



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 5, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Clay Joseph

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#951

#924

#883 (1,2)

Opening Prayer

Tim Bowling

#402

The Lord's Supper

Daniel Meinsen

#197 (1,2,4)

Contribution

Daniel Meinsen

#599

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#272

Announcement

Clay Joseph

#261 (1,2,4)

Closing Prayer

Adam Barton

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

IT'S WHY WE ARE HERE

Bill McFarland

We exist because of the good news that was preached to us. Our souls were purified, we were born again, and we became God's people by obedience to the truth of that good news (see 1 Pet. 1:22-25; 2:10). Our lives now are about becoming like the One of whom we have heard through the living and abiding word of God. Our mission is to touch as many lives as we can with the same good news that has given us faith and hope in God.

Our involvement in assisting with *Know Your Bible* is one of the important ways in which we have the privilege of pursuing our mission. Every Sunday morning at 10:30 on channel 33, straightforward answers from the living and abiding word of God to questions viewers of the program have raised. Several of our members answer calls with more questions or with requests to be enrolled in a Bible course, mail out the courses, receive the responses and grade them, and so on. We now have brothers and sisters here who first became acquainted with the good news in this way.

How much good does the faithful effort, the time, and the cost of presenting the good news in this way do? Only the Lord knows, of course. But I was reminded of the value of such work by the following recent report from brother Bill Oakley, who has answered questions on the program for many years. I think you will be encouraged by it as well.

While Ione and I were attending the Harding University Lectureship in September I was approached by two different men who picked me out in one of the large assemblies.

The first man was full of admiration for the program and the manner in which we deal with the viewers' questions. He hoped we would continue with the program because he believed it was helping many people understand God's Word.

The second man was from a town near Springfield, MO. He said, "I have a story you will want to hear. A man stopped at our church building recently and asked if we were the church of Christ which was connected with the KYB TV program. They assured him that they were. He said, 'Do you believe and practice the same things those men on the program do?' They said yes. He then said, 'I want to be a member of this church and I am ready to be baptized.'"

After a brief visit they baptized him. He was present at the next worship time and brought his wife and daughter. Soon after they were both baptized and they are all faithful members.

There are probably many true stories like this which we never hear about. KYB continues to change the lives of people. I am as excited about it today as I was when we first started. It is well worth the time, effort and cost.

The gospel of Christ is, after all, why we are here.

Today's Messages:

AM: Christ: The Ultimate Issue of Family

PM: Ethics for Sons and Daughters, Brothers and Sisters

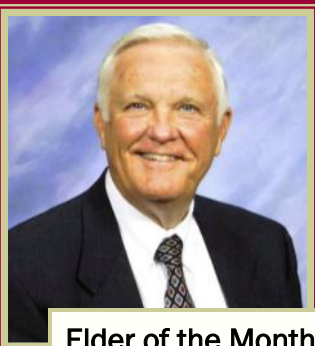
ACTIVITIES

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 28

Bible Study:	255
Morning:	349
Evening:	230
Wednesday (12/01):	201
Contribution:	\$ 7,995



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph



You are invited to share our joy as our children exchange marriage vows,

Jeanne Gugel and Ryan Friend
Saturday, December 11, at 4 p.m.
at Water Mill Church of Christ
Samuel and Barbara Gugel
Mark and Cheryl Friend

- ☞ Secret Sisters will meet today following morning services in Room 126 to draw new names and to reveal.
- ☞ Golden Agers meet today at 4
- ☞ Quilters meet Tuesday at 10
- ☞ Elders meet December 14 at 2 p.m.
- ☞ Golden Messenger for December is available in the foyer.
- ☞ Ladies, if you would like to renew your subscription to Christian Woman Magazine or subscribe for the first time, please give your check in the amount of \$15.98 to Johnnie or Robin by 12/15.
- ☞ The Water Mill Book Club will be reading Ann Thiesen's book The Warm Heart of Africa for our next meeting on January 10. If you want a copy, please contact Linda Currier. She will be ordering them from choate@worldangelism.org. They are \$9.

Please check the "Coat Room" to see if any of the items of clothing belong to you. If these items are not claimed in the next 2 weeks, we will send them to Thrift Haven.



HOLIDAY SNAC (K-12 grades)

Holiday SNAC tonight after evening service for all children and families K thru 12th grade. We will have our annual **white elephant** gift exchange game for the youth group (grades 7-12) and a separate gift exchange game for the others. Each person that wants to participate in the white elephant game will need to bring a white elephant gift of a store-bought gift of no more than \$5. For the younger kids gift exchange game each child that participates will need to bring a boy or girl gift of no more than \$3-5. Sign-up at the information desk for food items needed.

Baby Shower

All ladies are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Sara Stipp next Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the fellowship room. Adam & Sara are expecting a boy and are registered at Babies R Us, Target & Wal-Mart.

All Junior High and High School students who were in the fall Class "Behold, the Lamb of God", who would like to own your own copy of the book we used may give \$9 to Johnnie in the office.



Ladies Bible Class will meet this Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Ruth Essex will present the lesson. All ladies are invited; please bring a favorite holiday food for our potluck lunch together. This will be our last class until March.



"Miracle of Giving" Blood Drive

Water Mill has adopted the week of December 13-18 for our members to donate blood in the Community Blood Center's annual "Miracle of Giving" blood drive. You can donate at either of the Community Blood Center's Donor Centers. **Please sign up at the Information Desk if you can donate.** We had a great turnout the last two years. Let's do even better this year!

PRAYER LIST AND NEWS

- **John Mahon** is at Cox Walnut Lawn recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Kirsten McFarland** is doing fine after gall bladder surgery
- **Debbie Crawford** is feeling better
- **Herman Harris** is having some health issues
- **Thelma Fain** is now at the Strafford Care Center
- **Shirley Bartlett** will have surgery Wednesday at St. John's
- **Irene Johnson** is at Quail Creek Nursing Home temporarily
- Remember Megan Glenn as she is in Honduras on a short mission trip
- Continue to remember **Marilyn Lanpher, Margaret Cobb, Dale Harp, Dale Gregory, Gerald Jean, Donna Harcrow, Seldon Essex**

Friends and Family:

- ◇ **Drew Thurlkill**, Mike & Glenda's son, as he is dealing with health problems
- ◇ **Tom Stipp** as he has further tests on his heart this week before the cancer surgery can be rescheduled; it is a very stressful time for this family

Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen
 Paul Bratcher
 Doris Burch
 Bonnie Cole
 Thelma Fain
 Lucille/Milton Ford
 Donna Harcrow
 Gerald Jean
 Clay Joseph
 Marilyn Lanpher
 Carol Mahon
 Jarita Nimmo
 Betty Shaw
 Doris Tobler
 Pat Woods

Military:
 Cody Newman
 Jacob Gardner
 Matthew Patterson
 Elaine Noe

Shut-ins:

Shirley Bartlett
 Doris Iorg
 Margaret Cobb
 Fern Davis
 Irene Johnson
 Carol Law
 John Luallin
 Carol Mahon
 Wilma Melton
 Annie Overstreet
 Ella Smith
 Wilma Spoor
 Doris Thomason
 Judy Todd
 Cathy White



Try to send a card or note to those on our long-term prayer list and to the shut-ins during this holiday season so they will know we are thinking of them.

Expectant Moms

Sara Stipp (Jan) (boy)
 Brittany Morrison (Feb) (boy)
 Angela Morton (May)



CONGRATULATIONS to **Tim & Chatty Timmons** on the arrival of great-grandbaby #2. Perry Branum was born Friday to Ashley in Idaho. All are doing well.

Congratulations also to **David & Alysha Glenn** (former members) on the arrival of Jadyn last Thursday. Megan Glenn is the proud aunt.

New Bible Classes: Grades 7-9 and 10-12
SUNDAY - "Christ and His Church"
 10-12: Scott Barton
 7-9: Matt Kelley

WEDNESDAY - "Resident Aliens - A Study of 1 Peter"
 10-12: Brian York
 7-9: Brendan Carroll



Dear Church Family,
 Our family cannot thank you all enough for the prayers and support you have given us during this long process. You all made the waiting bearable and the trial itself something that could be endured. Praise God for the favorable outcome! He is ever faithful. We love you all,

The Tovars

Thank you to all who sent cards for my birthday. It made my day very special. I had no idea you would remember me, but I certainly did appreciate your taking the time to make me feel special. Love to you all.

Doris Tobler



WHAT GOD THINKS ABOUT BLASPHEMY

By Dennis R. Smith

A brief definition of the word "blasphemy" is this: **"Irreverence toward God or anything sacred."** A form of this word has been used many times in the Bible. I'll give you a few examples: "Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? Do not they **blaspheme** that worthy name by the which ye are called" (James 2:6-7)? In this book the writer was condemning the rich for taking poor fellow Christians into court to satisfy their indebtedness. (See 1st Cor. 6:5-6). In 1st Tim 1:20 the Apostle Paul condemned two men of **blasphemy** who had made shipwreck (or slander) of their faith. In Titus 2:5, again Paul instructed on the necessity of loyalty and faithfulness to spouses, "...that the word of God be not **blasphemed.**" While I do not have the space to enlarge further on the many uses of this word, let the definition proper suffice. However, included here would be such things as taking the Lord's name in vain (Exod. 20:7); swearing (Matt. 5:34); mockery (Gal. 6:7); hatred, lying, slandering (Prov. 10:18); pretense (Rom. 12:9); and perhaps rounding out the list would be a medley of malice, guile, hypocrisy, and evil speaking (1st Pet. 2:1). In a world where many have overrun the commandments of God, if they could be made to understand what He thinks of the **blasphemer**, they would hasten to repent.

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

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: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Jerry & Carolyn Young
Van Driver: Lance Griter/833-2818
KYB Phone: Jim & Rebecca Meinsen
Serve Shannon Haddock/Sam Hansen
Communion: Terry Loveland/Kelley Epperly
John Hulett/Dwayne Jackson
Gaylen Jones/Matt Keener
David Kern/Todd Kraus

THIS EVENING

Song Leader:
Opening Prayer: Eddie Currier
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Tom Davis
Communion: Daniel/Isaac Tovar
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, December 12

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	John Mahon
Opening Prayer:	Tim Bowling	Eddie Currier
Communion:	Daniel Meinsen	Daniel/Isaac Tovar
Closing Prayer:	Adam Barton	Tom Davis
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Jim & Debbie Meinsen	
Van Driver:	Kristy Sivils/793-1086	

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Ushers: Matt Kelley/
Scott Nichols
AV Room: Scott Barton/
Jeremy Thurlkill
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, December 8

Devotional: Eddie Sanders
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Jackie Freeze
Closing Prayer: Blanton Glenn
Van Driver: Todd Kraus