



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 7, 2012

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Clay Joseph

### Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#282 (1,2,4)

#122 (1,2,4)

### Opening Prayer

Don Essex

#820

#709 (1,2,4)

### The Lord's Supper

Eddie Currier

### Contribution

Eddie Currier

#971

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#299 (1,3,5)

### Announcements

Clay Joseph

#746 (1,3)

### Closing Prayer

Clarence Feeney

*You are the light of  
the world.*



*A city set  
on a hill  
cannot be*

*hidden. (Matt. 5:14)*

## About Our Work

As you know, we're in the midst of the big political season now. The election which will determine those who are to serve us at all levels of government is just a month ahead of us. We Christians approach the occasion knowing that we hold dual citizenship—of heaven and of this country—and that the Most High God rules the kingdom of men. Yet, we recognize that this very God has taught his people to seek the welfare of the community where they live, to submit to its laws and to pray for those who are in high positions, and to live as honorable servants of God in public life so that he may be glorified. We may not merely check our minds at the door of daily life and ignore what is going on around us. Having determined to love him with our heart, soul, mind, and strength, we must bring our knowledge of God to bear even toward the issues that confront our thinking in civic life. I will try to help us in this direction with the passages we study when we meet these next four weeks, particularly on Sunday evenings. (Our study of "No Respector of Persons" week before last was one of these topics.) Pray for us in this regard, and be sure to be with us—starting tonight!

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Our Men's Retreat is coming up in just a few days. I encourage all of our men who possibly can to be involved in it. If there's no way you can stay for the whole schedule, come to whatever part of it you can. Here is one of several reasons why this is a valuable occasion: as the continuing stream of life runs along and some become unable to serve, or are no longer available to do so, others have to step up to fill the various roles that allow a body of the Lord's people to function. This activity may help us toward that end. Besides, we need the joy of fellowship together. Thanks to Travis for his work in making the arrangements.

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Kay and I enjoyed our quick trip to Mountain Home. Thanks to our elders for allowing me the time to try to help the church there as one of the fill-ins while Ken Burton, their faithful preacher, has been recovering from an illness. Also, thanks to the elders of the church there for the thoughtful consideration for Ken they have shown through this time. It was good to see Michael and Amy while we were there.

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In my devotional reading this past week, I ran across an observation by someone that the autumn of the year is a good time for reflection. Maybe it's because of the cool reminders that winter is ahead, or because of the melancholy evidence that the cycle of life includes winding down. Perhaps each of us can use this season to ask ourselves where we are headed, and why we're headed there, and how far we've come, and how fast, and what we have reason to hope will be next.

—Bill McFarland

## Today's Messages:

**AM: The Four Hopes of These Days**

**PM: The Church's Prayer for Itself in the Midst of the Community**

# Prayer List & Notes

## 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 September 30

Bible Study: 286  
Morning: 345  
Evening: 203  
Wednesday (10/3): 212  
Contribution: \$22,869



Elder of the Month  
Clay Joseph



◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Paul & Mary Bratcher, Bonnie Cole

◆ Alice Allen is not doing well.

◆ Julie Alexander has been in Cox South this past week with congestive heart failure

◆ Nancy Snider has bronchitis; Lucille Ford is in very poor condition; Ola Jean Feeney had a scary diabetic episode this past week but did not have to go to the hospital

◆ Scheryl Larimore is feeling better after spending a few days in the hospital this past week.

◆ Ella Mae Findlay is at Brookhaven Nursing Facility, 3505 W. Mount Vernon Street, Springfield, 65802.

◆ Kay Adams roommate, Sandra Forrester, as she has some very serious health issues; also continue to keep Kay in your prayers

◆ Leona Snider as she deals with her ongoing health problems; she will probably not have hip surgery until after 1st of the year

◆ Gene Creson is now at Manorcare; Norman High is having health issues; Pat Woods has returned to CA to see her doctor

#### Friends & Family

◆ Continue to remember Ruth Lund's mother, Martha Alspaugh; Judy Dixon, from the Brandsville congregation

◆ Marlene Matthews, Illene Birdsong's daughter, is in Ozark Community Hospital with pneumonia

◆ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, is not doing well

◆ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, is now at Select Specialty Hospital in Springfield

◆ Kenna Taylor's mom, Mary Head, has given up her apartment and is now at Springfield Rehab, A11.



We extend our sympathy to Fred Lorenz and his family in the loss of his brother-in-law, Frank Luce, from Lexington, MO.

### Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams  
Alice Allen  
Shirley Bartlett  
Paul Bratcher  
Doris Burch  
Eula Compton  
Fern Davis  
Thelma Fain  
Lucille Ford  
Milton Ford  
Allen Harmon  
Doris Iorg  
Irene Johnson  
Carol Law  
Carol Mahon  
Wilma Melton  
Jarita Nimmo  
Betty Shaw  
Doris Thomason  
Doris Tobler  
Judy Todd  
Pat Woods



### Expectant Moms

Sara Stipp/boy/December  
Leah Prewitt/boy/January  
Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February  
Tabitha Blaney/??/March  
Brittany Morrison/??/March

Note to all families: remember to complete your survey and turn it in today. As always, pray for our work as His church.

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE EAST HALLWAY FOR MANY ENVENTS THAT ARE GOING ON IN THE AREA INCLUDING SINGING SCHOOL, AREAWIDE SINGING, LADIES' DAY ACTIVITIES, GOSPEL MEETINGS & OTHERS.



### Birthdays

14 Bruce Tindall  
Amy Winters  
16 Lisa Stokes  
18 Brenley Keener  
19 Zech Weadock



Thank you all for your response to our request for items needed for the pantry. We are thankful to have at least a half dozen of most of the staple items. Thank you! The Lunas  
Thank you for all your care and concern for me while I have been in the hospital.  
Julie Alexander

# News & Activities



## Thursday Ladies Bible Class

meets Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Carol Tovar will be presenting the lesson entitled "**Cling to What is Good**" from Romans 12:9. It's the Mexican Fiesta potluck and Carol will make chiles relleños ahead of time and then just do one for the demo. Please bring a dish related to the Mexican Fiesta theme. **Please sign up at the Information Desk if you plan to attend or Carol can make one chile per person.** She will buy the ingredients and each person can then pay her \$3.00 on Thursday to cover the expense. **Child care will be provided for those ladies with children who would like to attend.**

## MEN'S RETREAT Friday & Saturday at Maranatha Camp in Everton!! Sign-up sheets on Information Desk.

The cost if you are not spending the night will be \$15 to cover meals. **Payment is due today.** Checks should be made out to Water Mill church of Christ. Travis will be giving the camp a final count tomorrow, so please sign up and pay **TODAY.** Those who are spending the night will need to bring bedding or a sleeping bag.

## WORK DAY AT THE DOWNINGS

There will be a work day at the Downings' home Saturday, October 20 beginning at 10 a.m. Those who are attending the Golden Age Jamboree are welcome to come out after the Jamboree.

Please sign up at the Information Desk if you plan to help OR if you would like to provide food for the workers. If you have any questions contact Tim Buckner.

## Upcoming Events

- ☞ **Golden Agers** meet today at 4 p.m. This is an important meeting as we will make assignments for GA Jamboree
- ☞ **Elders** meet Tuesday at 2 p.m.
- ☞ **Youth Night at Brookline** October 21st
- ☞ Next **Book Club** meeting is November 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Panera Bread on N. Kansas Expressway.

**LTC** There will be a meeting on October 14 immediately after AM worship of all who are interested in LTC (parents, students, coaches, etc.). See Adam if you have questions.



The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

**Golden Age Jamboree**  
October 20/ 9:45 a.m.—1 p.m.  
Fair Haven Children's Home  
"Blessed Assurance"

Speaker: Adam Blaney  
Be sure to sign up on the sheets at the Information Desk if you plan to attend and what you would like to bring.



## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

By Dennis R. Smith

Surely every Christian has heard the words of Hebrews 10:24-25 quoted several times as they have attended services on the Lord's Day. Just in case you might have forgotten, here it is: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Actually, every Christian should consider this day - the Lord's Day - to be the most important day of their week. The idea of assembling with those of like precious faith is one of the blessings offered in coming together. However, there is something about our being present on the Lord's Day that must never be forgotten. It is that we meet the Lord there also. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). While most of us have known these verses for years, have we considered that readiness in advance would help to make the day more meaningful and fulfilling? Consider the following: Anticipation - preparedness - prayer - study - meditation - rest - proper mind set - longing - priorities - values - last, but not least, a genuine love for God and His Son. The last question in this regard may well be the first priority. When should we start preparing for the next Lord's Day Worship? The answer is simple: Just as soon as the present one ends! (A Reprint of over a year ago)



### 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

### WORKS WE SUPPORT

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation  
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands  
 Voice of Truth International  
 Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions  
 World Christian Broadcasting  
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief  
 Lincoln Church of Christ  
 Fair Haven Children's Home  
 "In Search of the Lord's Way"  
 7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10  
 'KNOW YOUR BIBLE'  
 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSRP



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# Service Rosters

## THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
**Greeters:** Scott & Melinda Barton  
**Van Driver:** Daniel Wilson/773-6707  
**KYB Phone:** Van & Barbara Barnes  
**Serve** John Stayton/Luis Tovar  
**Communion:** Adam Stipp/Isaac Tovar  
 Van Barnes/Kevin Westerman  
 Ron Stokes/Daniel Wilson  
 Jeremy Thurlkill/Wayne Harmon

## THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Briley Ewing  
**Opening Prayer:** Dale Gregory  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** John Mahon  
**Communion:** Brent/Brendon Looney  
**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

## NEXT WEEK, October 14

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Briley Ewing
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jeff Fisher	Russell Lilly
<b>Communion:</b>	Barney Crawford	Brent/Brendon Looney
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Jackie Freeze	Jon Ewing
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Tim & Alice Buckner	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Kevin Wuench/833-6134	

## MONTH OF OCTOBER

**AV** Linda Barnett  
**Room:** Luke Lines  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines/  
 Tim Buckner

## Wednesday, October 10

**Devotional:** JJ Blevins  
**Song Leader:** JJ Blevins  
**Prayer:** Verl Duncan  
**Van Driver:** Todd Kraus/  
 207-7877