9 am and finish by noon.

Long-Term Prayer List:

Joy & Alice Allen
Paul Bratcher
Don Essex
Seldon Essex
Thelma Fain
Lucille/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
Karen Scheel, Cathryn
Warren's daughter
Military
Cody Newman, Lora
Luna's nephew, in Iraq

Thank You

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped in any way with the area-wide youth night. We were privileged and honored to have 430 folks present for our service in which we enjoyed great singing and a wonderful lesson. As was evident, it takes a whole congregation working together to achieve success!! Thank you again for your help and support.

The Water Mill Youth Group



Spotlight Family: Andrew, Angela, Elliott & Melinda



The Mortons came to us from Nashville, TN via West Plains. Andrew is currently serving as our Youth Minister as well as working in the School System at Nixa. Angela is a homemaker but is spending a lot of time in West Plains where she is directing a musical for the West Plains High School. Elliott is 3 yrs. old and

“Lindy” will be 2 in December. They have been worshipping with us since last December. If you are not acquainted with this delightful family, we hope you will make an extra effort to meet them.

Youth Activities

11/7 Fall Fest at the Lines.

11/7 Fall Leaf Raking 9-2

11/15 Youth Night at Sunset

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome to **Brian and Samatha York**. They will be serving as house parents at Fair Haven. Their address is:

**Brian & Samantha York
House #1
3132 N. Fair Haven Loop
Strafford, MO 65757**

Please make them feel welcome!

THE DANGERS OF 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 pollutions 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

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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9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday



Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Jackie & Virginia Buck
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970
KYB Phone: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
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: Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer: James Simons
Speaker: Matt Keener
Closing Prayer: Brendan Carroll
Communion: Aaron Tovar/Isaac Tovar
Nursery: Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, November 1

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer:	John Hulett	Justin Reaves
Communion:	Larry Baggett	Todd/Trevor Kraus
Closing Prayer:	Byrle Hayter	John Mahon
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Larry & Jo Baggett	
Van Driver:	Shannon Haddock/732-4203	

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

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

Wednesday, October 28

Devotional: Dennis Smith
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Jon Ewing
Closing Prayer: Wayne Harmon