



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 4, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#19 (1,2,3)

#115 (1,2,4)

Opening Prayer

Jason Luna

#384 (1,2,3)

Communion

James Simons

#100

Contribution

James Simons

#861

#876

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#874

Announcements

Jerry Young

#220 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

John Mahon

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

"THIS BEAUTIFUL LORD'S DAY"

I've heard the above phrase used in prayer with my brothers and sisters so regularly that it has become a part of my life that I treasure. There are some things about the Lord's Day that make it always beautiful: it means something comes first; it renews noble intentions; it reminds us of what has been given for us; it assures us that we are not alone; it refreshes our hope as we turn to the week ahead.

"On the Lord's Day" appears in Scripture only in Revelation 1:10, in connection with John's vision of the Living One, who, though he died, is alive forevermore. The use of the term in early Christian writings emphasizes that connection with his resurrection. Ignatius, for example, writing in the early part of the second century, described Christians as those who "have come to the possession of a new hope, no longer observing the Sabbath, but living in observance of the Lord's Day, on which also our life has sprung up again by Him and by His death" (Zondervan Encyclopedia of the Bible, 3, 965).

The first day of the week was regarded as the Lord's Day because it is the day upon which Jesus was raised up, as all four Gospels state. The Didache, a statement of Christian teaching also from early in the second century, advised, "But every Lord's day do ye gather yourselves together, and break bread, and give thanksgiving after having confessed your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure" (Ibid). Everett Ferguson, after surveying the writings of the first Christians, observed, "The day for the common assembly of the church was...the first day of the week...The references are numerous, unanimous, and unambiguous....Early Christian sources repeatedly connect the first day of the week with the resurrection. It is clear that it was this decisive event in salvation history which made that day 'the Lord's day.' The resurrection of Christ and his meeting with his disciples on this day provided the basis for Christians to assemble on the first day of the week. At that time the risen Christ was preeminently present with his followers" (Early Christians Speak, 71).

It is interesting that important things have always happened on the Lord's Day. Most of the appearances of the resurrected Christ of which we have a record occurred on the first day of the week. The Holy Spirit came and the church began on the first day of the week. The church then came together to remember the Lord and to devote themselves to him the first day of every week (Homer Hailey, Commentary on Revelation, 106-107).

With the Lord's people, for the Lord's Supper, on the Lord's Day. Beautiful!

- Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: The Song of the Living Lord

PM: The Rationale For Resurrection

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 March 28

Bible Study:	179
Morning:	364
Evening:	230
Wednesday (3/31):	227
Contribution:	\$10,301



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young

Prayer List & News

- Pat Harris had an angiogram Friday; everything was ok
- Marlene Matthews, Ilene Birdsong's daughter has been in Doctor's Hospital this past week with pneumonia
- Carol Mahon had surgery on her head last Tuesday but is now back at the Strafford Care Center
- George Downing will have outpatient wrist surgery Friday

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Ed Murray, Kay McFarland's brother-in-law, has some health problems; Sherry & Ed Murray's 3-month old grandbaby, Sam, will have heart surgery in June
- ◇ Laura Todd's grandson, Richard Roberts, is in Cox South on life support after being injured in a car accident; Laura's address is 1944 E. Kerr Street, Apt. A1, 65803; Doris Tobler's son, Terrell, has just been diagnosed with cancer
- ◇ Mary Jo Rookstool's granddaughter-in-law, Nicole Patterson, is recovering from surgery and then will have gallbladder surgery on the 16th; she lives in Alaska
- ◇ Beulah & Ott Brashears, former members, are both in St. John's; Jim Baker, co-worker of Eddie Currier, was injured in an accident in Texas last week
- ◇ Randy Holden, Clint & Betty's son, is at Cox Walnut Lawn
- ◇ Eula Compton's grandson-in-law, Jason Stark, is in St. John's
- ◇ Luis Tovar's father is seriously ill; Teresa Griter's uncle Merl is very ill; The High's granddaughter, Shelley Markowski, is having health concerns related to her pregnancy; Audrey Pearce, 3-month old baby of the principal at Glendale, remains in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis after recent heart surgery

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Dylan Lewis and his family on his decision to put on Christ in baptism Wednesday evening. Be sure to offer your encouragement to Dylan as he grows as a Christian.

Expectant Moms

Ashley Bergman
Kirsten McFarland
Jenna Nichols
Leah Prewitt
Kasey Sekulic



Canned Veggies Jello
Canned Meats Cereal
Instant Pudding Jelly
Pork & Beans

Please place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room

As you will notice, we have 5 expectant moms. If



you are interested in helping with a baby shower for any of these ladies, see Stacy Haddock as soon as possible.

Graduates

If you will be graduating this spring (high school, college, etc.), please notify the office or Linda Barnett as soon as possible.

The Graduates Reception is scheduled for May 23 after PM services.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone that helped make up the beautiful Sunshine Basket that was brought to me. It was like Christmas and I enjoyed each gift. Nobody knows till they get to be so helpless how much the love of Christ means to you and how much it means to receive it thru such wonderful loving Christians. I love each and every one of you. To Karen Duncan who delivered the basket—it was so nice getting to meet such a nice Christian woman and her little granddaughter. My prayer is to be able to join everyone there at Water Mill again one day. Thanks again. Love to all,

Doris Burch

To the folks who prepared and served the meal after Mom's funeral: The food was very good and your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Mom is missed, but we are resting assured that she is in the arms of the Lord.

Harry & Janet Moore

Dear Church Family, Thank you for all the anniversary and birthday cards we received. You are all so caring. We love you all and we are so thankful to be part of a church family of caring Christians. With love,

Norman & Lucile High

Announcements

- ♦ Golden Agers meet today at 4 p.m. in room 126
- ♦ LTC Award presentation tonight after service
- ♦ Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday at 10 a.m. Ruth Essex will be speaking on “Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors.” Younger women who have children are encouraged to attend as child care will be provided. Pot luck lunch will follow.
- ♦ Ladies studying “Searching For Truth” will meet on April 8 at 6:30 at the building
- ♦ Golden Messenger for April is available in foyer
- ♦ Malawi Group meets on April 11 at 4 p.m.
- ♦ The Sewing/Quilting ladies will meet Tuesday April 13 & April 27 at 10 a.m.
- ♦ Elders meet Tuesday, April 13 at 2 p.m.
- ♦ Potluck Lunch on April 25
- ♦ There will be a baby shower on April 18th for Kasey Sekulic and on May 2 for Jenna Nichols

ARMED SERVICES BLOOD DRIVE
April 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1110 N. Fremont, Springfield. See Flyer on Bulletin Board for more info.

Appreciation Reception

Please join us on Sunday, April 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. as we honor Bill & Kay McFarland for 25 years of faithful service with this congregation.

Card basket in foyer if you want to leave a card

Thank you!

If you would like to send a card to Aulsie Moore's family the address is:
Harry & Janet Moore, 1332 East Livingston St.,
Springfield, MO 65803



Marriage Retreat

Friday, April 16 from 6 - 9 p.m.

Cost is \$20/couple for dinner

Saturday, April 17 from 8:30 - 1:30

Cost is \$10/couple for breakfast

(will be going out for lunch)

Guest Speaker—Darrick Shepherd

Please sign up for which day you will attend or for both if you plan to attend Fri. & Sat.

Be sure to sign up on the sheet at the information desk by April 11. It will be here at the building. The goal is for every couple to bring a couple that does not normally attend Water Mill.



Spring Tea/WINGS Kickoff Event

Saturday, May 15th from 8:30 - noon

There will be a planning meeting immediately after morning service on April 11th for all ladies who are interested in planning and preparing for this event. It is going to require the help of many women with a variety of different talents to make it a success. If you want to help but cannot attend the meeting on the 11th, see Stacy Haddock.

WHAT IF THERE HADN'T BEEN AN ANTIOCH?

By Dennis R. Smith

I think it goes without saying that most sincere bible students in thinking about the New Testament church, its purpose and the carrying out of its purpose would agree that the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys help us to see how this was accomplished. Also, his successes would not have been complete had it not been for the church in Antioch of Syria. It was from this strong Gentile church that this great man of God and others of his company were “sent out” (Acts 13:3). It was also to this good church that they always returned to report their success (Acts 14:27). There is a “point of fact” here that often goes unnoticed. Every missionary must have a strong base from which to operate. Now it is for sure that as Paul made his missionary journeys, there were times when he had to take care of himself (Acts 20:34). I contend that the silence of the total efforts of Antioch's spiritual support may be seen in the ways Paul taught. They must have had a good leadership base. As Paul reversed his tracks and came back into the regions of Pisidia and Iconium, the bible says that he “ordained them elders in every city.” How did Paul know it was the Lord's will to appoint elders (leaders, bishop, shepherds) in every congregation? I suggest it was not only by the inspiration given to him by the Lord, but also the pattern which he saw in the well organized church at Antioch of Syria.

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 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

W. Paul & Janet Kee, 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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Office Hours:

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

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Tim & Jan Bowling
Van Driver: James Simons/732-5641
KYB Phone: Eddie Sanders/Shirley Chilton
Serve Tyler Thornton/Daniel Wilson
Communion: Aaron Tovar/Daniel Tovar
 Don Tracy/Kevin Westerman
 Jerry Young/Luis Tovar
 Scott Barton/Adam Barton

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer: Andy McFarland
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Justin Reaves
Communion: Tim/Kyle Buckner
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, April 11

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer:	Jim Meinsen	Eddie Sanders
Communion:	Bob Snider	Tim/Kyle Buckner
Closing Prayer:	Daniel Meinsen	James Simons
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Jackie & Virginia Buck	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/839-4048	

THE MONTH OF April

Ushers: Brendan Carroll/
Jeff Treat
AV Room: Jeremy Thurlkill
Linda Barnett
Secure Building: Paul Lines

Wednesday, April 7

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Ron Stakes
Closing Prayer: Bob Stackstill
Van Driver: Don Tracy