

WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 17,2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader Jon Ewing

"In Moments Like These" #874

Opening Prayer Brent Looney

#867 "How Deep the Father's Love"

The Lord's Supper Dale Gregory

Contribution **Dale Gregory**

#932/933 #982

Lesson Bill McFarland

#9

Announcements Barney Crawford

#984

Closing Prayer Gene Lund

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

About Our Work

The emphasis in this little column is always on the "our" in the above phrase. The reason has stood out to me this week as I have been thinking through the text for our message. In the Revelation, John describes himself to his readers only as "your brother and partner" (1:9). He meant that whatever difficulty is encountered, whatever status is possessed, whatever patient endurance is required, it is all "ours," and that we need to be reminded of this whenever we face pressure over time. Brothers and partners. That's how we want to think of each other.

We would love to have you with us for our Sunday morning series these next several weeks. We are seeking to understand the life and experience of the church by dealing with the great book of Revelation's themes and scenes. This a book that lets us in on the fact that our faith must be lived out in very real challenges of ordinary life, but that strengthens us with the assurance that since our Lord is sovereign we can overcome. Please join us for the journey.

This Sunday night in our "why-he-came-why-we're-here" series we'll be looking into a very meaning and faith-building statement our Lord made about his purpose in dwelling among us. "I Have Come to Fulfill" is the title of this message. I think you will appreciate it.

We're choosing our Bible reading plan for 2014 right now. If you have preferences or ideas about approaches you want us to consider, this is the time to let us know. I think we have had good participation this year, and we are grateful for your involvement. There is something about the spiritual discipline of reading the Lord's word together that blesses a congregation in a unique way.

May each one of us seek to build a bridge of friendship with someone this week. Guests are present. Newer families are here who will appreciate connections and a sense of belonging. There are families all around with circumstances in their lives which are creating special needs or which call out for celebration. They will appreciate caring. Take the initiative. Open a heart and offer a hand. Establish or enrich a relationship.

-Bill McFarland

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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 10			
Bible Study:	246		
Morning:	323		
Evening:	222		
Wednesday (11/13):	206		
Contribution: \$ 7	,668		



Elder of the Month Barney Crawford

Prayer List & Notes

- Continue to remember <u>Eula Compton</u>, <u>Thelma Fain</u>, <u>Greg Larimore</u>, <u>Pat Harris, Norman High, Dale Harp, Orvella Blackburn</u>
- <u>Melinda Barton</u> as she continues her chemo treatments and the side affects that go with it
- ◆ <u>Julie Alexander</u> is now home from the hospital after a procedure to close a hole in her heart this past week
- <u>Blanton Glenn</u> as he continues to be an inspiration to all of us
- ◆ <u>Jackie Freeze</u> as he continues to improve
- <u>Karen Duncan</u> is feeling some better; it was good to see her Wednesday night
- ◆ <u>John Stayton</u> is recovering from gall bladder surgery
- <u>Lisa Stayton</u> is recovering from surgery for appendicitis
- <u>Betty Grabber</u> is having some health problems
- <u>Truman Coltrane</u> is now home from the hospital after having a stent put in on Thursday

Friends & Family

- Becky Marsolf's mom, <u>Mary Jones</u>, as she deals with cancer; cards of encouragement can be sent to her at P.O. Box 354, Strafford, 65757
- <u>Tim & Becky's little 2-yr. old granddaughter</u> in New Orleans who is undergoing extensive testing
- <u>Amber Sardeson</u> has been diagnosed with MS; she is feeling good right now and has started a treatment program; doctors will continue to monitor her for any changes; her address is 450 S. Beechwood, Republic, 65738 if you would like to send a card.
- Carolyn Young's sister, <u>Nita</u>, is now in a rehab facility in Joplin
- Continue to remember Jo Baggett's mom, <u>Ann Freeze</u>, Gene Lund's brother, <u>Bill Lund</u>; <u>Jean Evans</u>, Lyle Mishler's sister, who is dealing with cancer; her address is 152 Grand Drive, Apache Junction, AZ 85120



Congratulations to John and Megan Hollingsworth on the safe arrival of Reid Michael Hollingsworth, who arrived by c-section Thursday afternoon. Mom and baby are doing fine. Charles and Susan Crum are the proud grandparents and Virginia Morgan the very proud great grandma.

If you can prepare a meal for Megan Hollingsworth and family, please sign the sheet at the Information Desk today so Gaitha can get the meals scheduled.



Please mark your calendars for a WINTER SING at the Conway Church of Christ on Tuesday, December 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (See flyer on bulletin board.)



for the for the birthday cards and the kind words of encouragement on my birthday. Jerry Young November Anniversaries 11/24—11/27 24 Verl & Karen Duncan (52) 26 Lance & Teresa Griter (19) 27 Randy/Orvella Blackburn (9) *Congratulations*



<u>Birthdays</u> 24 Nancy Snider 25 Russell Lilly Bob Stockstill 26 Lee Ann Donoho 27 Tom Crumrine 29 Jerry Stockdale Elaina Treat Johnnie Elliff Wayne Harmon 30 Amanda Eilenstein Travis Morrison

Sending Prayers

Long Term/ Shut-ins Kay Adams Shirley Bartlett **Doris Burch** Eula Compton Fern Davis Thelma Fain Ella Mae Findlay **Chloe Gaddis** Doris Iorg Irene Johnson **Carol Mahon Betty Shaw Doris Tobler** Judy Todd **Pat Woods**

Expectant Moms

Megan Jobes (girl) (March) Brittany Morrison (?) (June)

News & Activities



TODAY we will be

volunteering for the Meals-a-Million program from 12:30-2:30. We will spend the afternoon together and then go to Sunset Youth Night.

- 12/2 LTC Pre-convention 1 deadline
- 12/7 WMY hike to AR (more details soon)
- 12/14 AWYN Broomball/ Skating (more details to follow)

For the next book club meeting, we are reading The Prayer of Jabez by Bruce Wilkinson, A Woman's Call to Prayer by Elizabeth George, The Miracle by Gilbert Morris, and *Epic* by John Eldredge



Upcoming Events



<u>Sashay Scarf</u> On Tues. Nov. 19th and

Tues. Dec. 3rd at 10 AM, the quilters will be available to show vou how to crochet or knit a Sashav Scarf. If you wish to make a scarf you will need one ball of Sashay Yarn per scarf, crochet hook size J or K or short wooden knitting needles size 8, 9 or 10. You can purchase the varn at Michaels, Joann's or Wal-Mart. If you just want help learning to crochet or knit, bring a regular ball of yarn for practice. We will meet in room 132.

Decrel Disters

Due to Julie's illness, Secret Sisters will be drawing names and revealing on December 8 after the AM service in Room 126. If you want to be a secret sister, fill out the form on the Information Desk and bring to the meeting in December.



Congratulations to Glenda Thurlkill on her victory this past week. She was elected Missouri State Teachers' Association State Vice President. MSTA is the largest education organization in Missouri with over 44,000 members. Congratulations Glenda. You will serve them well!





REALLY - WHO/WHAT IS OUR GOD?

By Dennis R. Smith

In the book of Isaiah, chapter 44:9-19, the prophet paints a picture of a fallen generation. That nation was Israel. In these verses he describes the different craftsmen who were very efficient in creating all types of gods for the people to worship. In verse 19 Isaiah asked this question: "...shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?" No doubt he was referring to the carpenter who could carve out of a block of wood some lifeless god. Think about this as we connect with the words of Jesus: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21). Years ago I was guided by a family member to visit a free museum in Colorado where an elderly gentleman had taken old tools and farm machinery and welded them into some amazing figures. As we left someone said, "And all of that out of a hunk of junk." Going back to Isaiah and the picture he made of a fallen generation makes us wonder if perhaps this same message fits many of us today. Jesus commanded that we "love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and soul" (Matt. 22:37) and the first commandment states "Thou shall have no other gods before me" (Exod. 20:3). Even so, by looking at where we place the God of heaven in such things as time, talent, energies, money and our love for him, it seems that many have also bowed themselves down to a block of wood, a bucket of bolts, a hunk of junk and last but not least, that which affects the world 's economy - a barrel of crude!

Elders, Ministers, **Deacons & Staff**

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Dennis Smith

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Secretary Custodian

Schedule of Services
Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship5:00 PM
Wednesday Night Bible Class7:00 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 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/KSPR

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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Greeters: Van Driver:	Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves Jerry & Pat Milligan Kevin Wuench/833-6134	
KYB Phone:	Adam & Sara Stipp	
Serve Communion:	Van Barnes/William Downing Randy Blackburn/Kyle Buckner Brendan Carroll/Aubrey Cobb Eddie Currier/Adam Barton Verl Duncan/John Dutton	
TI	HIS EVENING	
Song Leader:	JJ Blevins	
Opening Praye	er: Bob Snider	
Lesson:	Bill McFarland	
Closing Prayer	r: John Stayton	
Communion:	Todd/Trevor Kraus	
Nursery:	Lee Ann Donoho	

NEXT WEEK, November 24

	MORNING		EVENING	
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing		JJ Blevins	
Opening Prayer:	Aaron Morriso	on	Tim Stockstill	
Communion:	John Hulett		Todd/Trevor Kraus	
Closing Prayer:	Andy McFarla	and	Ron Stokes	
AM Nursery: PM Nursery: Greeters: Van Driver:	Linda currier/Leona Snider Glenda Thurlkill Tom & Marti Norrell AM James Simons/PM Tucker Jobes			
MONTH OF SI		We	dnesday, November 3	20

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AV Room:	Linda Barnett/ Bruce Tindall	Devotional:	Matt Keener
Open	Tim Timmons	Song Leader:	Adam Blaney
Building		Prayer:	Jon Davis
Secure	Justin Reaves/	Van Driver:	Jason Luna/
Building:	Tim Buckner		838-7152