



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 22, 2015

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#304
"Father God"

Opening Prayer
Jerry Milligan

#442
#217

The Lord's Supper
Gene Lund

#853

Contribution
Gene Lund

#619

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#122

Announcements
Jerry Young

#537 (3)

Closing Prayer
Barry Hannah

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



How To Start A Joyful Prayer List

(reprint from 8/29/10 bulletin)

We know what it is like to have a list of problems to pray over. I have my own. Every week in our bulletin we include such a list, and often in our assembly announcements are made that add to it. This is as it should be, for Scripture teaches us both to leave our cares in the mighty hand of God and to intercede for one another.

Another kind of prayer list, however, may be observed in Paul's letter to the saints at Philippi. At 1:3-4 he mentions *that* it was his practice to pray for these brothers and sisters of his in the Lord. At the end of verse 4 he describes *how* he prayed for them: every prayer was always made with joy. His gratitude for their partnership in the gospel and his confidence in what the Lord would continue to do in them made in so. But in verses 9-11 the apostle states quite specifically *what* his prayer for them was.

What is a prayer list of joy like? Here is the example we have from the beloved apostle: "*And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God*" (Philippians 1:9-11, ESV).

His example deserves some examination. Notice that his prayer is not as much a list of requests as it is a line of thought. It is not so much a "first I ask this and then this and then this" kind of prayer as it is an "I ask this so that it might progress to this and then to this" kind of prayer. It is a prayer that expresses an overall view of what a godly person would rejoice to see happening among a group of God's people.

Consider the development that is envisioned in the prayer. It begins with the love among the people of God and ends with the glory of God himself. In his joy, the apostle prays that there may be in the church an increasing love which is informed by wisdom. He prays that love like that will enable them to take pleasure in what pleases God and blesses people and therefore elevates themselves as individuals. He prays that this kind of character will express itself in pure and blameless live which are ready for anything and full of good fruit. He prays that such a people will be a source of praise and glory to the God who made them that way – and he rejoices over the very thought that such a thing is happening!

Let's keep our prayer list of the problems that need to be prayed over, and make good use of it. May we not forget, though, our prayers of joy. Remember, we move in the direction of what we would most like to see happen.

–Bill McFarland

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

Prayer List & Notes

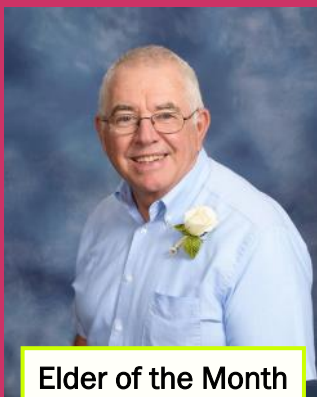
Welcome Visitors

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

March 15

Bible Study:	254
Morning:	336
Evening:	201
Wednesday (3/18):	188
Contribution:	\$ 9,395



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young



Prayer List

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Mary Head, Dale Harp, Shawna Stockdale, Rachel Lilly, Donna Sanders, Bonnie Cole
- ◆ Sherry Sherman had a defibrillator implanted last Friday
- ◆ Thelma Pendergrass is at the Manor at Elfindale in room 710.
- ◆ Cecil Lines had oral surgery Wednesday; keep him in your prayers as his health has been failing the last few months
- ◆ Danielle Horton as she deals with heart problems and pregnancy.
- ◆ Betty Stockstill is doing better; MRI showed a bad back with disc problems; Bob is having knee problems.
- ◆ Continue to remember Clay and Sharon in your prayers and send cards as often as you can. Sharon is now at the apartment with Clay.

Friends & Family

- ◆ Bill and Pat Culley's daughter, Valerie Larson, who is dealing with breast cancer; cards could be sent c/o Bill and Pat
- ◆ Denzil & Ruth Raines' granddaughter, Maranda Henry, who lives in Wisconsin is having some health problems and may have lupus.
- ◆ Brendan Carroll's mother, Connie, is recovering from surgery for a brain tumor; she is doing well but will have a long recovery
- ◆ Norma Lorenz's niece, Debbie, is in a medically induced come and on life support after a heart attack
- ◆ Jon Ewing's brother, Mike, is with his mom. Joan Ewing. Please keep Mike and Joan in your prayers.
- ◆ Anita Cobb's sister, Madena Lakey, is in a nursing home in West Plains. Cards of encouragement can be sent to her at Brookhaven Health Care, 1410 Kentucky Avenue, West Plains, MO 65775.
- ◆ Carolyn Young's sister Nita as she deals with her health issues as well as a broken arm
- ◆ Continue to remember Betty Grabber's niece, Linda Holly; Gaitha's mother-in-law, Joyce Harmon, who is dealing with breast cancer; Norman High's half-brother, Lynn High, who has colon cancer

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
Cecil Lines
Sandra Pengenot
Sherry Sherman
Nancy Snider
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods



Expectant Mom

Danielle Horton

SYMPATHY



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Thelma Pendergrass, Kay McFarland and the rest of the family of Estel Pendergrass, who passed away last Tuesday. Funeral services were held on Saturday.

Thank you for all your acts of concern and caring during my ongoing illness. It means a lot to me. In Christian love, Dale Harp

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers, flowers, calls, food and all other acts of concern shown to us over the last few weeks as we have been dealing with my illness as well as Bob's bad knee. It has truly been an encouragement for me. We hope to be back to church soon. Love you all, Betty Stockstill

Words cannot express how thankful I am for each member. Thank you so much for the phone calls, visits, and the beautiful cards, but most of all your prayers. The food has been wonderful. Thank you to those who prepared it for us. I'm doing better and hope to see you soon. In His Shadow, Donna Sanders



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



THANK YOU SO MUCH! YOU DID A GREAT JOB HELPING TO RESTOCK THE PANTRY. We can still use the following items: Canned Meals Jelly Canned Fruit Place items in the can in the fellowship room. Thanks.

News & Activities

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 29 - 5th Sunday Contribution
- LTC Convention April 3-4
- April 25 LADIES DAY
- Next book club meeting May 11th



On Tuesday, April 7 and 21, at 10 a.m. the ladies will be working on cancer caps. They really need your help. If you can cut, sew, iron, etc. and can spare a couple of hours, your help would be greatly appreciated.



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

"Beyond The Masquerade"
 Each Thursday at 10:30 a.m.
 March 26—*"Sidestepping the People-Pleasing Trap"* - Karen Ashcraft
COME JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING STUDY!!



Friday Night—6 to 9 p.m.
 Sign-up at the Information Desk



YOUTH NIGHT AT FORDLAND TONIGHT!!



Sunday, March 29
30 yrs. of service

A Day of Celebration as we honor Bill and Kay for 30 years of service with the North National/Water Mill congregation. Rob McFarland will preach Sunday morning followed by a potluck lunch. Meet and greet after lunch and then meet back in the auditorium at 1 p.m. for a reflection over the past 30 years. We will conclude with our evening service at 1:30 p.m. We hope you will make plans to join us for this celebration.

Team 2 will be responsible for working. Please let Jill or Travis know if you are unable to work.

Keener, Crawford, Carroll, Wilson, Buck, Blaney, Cobb, Marsolf Families, Megan Glenn



SPRING LADIES DAY

April 25 10 a.m.—1 p.m.
 "God's Love Is International"

Sign-up sheets are on the Information Desk.
 For more information see Lora Luna, Gaitha Downing, Megan Jobses or Lisa Stayton

Area Events
 See the bulletin board for flyers for all of the area events over the next few weeks.



Birthdays

29 Tom Davis
 Oran Green
 30 Mary Bratcher
 Glenda Thurlkill
 4/1 Jack Lynch
 Jacob Thornton
 2 Sara Keener
 3 Christy Young
 4 Kay Adams
 Brian Carroll



THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

By Dennis R. Smith

In the Revelation, chapter 14 and verse six, we find the following scripture: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of the heaven, having the *EVERLASTING GOSPEL* to preach unto them that dwell on the earth and to every tongue, and people." This verse tells us that the gospel of Christ is that which not only will stagger the "beast" of the Revelation but will also eventually cause it to fall. Regardless of the opinions as to what and who this beast is, one would have to be impressed with the manner in which he is defeated - which is by the *EVERLASTING GOSPEL*. There are those who want this passage to read, "the everlasting gospel being preached first at the destruction of the beast." However, the everlasting gospel is the same as the ancient gospel which was first preached at Jerusalem by the Lord's disciples (Luke 24:47). The astonishing thing about the gospel is that it had the power to remit sins in its beginning and it will have power to defeat the forces of Satan in all time including the final age. Is there any wonder why the Apostle Paul could say to the Roman church that this gospel has "the power of God to save" (Rom. 1:16). Today many have left the ancient plea for salvation; they have left the principles of right and wrong; they have become lost in a world of pleasure and materialism and as such they have no time for the ancient gospel or the *EVERLASTING GOSPEL*. Things come - things go - but not the gospel of Jesus Christ!

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: Carolyn Smith/Johnnie Elliff
Van Driver: Kevin Wuench/833-6134
KYB: Van & Barbara Barnes
Serve Don Gaunt/Dale Gregory
Communion: Byrle Hayter/John Hulett
 Dewayne Jackson/Tucker Jobses
 Brian Carroll/Matt Keener
 Trevor Kraus/Fred Lorenz

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jon Davis
Opening Prayer: Brendan Carroll
Lesson: Bill/Dennis/Adam
Closing Prayer: Barney Crawford
Communion: T. Morrison/J. Simons
Nursery: Donna Jordan/M. Reaves

NEXT WEEK, March 29

AM

PM

Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
Opening Prayer:	David Kern	Eddie Currier
Communion:	John Mahon	T. Morrison/J. Simons
Closing Prayer:	John Stayton	Tom Davis
Greeters:	Fred & Norma Lorenz	
Van Driver:	AM: James Simons/988-8873	PM: T. Jobses/894-0826

MONTH OF MARCH

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

Wednesday, March 25

Devotional: Tim Stockstill
Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Prayer: Aaron Alexander
Van Driver: Charles Crum/
 840-2632