



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 26, 2010

## Order of Worship

### *Welcome*

Clay Joseph

### *Song Leader*

Kerry Cole

#643

#352

### *Opening Prayer*

#137

#644

### *The Lord's Supper*

Eddie Sanders

#287 (v.3)

### *Contribution*

Eddie Sanders

#298

### *Lesson*

Bill McFarland

#236 (v.1,2,5)

### *Announcement*

Clay Joseph

#273

### *Closing Prayer*

Barney Crawford

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

JESUS,  
FRIEND OF SINNERS

JESUS FRIEND OF SINNERS,  
BE A FRIEND TO ME;  
I AM WEAK AND WEARY;  
LET ME LEAN ON THEE.

JESUS, PERFECT TEACHER,  
HELP ME LEARN THY WAYS;  
GUIDE MY FEEBLE FOOTSTEPS  
TO THY HOLY PRAISE.

JESUS, LOVING SHEPHERD,  
GUARD MY WAND'RING SOUL;  
MAY I FOLLOW MEEKLY  
UNDER THY CONTROL.

JESUS, FOE OF EVIL,  
HELP ME WIN THE FIGHT;  
MAY THY WEAPONS CONQUER  
ALL THAT HATES THE RIGHT.

JESUS, LORD OF GLORY,  
HEAR THIS EARNEST PLEA;  
AFTER LIFE'S BRIEF STORY,  
TAKE ME HOME TO THEE.

--Norman Gipson

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." -- Hebrews 13:20,21

### *Today's Messages:*

**AM:** *Jesus, Our Lord*

**PM:** *He Crowns the Year*

# Prayer List & News

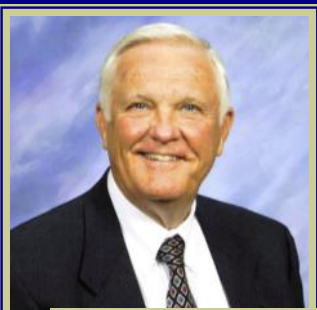
## Welcome Visitors

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

December 19

Bible Study: 269  
 Morning: 355  
 Evening: 195  
 Wednesday (12/22): 232  
 Contribution: \$ 9,453



Elder of the Month  
 Clay Joseph

- Don Tracy will have outpatient surgery tomorrow
- Doris Burch had a stroke Friday and is in St. John's
- Bonnie Cole has been in St. John's with pneumonia
- Doris Tobler is in Cox South with blood clot problems
- Marilyn Lanpher is at the Gardens, Apartment 158, phone # 890-1368.
- Connie Westerman's surgery went well last Thursday
- Continue to remember Irene Johnson, Herman Harris, Dale Harp, Shirley Bartlett & John Mahon

#### Friends and Family:

- ◇ Chatty Timmons' sister had a heart attack last week while in Nashville but is now home after having a stint put in
- ◇ Junior Sneed is out of ICU and in a room at Cox South
- ◇ Tom Stipp's pathology report showed the cancer was contained to the prostate

#### Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen  
 Paul Bratcher  
 Doris Burch  
 Bonnie Cole  
 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  
 Elaine Noe

#### Shut-ins:

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



#### Expectant Moms

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

Daily Bible Reading Schedules for 2011 are available in the foyer. The schedule is a chronological reading of the Bible. Please pick up a copy and read the Bible thru in 2011.



Contribution Envelopes for 2011 are available for pickup. Please include your name and contribution amount on the envelope for the first month and thereafter only the amount.

### Food Pantry Needs

#### Boxed & Canned Meals

Jelly Peanut Butter  
 Soups Cereal  
 Tuna Canned fruit  
 Jello/Pudding Canned Vegetables

Please place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

### January Anniversaries

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|----|------------------------|---------|
| 1  | David/Debbie Kern      | 35 yrs. |
| 2  | Tim/Becky Marsolf      | 30 yrs. |
| 5  | Lonnie/Wanda Wilkinson | 58 yrs. |
| 16 | Bill/Gail White        | 1 yr.   |
| 17 | Dennis/Carolyn Smith   | 58 yrs. |
| 27 | Joy/Alice Allen        | 43 yrs. |



Congratulations

### Voice of Truth International

Another new issue of "The Voice of Truth International" is now available for everyone, including our visitors. The Water Mill congregation helps in making this publication available to folks right here, in every state in America, and in a great many different countries around the world. Members and Visitors alike--Please help yourselves to the copies which are in the foyer.

### Birthdays

(beginning 1/1 thru 1/8)

- 1 Teresa Mahon
- Alice Daniels
- 2 Doris Thomason (92)
- 4 Olivia Downing
- 5 Gloria Luallin
- 6 Ben Lines
- 7 Bonnie Cole
- 8 Raymond Daniels

# Activities

**Wednesday Evening Service**  
As has been our custom in recent years, this Wednesday evening we will have a closing devotional for the year rather than our mid-week classes. All of us will meet together for great songs and a meaningful line of thought in our readings from Scripture and in our prayers. If you can be here, don't miss it!

**Next Sunday Morning**  
On the morning of Sunday, January 2, Joey Treat will be our guest. Joey and Tammy and their family have been at work on Palau, Saipan, and neighboring islands for a few years now and it has been our privilege to have fellowship with them in that work. Sunday morning at class time, all classes from fifth grade up will meet together in the auditorium for a report from Joey on this mission effort. In our assembly that morning, he will present the lesson. Please plan to be with us, and invite a friend to come along with you!

## Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

### Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Gene Lund	417-343-5783
Eddie Sanders	417-833-5712
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	James Simons
Jon Ewing	Tim Stockstill
Shannon Haddock	

### Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



**Make-up Day for Pictorial Directory Pictures is Wednesday, January 5 from 2 to 9 p.m. For**

**Olan Mills to return for another day, we need at least 15 families to sign up. If you did not have your picture taken and would like to do so, please see Johnnie.**

## Mark Your Calendars...

- There is **NO** devotional at James River Nursing Home in January.
- LTC Banner Kids** meet next Sunday at 3 p.m.
- SNAC** next Sunday after PM service
- Potluck Lunch** January 9
- Book Club** will meet on January 9 after potluck lunch
- Baby shower** for Brittany Morrison January 9 at 3 p.m. Aaron & Brittany are having a boy.

Gifts for Shut-Ins will be delivered January 8. Be sure to bring the items you have been working on before that date.

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**Let Johnnie know today if you want to subscribe to Christian Woman Magazine.**



## “WHY HAS YOUR COUNTENANCE FALLEN?”

By Dennis R. Smith

In the King James Translation of the Holy Bible, the word “countenance” is used dozens of times. Even in some of the newer versions, like the New American Standard, you will also see this word used. In both translations referred to here, the first time this word appears is in Genesis 4:5-6 when God rejected the offering made by Cain, the first son of Adam and Eve. It was rejected simply because Cain had rendered an improper offering. “So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. Then the Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?” In short the word “countenance” means: “Face or facial expression.” When one is sad and brokenhearted it most usually shows in the face. But it can also mean “I’m sending you a fiery message.” I sometimes received this type of signal as a little boy from my mother. Seriously, sometimes we send these expressions to others without saying a word. However, by the look on our face, we might as well have gone ahead with a verbal message. I think what I’m saying is that by our facial expression others may have an unkind image of what we must be as a person. This is so unbecoming a child of God. We often send messages by our countenance. Let us be sure that ours always reflect upon the righteousness of the Lord. (See Psalm 11:7).

### 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  
 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:** Eddie & Donna Sanders  
**Van Driver:** Russell Lilly/839-4048  
**KYB Phone:** Norma Bradley/Gerri Dickens  
**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:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Opening Prayer:** Jim Elliff  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Don Essex  
**Communion:** Daniel/Isaac Tovar  
**Nursery:** Glenda Thurlkill

### NEXT WEEK, January 2

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	David Kern	Jim Meinsen
<b>Communion:</b>	James Simons	D. Meinsen/A. Tovar
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Todd Kraus	Daniel Meinsen
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Carolyn Smith/Johnnie Elliff	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	James Simons/732-5641	

### MONTH OF DECEMBER

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

### Wednesday, December 29

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** N/A  
**Opening Prayer:** Matt Keener  
**Closing Prayer:** Aaron Morrison  
**Van Driver:** Tim Stockstill