



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 24, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#532
#137

“Father God”

Opening Prayer
Aaron Morrison

#90

The Lord’s Supper
Mike Thurlkill

Contribution
Mike Thurlkill

#299
#951

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#951

Announcements
Barney Crawford

*“My Only Hope Is
You”*

Closing Prayer
Andy McFarland

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

Thanks and The Great Congregation

None of us can conceive of anything more appropriate than gratitude to the Lord for his great goodness and faithful love. Our cultural “thanksgiving” may be expressed in a family gathering around an overflowing table, or in the viewing of a holiday parade, or in the enjoyment of a football game. There is something about spiritual thanksgiving, however, which makes it uniquely at home in the midst of the great congregation. The Psalms often make the point with statements like this: “Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation” (111:1). Consider some of the reasons why.

The expression of thanks in the assembly changes the mood in a life. In Psalm 22, for example, we’re reading along with phrase after phrase reminding us of the dreadful experience of the cross, when all at once everything changes: “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you” (v. 22). Hebrews ascribes this saying to Jesus, one in which he calls us brothers and celebrates his victory in our behalf (2:12f).

By the proclamation of thanks in the great congregation we gain a solid footing for meeting the responsibilities of life with honor. “But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD” (Ps. 26:11, 12).

It’s in the intention to give thanks in the company of the upright that hope is renewed, commitment is deepened, and service is enriched. The very thought of engaging in such an activity allows a person to envision rescue from the malicious attacks of enemies (Ps. 35:17, 18), and to imagine the possibility of cleansing and restoration (Ps. 51:14, 15), and to openly serve the cause of the steadfast love and faithfulness of God (Ps. 40:9, 10).

The prospect of giving thanks in the midst of the great congregation is what allows noble intentions to be formed so that life may be lived with meaning and fulfillment. “I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people” (Ps. 116:17, 18).

Spiritual gratitude carries with it the sense of belonging, humility, integrity, and well-being that lends the assembly of the Lord’s people its meaning and power. Thanks and congregation are inseparable.

—Bill McFarland



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

November 17

Bible Study: 266
 Morning: 337
 Evening: 154
 Wednesday (11/20): 263
 Contribution: \$ 8,972



Elder of the Month
 Barney Crawford



Prayer List ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Greg Larimore, Pat Harris, Norman High, Dale Harp, Orvella Blackburn, Truman Coltrane
 ♦ Melinda Barton as she continues her chemo treatments and the side affects that go with it

- ♦ Cecil Lines and his ongoing health concerns.
- ♦ Greg & Scheryl Larimore will leave on 12/22 for Greg's appointment on the 24th at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN
- ♦ Blanton Glenn as he continues to be an inspiration to all of us
- ♦ Jackie Freeze as he continues to improve

Friends & Family

- ♦ Becky Marsolf's mom, Mary Jones, continues to decline
- ♦ Tim & Becky's little 2-yr. old granddaughter in New Orleans has c-diff, a bacterial infection in the colon; she is on an antibiotic; still running more tests
- ♦ Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, is now home
- ♦ Continue to remember Amber Sardeson; Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze, who is now with her daughter in TN; Gene Lund's brother, Bill Lund; Jean Evans, Lyle Mishler's sister, who is dealing with cancer; her address is 152 Grand Drive, Apache Junction, AZ 85120

RESPONSES:

Eddie Currier responded last Sunday asking for prayers for sin in his life. Also Elaina Treat responded asking for prayers.

Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to Cindy Enlow and her family (Kirk Tracy's girlfriend) in the recent loss of her mother Betty Smith.

Some people complain because God put thorns on roses, while others praise Him for putting roses among thorns.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

I received a letter from Marilyn Lanpher. She wanted you to know that after November 30th, she will be moving to a similar facility called John Knox Village in Lees Summit, MO. Her address will be: 1720 NW O'Brien, #216G, Lees Summit, MO 64081. Her phone number will be 816-524-5587. I'm sure she would enjoy hearing from each of us.

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 Jobs (girl) (March)
- Brittany Morrison (?) (June)

Glenn and Marjorie Logston's phone # is 304-387-4300. The number in the bulletin a couple weeks ago was incorrect.



We love the generosity that has really been an outpouring of true love shown us this year during the period of sickness and hospitalization. We love the Christians at Water Mill. In Christ, Blanton & Betty Glenn

I want to say thank you for all the lovely cards and also for the understanding and expressions of love and concern for me. It helped me more than you will ever know. I feel the power of your prayers and I'm doing much better. In Christian love, Betty Grabber
 I am sending a heartfelt thanks for the beautiful birthday cards and all well wishes for my birthday. You made my day extra special. "Thank You." With Christian love, Betty Holden
 To our church family at Water Mill, We want to thank everyone for your cards and concern for Cecil and I while Cecil has not been feeling well, especially Jerry and Carolyn Young. Thanks for the food we received. We also appreciate all the prayers offered on our behalf in the past and now. Please continue to pray for us. Thank you in His Name. Cecil and Mary Charlotte Lines

News & Activities

Men's Retreat

February 28, March 1

Wyndham Resort in Branson

Cost is \$40/person plus food costs. Sign up sheet is on the Information

Desk. Deadline to sign up is December 20 so we will know how many rooms to reserve. See Travis Morrison if you have questions.



December 14

If you can attend, please sign up at the Information Desk.

Upcoming Events

- ☞ Golden Agers meet next Sunday at 4 p.m. in Room 126
- ☞ On Tues. Dec. 3rd at 10 AM, the quilters will again be available to show you how to crochet or knit a Sashay Scarf.
- ☞ December 7 is the devotional/singing at James River Nursing Home at 2 p.m.. All who can are encouraged to attend.
- ☞ Secret Sisters meet December 8 after AM services to reveal and draw names
- ☞ Elders meet December 10 at 1 p.m.
- ☞ Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet December 12 at 10:30 a.m. Ann Thiesen will be the speaker. Potluck lunch will follow. Child care will be provided.
- ☞ Potluck Lunch on December 29th



SPECIAL DEVOTIONAL

Wednesday night we will have a special combined devotional in the auditorium. We hope you will join us if you are in town! If you are traveling, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend with family and friends.

December Anniversaries

- 6 JJ/Ashley Blevins 5 yrs.
- 7 Jackie/Virginia Buck 55 yrs.
- 10 Jim/Ruth Reaves 48 yrs.
- 11 Ryan/Jeanne Friend 3 yrs.
- 20 Andy/Kirsten McFarland 5 yrs.
- 22 Tom/Jammie Davis 19 yrs.
- 28 Eddie/Donna Sanders 56 yrs.
- 30 Barney/Debbie Crawford 41 yrs.
- 31 Eddie/Linda Currier 42 yrs.

Congratulations

The trouble with stretching the truth is that it's apt to snap back.



- 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)
- 12/20 Ugly sweater/white elephant party



Birthdays

- 1 Sheryl Low
- 3 Ashlyn Wuench
- 4 Marsha Bower
- Regina Woods
- 5 Sarah Griffin
- 6 Adam Barton
- Nancy Johnson



THE POWER AND RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

By Dennis R. Smith



We sometimes we hear people say something like "the all powerful God" or "the righteous God" and never understand what makes God powerful and righteous. If this be the case with any of our readers, I invite you to consider the following: *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:16-17).* Notice particularly that the subject matter here is the gospel of Christ which offers salvation to all who believe. Secondly and of equal importance is the fact that the righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel of Christ. The point is this: It is most important to know what the gospel is and how it works to accomplish the will of God. First Corinthians, chapter 15, opens with a description of the Gospel. In short it is saying that it is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Concerning the righteousness of God, need I remind you that the psalmist declared as he identified God *"...all thy commandments are righteousness" (NKJV - Psa. 119:172).* In other words the power of God and the righteousness of God come only from the word of God. The gospel has the power to save for it and it only reveals Christ Jesus, the Saviour of the world, as it also declares what is right and true beyond question for all mankind. Nothing offers us as much!

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

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: Leona Snider
Greeters: Tom & Marti Norrell
Van Driver: AM James Simons/
PM Tucker Jobs
KYB Phone: Verl Duncan/James Simons
Serve
Communion: Van Barnes/William Downing
Randy Blackburn/Kyle Buckner
Brendan Carroll/Aubrey Cobb
Eddie Currier/Adam Barton
Verl Duncan/John Dutton

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer: Tim Stockstill
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Ron Stokes
Communion: Todd/Trevor Kraus
Nursery: Glenda Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, December 1

Song Leader: Watch for Service List this week to
Opening Prayer: see if you are scheduled to serve next
Communion: Sunday!
Closing Prayer:

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
PM Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons
Van Driver: Lance Griter/833-2818

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

AV Linda Barnett/
Room: Bruce Tindall
Open Building Tim Timmons
Secure Building: Justin Reaves/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, November 27
Devotional: Combined
Song Leader: Adam Blaney
Prayer: Dennis Smith
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
849-7678