



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 22, 2009

## Order of Worship

### *Welcome*

Jerry Young

### *Song Leader*

Kerry Cole

#500 (vs. 1,3)

#36 (vs. 1,3,4,5)

#345 (vs. 1,2,3)

### *Opening Prayer*

Todd Kraus

#300 (vs. 1,4)

#402 (vs. 1,2)

### *Communion*

Don Essex

### *Contribution*

Don Essex

#298 (vs. 1,2,3)

#598 (vs. 1,3)

### *Lesson*

Bill McFarland

#453

### *Announcements*

Jerry Young

### *Closing Prayer*

Russell Lilly

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Bill McFarland

*A congregation is where the lives of God's children touch each other in the most obvious and personal ways. We were reminded of this truth last Lord's Day by the announcement our elders made regarding our brother Fred. I want to say how grateful I am personally for his faithful service to the Lord and to us as one of our shepherds for so many years. Fred is a good man who has always taken his responsibility to heart and he has done so while he and his family have borne burdens. I respect him. I know we will continue to be blessed by his fellowship. Thank you, Fred.*

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*For me, this past week has been one which has been marked by calls or messages that have been thought-provoking in a good way. They have all been from people I know in other places. They have given me reason to consider: that people are the main thing in life; that so many kind and thoughtful things that enrich life are done by people behind the scenes; that sometimes the faithful and unselfish service that God considers greatness is not held in the same regard by people; that not everybody enjoys the blessings of marriage and children that many of us take for granted; and that all of us have reason to count our blessings.*

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*Speaking of counting blessings, is it something you regularly do? Life works better when we purposefully exercise the discipline of gratitude. In fact, a person has not matured much until he can recognize that he has been "graced," and can stir within himself the humility and appreciation that should grow from that fact, and can finally respond to the gift with appropriate grateful behavior.*

*Especially where our relationship with the Lord is concerned, the discipline of gratitude runs the machinery of life. Thanksgiving is the only real sacrifice that can be given to God (Ps. 50:14). The giving of thanks belongs with prayer and rejoicing as his will for us in Christ (1 Thes. 5:16-18). It is gratitude which calms the heart and makes loving relationships possible (Col. 3:14-15).*

*"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (Col. 2:6-7).*



## Today's Sermons

Morning: The Best Defense Is ...  
Evening: "Always and for Everything"

# 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 November 15

Bible Study:	239
Morning:	367
Evening:	208
Wednesday:	226
Contribution:	\$8,678



**Elder of the Month**  
Jerry Young



Alice Allen is now home  
David Ratterree has been in and out of St. John's  
Milton Ford is in Cox South

Seldon Essex will have shoulder surgery on 12/2  
Friends and Family:

Lucille & Milton Ford's son in Texas is having health difficulties

Thelma Pendergrass is at home recovering from knee surgery (RR1, Box 488P, Ava, MO 65608)

Mary Charlotte Lines' sister, Carol Page, had cancer surgery this past week in Mississippi

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Brent Looney responded Sunday asking for prayers.

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### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of YVONNE STARKEY. She passed away early Thursday morning. Donations can be made to Fair Haven in her honor.

### Long-Term Prayer List

- Joy & Alice Allen
- Paul Bratcher
- Doris Burch
- Bonnie Cole
- Thelma Fain
- Lucille/Milton Ford
- Gerald Jean
- Clay Joseph
- Carol Mahon
- Jarita Nimmo
- Judy Todd
- Pat Woods

### Friends & Family

- Karen Scheel, Cathryn Warren's daughter

### Military:

- Cody Newman in Iraq

## Today

- FPU class at 2:30
- Pew Packers meet at 4:45
- LTC—All young men involved in sermon delivery & song leading will meet at the front of the auditorium after evening service tonight.

### Wed. Evening Ladies Bible Class

Beginning 12/1 Ruth Essex will be teaching the ladies Bible class a series of three lessons on the subject, "Instrumental Music in Worship." The class will be in the fellowship room, and all ladies are invited.

### Youth Events

- ◇ The next area-wide Youth Night is December 6 at Ava.
- ◇ Christmas SNAC will be 12/13 after PM service

### LTC Puppets/Drama Schedule 2010

1/24, 28	6-8 pm	Bring Sack Supper
3/7	6-8 pm	Bring Sack Supper (for Puppets only)
3/14, 21, 28	11-4	Bring Sack Lunch
3/28	6 pm	Presentation



To Our Dear church Family,  
Thank you for all the beautiful cards you sent for our birthdays and our anniversary. It is always so wonderful to be remembered and we cherish all your special words of love and encouragement. We pray for God's blessings for you all.

Clay & Sharon Joseph

Thank you all so much for the birthday wishes and beautiful cards. You are a blessing to me and helped to make my day very happy.

Betty Holden

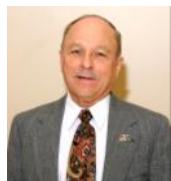
Pat Cowden and his family will be here for the PM service on 11/29 to give a final report of their work in Saipan. Make your plans to be with us then!

- ◇ The next Thursday Ladies Bible Class will be December 10 at 10:30
- ◇ Singing/Devo at James River Nursing Home will be **December 12 instead of December 5.**
- ◇ The ladies studying "Searching for Truth" will meet December 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Gaitha Downing's home.

# News & Notes

## Thank You Fred

Our brother Fred Lorenz has let us know that he believes it would be best for him to no longer serve as one of our elders. We respect and honor his decision.



Fred has served as an elder at North National and Water Mill for two separate occasions for over 17 years. We all love him and will miss his wisdom and guidance as an elder.

Fred states he will continue to take part in the work that he is called upon to do and that he sees necessary. We don't think that is surprising to any of us. That's how Fred is.

Thank you Fred for all you have done and will continue to do.  
The Elders



### Help Needed

Your help is needed to carry on a great work that Sondra began with Caring Creations. We need ladies (or men) who are willing to make stuffed bears. These bears are given to children who are at Doctors' Hospital. So far this year our ladies have provided 650 bears and Vern & Tim T. have provided 100 wooden toys. Sondra would want this great work to continue but we need your assistance! See Donna Sanders if you can help.

Wayne Snider will be turning 90 on Wednesday. His



family is honoring him with cake and coffee

tonight after services in the fellowship room and invite you to join them in the celebration!

### Change of Address

Sam & Thresa Hansen  
Ann Fahr  
672 N. Williams  
Republic, MO 65738  
Phone: 417-732-7288

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will have a special devotional service Wednesday evening. All classes will meet in the auditorium. If you are still in town, don't miss it.

Linda Tracy's class at school is collecting **Best Choice bar codes** for field trips. If you could save them and give to Linda, it would be greatly appreciated.

## Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

### Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
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

Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday this month.

The office will be closed Thursday & Friday. Have a safe and happy holiday weekend.

## NAMES BY WHICH THEY WERE CALLED

Dennis Smith



The first time the word "Christian" appears in the Bible is in Acts 11:26. "They were called Christians first in Antioch." This doesn't mean that this word was used each time a reference was made to the followers of Jesus. In fact, there are only two other times in the Bible that it is used (Acts 26:28; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 4:16). Sometimes they were simply called "disciples" (Acts 11:26); "believers" (Acts 5:14); "saints" (Phil. 1:1); "the faithful" (Eph. 1:1); "the brethren" (Gal. 1:2); and in Revelation 1:6 they are called "kings and priests." It is of interest to note that none but the word "Christian" is capitalized unless it was the first word in a sentence. Maybe there is a lesson in all of this. The Bible reveals that "God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34; Rom. 2:11). It also reminds us that they (Christians) "had all things common" (Acts 2:44). The point of this article is to remind us that even the greatest of the Lord's servants were never given a title signifying a higher degree of their accomplishments. In most cases they were just called "brother or sister" (2<sup>nd</sup> Pet. 3:15; Rom. 16:1). There were some who fulfilled leadership qualifications who were called by the same word as their "office." For example - elders, deacons, pastors, overseers, bishops, etc., but even here these were not of any major significance and were never used as proper titles. The Bible is God's handbook - may we ever use it even in these simpler things!

### 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:** Linda Currier/Leona Snider  
**Greeters:** Mark & Cheryl Friend  
**Van Driver:** Russell Lilly/839-4021  
**KYB Phone:** Eddie Sanders/Shirley Chilton  
**Serve**  
**Communion:** Scott Barton/Eddie Currier  
 Randy Blackburn/Tom Davis  
 Tim Bowling/Greg Donoho  
 Jackie Buck/John Dutton  
 Kyle Buckner/Mark Friend

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Eddie Sanders  
**Opening Prayer:** Daniel Meinsen  
**Speaker:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Jerry Milligan  
**Communion:** Todd & Trevor Kraus  
**Nursery:** Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

### NEXT WEEK, November 29

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Eddie Sanders
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Brent Looney	Scott Nichols
<b>Communion:</b>	Larry Baggett	Todd/Trevor Kraus
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Jason Luna	John Penner
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Jill Morrison	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Jammie Davis/Meredith Reaves	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Blanton & Betty Glenn	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Travis Morrison/742-1970	

### THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

**Ushers:** Scott Nichols/  
 Shannon Haddock  
**AV Room:** Travis Morrison  
 Linda Barnett  
**Secure Building:** Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, November 25

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** Larry Baggett  
**Opening Prayer:** Ron Stokes  
**Closing Prayer:** Mike Thurlkill