



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 18, 2015

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#836
#593 (1,3,4)

Opening Prayer
Fred Lorenz

#66
#483

The Lord's Supper
John Dutton

Contribution
John Dutton

#604 (1,3,5)

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#762 (1,4)

Announcements
Barney Crawford

#708

Closing Prayer
Eddie Sanders

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



It Works Like A Body

When the New Testament speaks of how the church works, its favorite illustration is a healthily functioning body. It is a vision of the Lord himself at work: giving life to the body and ruling as its head, setting his redeemed ones in the body as he chooses, and using their various and combined abilities to carry on his ministry in the world.

The image involves a wonderful mixture of the genius of the Lord, the reality of life, and the means of love. He uses this means of accomplishing his work in such a way that the tasks not only get done, but something more happens. As members of his body function, each one realizes he or she is dependent on what the Lord supplies, and that each one needs what all the others do together, and that the body builds itself up in love only when each part is working properly. He is honored, belonging and unity are practiced, and growth occurs—all because the church works like a body.

The note of realism in this arrangement is clear. No member can do everything, and, even if one could, he would not be present indefinitely to do so. Neither is any member incapable of doing anything; in fact, sometimes that function which is less noticeable is actually the most necessary. Nor may there be a member who has no involvement with the body, only an expectation that the rest of the body serve his needs and an aloof evaluation of how well they do so. These would be natural impossibilities.

Each member's functioning like the other members are depending on him is what builds a sense of love within the body. This emphasizes the value of each member of the church. It deepens the realization that while members are different, they are one, and that though they are individuals, they are part of each other. Members learn to care for one another. Eventually, if one member suffers, all suffer together, and if one member is honored, all rejoice together. This kind of loving is the work of the Lord, and there is no short-cut to it.

This would be a good time for all of us to give ourselves to being members of the body of the Lord. Do what you can. Do what you notice needing to be done. Do it with the generosity, zeal, and cheerfulness characteristic of persons working together for the Lord.

—Bill McFarland

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

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

January 11

Bible Study: 158
 Morning: 202
 Evening: 148
 Wednesday (1/14): 202
 Contribution: \$6,148



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Dale Harp, Greg Larimore, Estel Pendergrass, Tom Norrell
- ◆ Tim Timmons will have more tests done to check out a spot on his chest that showed up on the PET scan.
- ◆ Clarence and Ola Jean Feeney are experiencing health issues
- ◆ Jim Reaves is having a hard time dealing with his health issues; I'm sure he would love calls or cards of encouragement.
- ◆ Rachel Lilly is still in a rehab facility in St. Louis until at least the end of the month: The Rehabilitation Institute of St. Louis, 4455 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110, room 204.
- ◆ Shawna Stockdale will have back surgery on January 28.
- ◆ Sherry Sherman remains at Quail Creek
- ◆ Mary Head (Kenna Taylor's mom) continues to have serious health issues
- ◆ Seldon Essex received some good news about his back but continues to have serious issues. Cards of encouragement to him would probably be appreciated: 5428 E. State Hwy. C, Springfield, MO 65803.
- ◆ Bob Snider's surgery has been postponed for now.
- ◆ Shelia Hansen his recovering from surgery

Friends & Family

- Jerry Milligan's aunt, Wilma Ferrell, is in very poor health
- Carolyn Young's sister, Nita along with her husband George, are back at home
- Jon Ewing's brother, Mike Ewing

Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams
 Shirley Bartlett
 Doris Burch
 Eula Compton
 Fern Davis
 Thelma Fain
 Ella Mae Findlay
 Chloe Gaddis
 Mary Head
 Doris Iorg
 Sherry Sherman
 Doris Tobler
 Judy Todd
 Pat Woods



Expectant Moms

Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February
 Sara Keener/girl/March
 Leah Prewitt/boy/March

Clay and Sharon Joseph

In case you were not at church Wednesday night, Clay and their sons Monty and Morey were here and Monty brought us up to date on the things that are going on with their family. If Sharon continues to hold her own, she will be released by her doctor here on Saturday and will be transported to Nashville where she will be in a skilled nursing facility for 90 days while taking the medication to try to strengthen her heart. If it works, her heart should be at the capacity it was a few months ago. Clay will be moving to an assisted living facility near where Mark and Lori live. Their grandson Caleb and his wife (and soon-to-be great grandson) and granddaughter Carly and her husband also live close by. Sharon will be at a facility about 8 minutes from Clay. Clay's new address is The Hearth at Franklin, 1035 Fulton Greer Lane, Unit 106, Franklin, TN 37064. Clay's cell phone is 417-838-4790 and Sharon's is 417-838-0891. More will be said about this today.



Please extend a warm welcome to the following families who have made known their desire to work and worship with us at Water Mill.

Laurie Atwood, 3331-B Southern Hills Blvd., 65804/916-664-6831

Barry, Cindy and Bryan Hannah, 5626 East Farm Road 138, 65809
 417-866-1268/ blhannah@mchsi.com

We rejoice with Isaac Fondono who made the decision to put on Christ in baptism Tuesday afternoon. Please offer your encouragement to Isaac and welcome his family, Amber, Aiden, Ian and Chloe. Their address is 1079 S. Strasbourg Ave., 65802 / 417-365-1324 (Amber's cell)

News & Activities

Upcoming Events

- Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. weather permitting.
- **FEBRUARY 15 WILL BE THE AREAWIDE YOUTH NIGHT AT WATER MILL.** Watch for more information.
- Next book club meeting will be Monday, March 9th. We are reading books by Melanie Dickerson

We are in need of a male teacher for the 5th grade Wednesday evening class. If you are interested in helping with this work please see Tom Davis.



Birthdays

18 William Morrison
19 Jim Elliff
20 Betty Grabber
Jacob Skibo
21 Pat Blackburn
Estel Pendergrass
23 Jerry Milligan



Watch for exciting information about our Ladies Weekly Bible Study group that will begin soon. Young and old, you will want to make plans to be a part of this group.

The Youth are at YOU in Conway this morning. Keep them in your prayers as they travel home.
January 25/Middle School AWYN at Jackson St. in Willard



The family of **Jim Low** would like to express our deepest gratitude for all the strengthening acts of love, kindness and support during Jim's illness that led to his death. Our family could not have felt more reassured you were by our side throughout the entire process. We love you and will continue to remember the acts of kindness that we were blessed with through all the prayers, visits, calls, and food. Thank you to all brethren at Water Mill church of Christ.

Thank you for all the love you have shown me since I've been sick. Your calls, offers of help, cards and concerns are truly a blessing from God. Best wishes to all of you for good health in the coming year. With Christian love, **Lucile High**

Thank you so much for the phone calls, visits, cards, and especially the prayers. It was a great encouragement to me. with Christian love, **Jim Reaves**

A special thank you for the many prayers for my nephew Scotty. My siser Jo is so thankful. Also thank you to each and every one for my beautiful birthday cards and my sympathy cards. All of you are such a wonderful Christian family that I am so glad to be part of. Love, **Bonnie Cole**



THE LOVE OF GOD

By Dennis R. Smith

When people think of God's love, perhaps the one scripture which comes to their mind is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This is a great passage and is known as the "Golden Text" of the Bible, but there are, of course, other passages which point out the love of God. Jesus said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). With this thought, the Bible student would do well to study carefully the passages that have to do with the death of Christ. These passages can be found in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It is here that God's Great Love is manifested to a lost and dying world. Jesus paid the price for the sins of the world when he became the "Passover Lamb" (1st Cor. 5:7). However, while all of this is true and that "God is not willing that any should perish" (2nd Pet. 3:9), the Bible expresses that the full love of God can only be given to man when man is willing to return his love for God. Read slowly and carefully the following: "He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him" (John 14:21). "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him" (John 14:23). "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). The fullness of God's love then will be given when we love him enough to respond to him and his word.

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
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“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

Nursery: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves
Greeters: Truman & Helen Coltrane
Van Driver: Kevin Wuench/833-6134
KYB: Carol Tovar/Mary Jo Rookstool
Serve Kevin Westerman/Van Barnes
Communion: Jerry Young/Randy Blackburn
 Carl Tindall/Adam Barton
 Chris Wiseman/JJ Blevins
 Aaron Alexander/Tim Bowling

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer: John Mahon
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Dennis Smith
Communion: Jon/Briley Ewing
Nursery: Les Ann Donoho

NEXT WEEK, January 25

AM

PM

Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer:	Paul Lines	Andy McFarland
Communion:	Oran Green	Jon/Briley Ewing
Closing Prayer:	Tom Norrell	John Stayton
Greeters:	Alice Buckner/Coyeatte Ewing	
Van Driver:	AM: James Simons/988-8873 PM: Tucker Jobes/894-0826	
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier	
PM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Meredith Reaves	

MONTH OF JANUARY

AV Scott Barton/
 Room: Bruce Tindall
 Open Tim Timmons
 Building
 Secure Tim Buckner
 Building:

Wednesday, January 21

Devotional: Larry Baggett
Song Leader: Luke Lines
Prayer: Jerry Milligan
Van Driver: Ethan Mather/
 521-8834