



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 25, 2015

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#908
#226 (1,3,4)
#434

Opening Prayer
Paul Lines

#646 (1,2)

The Lord's Supper
Oran Green

#765

Contribution
Oran Green

#638

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#898 (1,2)

Announcements
Barney Crawford

#273 (1,3)

Closing Prayer
Tom Norrell

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



"BLESSED ARE THE EYES THAT SEE WHAT YOU SEE!"

It happened at one of the high points in the Lord's ministry. Those to whom he had given authority over all the power of the enemy had returned with joyful reports of the success of what they had been doing in his name (Lk. 10:17). This had caused Jesus to rejoice in the Holy Spirit, and to thank the Father who is Lord of heaven and earth for what he saw occurring (v. 21). But notice this next detail: *"Then turning to the disciples he said privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it'"* (v. 23-24).

Why did the Lord feel the need to make this point to his friends at such a moment? One possibility is that he knew they might not have recognized the significance of what was happening. The report of the seventy had caused Jesus to say, "I saw Satan fall like the lightning from heaven" (v. 17). The inroads which had been made into the enemy's territory were hints of what would be completed when he, through his death and resurrection, would invade the strong man's house and took away his power (Lk. 11:21-22).

Another possibility is that Jesus understood the human tendency to take for granted that with which we have grown familiar, and that he was not willing for his friends to fall victim to that habit by overlooking the tremendous value of the blessing they were experiencing. This is an important line of thought in the New Testament, and it is a lesson we still need, perhaps even more urgently than they did.

Those who stood there with Jesus were being privileged to see the fulfillment of promises many great people of faith had greeted from afar, but had died without receiving (Heb. 11:13). The courageous prophets who even spoke of the grace they were seeing had searched and inquired diligently of its time and the subsequent glories (1 Pet. 10-11). Things into which angels long to look were being revealed (1 Pet. 1:12). Truly, eyes that are granted the opportunity to see such things are blessed!

Think of what that means to us. We enjoy the privilege of looking into the mystery of the eternal God which was kept secret for long ages, but is now disclosed wherever the gospel is taught (Rom. 16:25-27). No response fits such a blessing except the joyful and grateful obedience of faith, celebrated forevermore.

--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 18

Bible Study:	228
Morning:	309
Evening:	190
Wednesday (1/21):	196
Contribution:	\$10,910



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Dale Harp, Greg Larimore, Estel Pendergrass, Tom Norrell
- ◆ Tim Timmons report from the doctor this week was good. They will remove the valves that were put in after the last surgery for drainage on Tuesday
- ◆ Fred Lorenz will have 2 more stents put in this week
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Amanda Lilly (Rachel's twin sister) had 2 MRIs last week; she has an enlarged pituitary gland; she will meet with Rachel's neurosurgeon this week to find out what this all means.
- ◆ Russell's follow-up scans from his past cancer were stable with no change
- ◆ Shawna Stockdale will have back surgery on Wednesday.
- ◆ Sherry Sherman is now at Gene and Ruth Lund's home. It was good to see her at church Wednesday night
- ◆ Mary Head (Kenna Taylor's mom) is feeling better
- ◆ 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.

Friends & Family

- Continue to remember Jerry Milligan's aunt, Wilma Ferrell; Carolyn Young's sister, Nita along with her husband George, and Jon Ewing's brother, Mike

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

Clay Joseph

1035 Fulton Greer Lane Unit 106
Franklin, TN 37064
417-838-4790 (c)

Sharon Joseph

900 Heritage Way Room S1243
Brentwood, TN 37027
417-838-0891 (c)

Continue to keep Clay and Sharon in your prayers. Sharon is very weak but her blood pressure and heart rate remain at a level where she can continue to take the medication to strengthen her heart.



The phone number in last week's bulletin for Laurie Atwood was incorrect. It should be 417-664-6831.

Bro. Dennis will begin a new class in the auditorium today entitled "Examining More Closely Hebrews, Chapter 11." If you are not presently attending a class, this would be a good time to get started!

Thank you! Thank you all for the beautiful poinsettia plant, gifts, cards and goodies that helped make our holiday special. It means so much to know people care and you aren't forgotten. We appreciate all of the kindness and the wonderful visits with the church family in our home and by telephone. I received the new church directory and all the names so I can know where to send your cards. Thank you also for your kind words of sympathy at the death of Clyde's sister. In Christian love, Clyde & Doris Iorg

Mary Head is feeling better and wants to thank you for all the prayers on her behalf.

News & Activities

Upcoming Events

- [James River Nursing Home](#) Devo Saturday at 2 p.m.
- [Golden Agers](#) meet next Sunday at 4 p.m.
- [Quilters](#) meet February 3 at 10 a.m.
- [Elders](#) meet February 10 at 1 p.m.
- **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

25 Lora Luna
25 Sherry Sherman
27 Dane Stipp
28 Bill Culley
29 Illene Birdsong
29 Tim Marsolf
30 Abigail Thornton
31 Pat Culley



TONIGHT IS THE Middle School AWYN at Jackson St. in Willard. SEE ADAM THIS MORNING IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.



SINGING NIGHT has been moved to the 2nd Sunday night of the month (February 8 at 4:30)

February

2 Shaneice Alton
2 Chace Eaves
2 Don Gaunt
3 Amyjah Nichols
4 Helen Coltrane
4 Rosalie Cruse
5 Pamela Forrester
5 Todd Kraus
5 Luke Lines
6 James Simons
7 Denzil Raines
7 Yvonne Tindall

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, it's almost here. Beginning Thursday, February 12, at 10:30 a.m. we will begin a

Ladies Weekly Bible Study Group using the book "Beyond The Masquerade" as our guide. If you did not receive a flyer this morning with all the details, be sure to pick one up at the Information

Desk. Books are available in the office for you to purchase for \$10. COME JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING STUDY!!



GOD WORKS ALL TO OUR GOOD

By Dennis R. Smith

In a world of sickness, sorrow, heartache and even sin, sometimes we are made to wonder just where is God. But my friends, let us put that thought completely out of our mind because God is where he always has been and where he always will be and that is to give love and comfort to his beloved people. Having said that, please read the following slowly and thoughtfully. "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are **the** called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28, NKJV). Did you notice that the article "the" was printed in bold face and underlined? This is not true in a number of translations. In fact, it is not there at all. Maybe this is a small matter and with referencing other kindred passages it probably doesn't matter. However, we need to understand that "many are called, but few are chosen" (Matt. 20:16). In other words, "God is not willing that any should perish" (2nd Pet. 3:9). Therefore, the gospel message was designed that those who hear the message and respond to the message - will be chosen by God. When this happens, those who have responded and live faithfully thereafter become recipients of God's promises. They have become "the called" of God and are worthy of this beautiful promise - - even in this life. You see, God has promises to all, but not all will respond to his promises. In like manner, not everyone has the promise in Romans 8:28 unless they have become one of "the called" of God. Think this out!

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
 Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission
 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

Nursery: Linda Currier
Greeters: Alice Buckner/Coyeatte Ewing
Van Driver: AM: James Simons/988-8873
 PM: Tucker Jobes/894-0826
KYB: Jerry & Pat Milligan
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: Andy McFarland
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: John Stayton
Communion: Jon/Briley Ewing
Nursery: Donna Jordan/M. Reaves

NEXT WEEK, February 1

AM

PM

Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	Ron Stokes	Aaron Alexander
Communion:	Dale Gregory	Jack Lynch/J. Mahon
Closing Prayer:	Adam Barton	Jason Luna
Greeters:	Tim & Jan Bowling	
Van Driver:	Jon Davis/864-9872	
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	

MONTH OF JANUARY

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

Wednesday, January 28

Devotional: Scott Barton
Song Leader: Luke Lines
Prayer: Matt Keener
Van Driver: Jason Luna/
 838-7152