



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 6, 2015

## Order of Worship

*Song Leader*  
Jon Ewing

#839  
#138  
#435

*Opening Prayer*  
Adam Blaney

#726

*The Lord's Supper*  
Todd Kraus

*Contribution*  
Todd Kraus

#822  
#237

*Lesson*  
Bill McFarland

#722

*Announcements*  
Jerry Young

#277

*Closing Prayer*  
JJ Blevins

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



## Planting and Watering

A dear friend told a story to me about her near fatal fight with respiratory failure. While in the hospital, a group of young people from the local Church of Christ stopped by and sang a few spiritual songs to brighten her day, though they had never met.

In Isaiah 55:10, 11, the prophet made a very interesting statement about the power of God's Word. He said, "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it to bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Summarized, when God's Word goes out (from someone reading, from someone preaching, through living a life of faithfulness, or from each of us through different and various media), it always accomplishes something. "...It will not return to Me void" - i.e. it will not get back to God having been wasted. The lesson for us might be applied in the words and example of the apostle Paul, a passage which we read this past week in our daily Bible reading. Concerning his preaching at the city of Corinth, he said: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6).

We are a people so often concerned with the *results* – i.e. what do we receive from a given action or process? Paul was concerned with the *process itself*– the results were someone else's job – God's. Paul surely recognized the principle of what God, through Isaiah, was trying to convey. As long as the Word is being sent out to people, it is going to accomplish something. We don't always see what it does, for we are only planting or watering. But surely there will be a time, if it is in God's will, that He will give increase.

So then, what should we do? We should continue, with all of our effort, to do all the planting and watering we can. Everything from opening God's Word to teach someone, to taking a pot of beans to the neighbor who has had surgery, to caring for those in the hospitals, to feeding the homeless, etc... – all are efforts to allow the Word of God to go forth, both in word and in service and example.

Nearly two decades later, my friend recounted, "I remember when I was in the hospital, and kids from the church came and sang to me. It meant so much to me to see them care." She is faithful Christian today. Case in point - God's Word "shall not return to [Him] void."

- Adam Blaney

## Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

# Prayer List & Notes

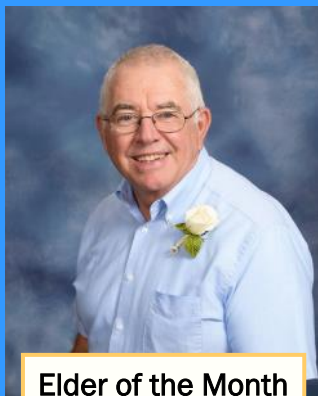
## Welcome Visitors

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

August 30

Bible Study:	227
Morning:	370
Evening:	228
Wednesday (9/2):	215
Contribution:	\$18,066



Elder of the Month  
Jerry Young

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Thelma Fain, Thelma Pendergrass, Shirlane Horton, Brian Horton, Jackie Buck
- ◆ Marsha Bower as she continues her recovery from a stroke
- ◆ Dale Harp with his ongoing serious health issues; it was good to see him at church last Sunday
- ◆ Tim Timmons has completed his treatments; still trying to regain his strength
- ◆ Bill Culley will have surgery in St. Louis on the 16th.
- ◆ Jerry Gillespie and his ongoing health condition; remember Lanae as she is the caregiver for both Jerry and her dad.

### Friends & Family

- ◆ Greg Larimore's dad, Clarence, had surgery last week for advanced bladder cancer
- ◆ Betty Grabber's niece, Linda Holley, has health problems
- ◆ Jeff Fisher's grandpa, William Wood, is now with Jeff's mom in Marshfield
- ◆ Leah Freeze's mom, Glynda Gardner, as she deals with cancer.
- ◆ Pauline Redmon, Bill's mom remains in the rehab facility; cards can be sent to 765 Highway 201 N, Apt. 16, Mountain Home, AR 72653.
- ◆ Ann Nichols is recovering from knee replacement surgery
- ◆ Tucker Jobes' brother, Taylor, as he deals with leukemia
- ◆ Bonnie Cole's sister, Linda Ward; Ruth Reaves' brother, Jimmie Hocker; Bill and Pat Culley's daughter, Valerie Larson; and Joyce Harmon, Gaitha's mother-in-law, as they all deal with cancer
- ◆ Lance Griter's Aunt DeeAnn remains in Mercy Hospital but is getting better slowly; continue to remember Lance and Teresa as they are now caring for Lance's grandpa.

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Prayer Request: Brent Looney responded Sunday asking for prayers.

### Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams  
Shirley Bartlett  
Doris Burch  
Eula Compton  
Fern Davis  
Thelma Fain  
Ella Mae Findlay  
Ann Freeze  
Chloe Gaddis  
Doris Iorg  
Thelma Pendergrass  
Sandra Pengenot  
Nancy Snider  
Doris Tobler  
Judy Todd



### Expectant Mom

Danielle Horton/  
Nov./Boy



Please extend a warm welcome to the **Springer Family** as they have made known their desire to work and worship with us at Water Mill. **Patrick, Brittany and Baby Henry** live at 2654 E. Portland, 65804, telephone 417-631-2005.

Welcome to Water Mill!



Congratulations to **Kirk and Cindy Tracy** who were married August 29.

They live at 2200 W. High Street, 65803, 417-380-8998.



SUNDAY BUS DRIVERS NEEDED! SEE JASON LUNA IF YOU CAN HELP.

### FAIR HAVEN'S ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

SEPTEMBER 19 AT 10 AM

See letter on Bulletin Board for more information!

I am still collecting your used toner cartridges which I turn in to Staples for \$2 each. Thanks for helping pay for our supplies! (Johnnie)

*Thank you!*

Thank you so much for the prayers, get well and birthday cards. I love you all, In Christ, **Tim Timmons**

I want to thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, cards. I'm not healed yet but I am healing. Thank you again. Love, **Sandra Pengenot**

# News & Activities

## Ladies Events

### Ladies Breakfast

September 12 at **8 a.m.**

Served by our Elders

Don't miss it! Sign up at the Information Desk today so we will have a number for the caterer.

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

#### **KEEPING YOUR BALANCE**

*New study begins Thursday!*

*Each Thursday at 10:30*

*Sept. 10 - "Beyond the Rat Race" - Linda Currier*

*Now would be a great time to get involved!!*

## Women's Retreat

### FALL LADIES RETREAT

God Made YOU (Psalm 139:14)

November 13-14 at the church building (details to follow)

Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk!

### LTC BIBLE QUIZ

*There is a signup sheet on the Information Desk for those interested in participating in Bible Quiz. Practice will begin soon. Students in Grades 3 and above are eligible.*



◆ 18-20 RUSH at Freed Hardeman

◆ 20 Youth Night at Mt. Vernon

◆ 26 - EITHER Thrift Haven Work day OR Show-Me Christ in Ozark.

◆ 11/7 - Harding Football Tailgate fellowship with AWY.



### *Danielle and Brian Horton*

will be honored with a baby shower on September 20 beginning at 2

p.m. in the fellowship room.

*They are expecting a boy* and are registered at Babies-R-Us and Target.

\* **Elders meet Tuesday at 5 p.m.**

\* **14th— Book Club Meeting**

\* **10/3 Men's Breakfast**

\* **10/9-11 Family Camping Trip (Please sign up again as the original sheet was misplaced)**

\* **10/18 Elders/Deacons/ Preachers Meeting at 3 p.m.**



### Birthdays

5 Thomas Eilenstein  
14 Leah Freeze  
14 Kyrrah McFarland  
15 Linda Barnett  
15 Eddie Sanders  
17 Susan Crum  
17 Thelma Fain  
19 John Hulett  
19 Katelynn Wilson

## *Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff*

### Elders

Scott Barton	417-234-2679
Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Jon Ewing	417-569-8698
Eddie Sanders	417-833-5712
Bob Snider	417-833-3498
Jerry Young	417-724-0324

### Minister

Bill McFarland	417-833-0110
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### Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney	304-520-9800
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### Deacons

Tim Bowling	Aaron Morrison
Tim Buckner	Travis Morrison
Tom Davis	James Simons
Jim Elliff	John Stayton
Matt Keener	Mike Thurlkill
Russell Lilly	

### Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

### New Addresses

**Snitker Family**  
8589 N. Farm Road 157  
Pleasant Hope 65725

**Shirley Bartlett**  
920 W. Scott, Apt. 346  
Springfield, MO 65802



*If you would be interested in being a part of a Grief Ministry, please sign up on the sheet at the Information Desk.*

### Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study ....9:00 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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Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Tuesday - Friday



## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** Tim & Jan Bowling  
**Van Driver:** Tucker Jobes/894-0826`  
**KYB:** Adam and Sara Stipp  
**Serve** Tim Marsolf/Charles Crum  
**Communion:** Kyle Mahon/Brock Snitker  
 Adam Stipp/Jerry Stockdale  
 Ron Stokes/Tyler Thornton  
 Luis Tovar/Kevin Westerman

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jon Davis  
**Opening Prayer:** Russell Lilly  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Paul Lines  
**Communion:** Tim Buckner/V. Barnes

### NEXT WEEK, September 13

**AM**

**PM**

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Tom Davis	Andy McFarland
<b>Communion:</b>	Fred Lorenz	John Dutton/V. Barnes
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	John Dutton	Jack Lynch

**Greeters:** Brendan & Jenny Carroll  
**Van Driver:** Jon Davis/864-9872

### MONTH OF September

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

### Wednesday, September 9

<b>Song Leader</b>	Travis Morrison
<b>Devotional</b>	JJ Blevins
<b>Prayer</b>	Eddie Sanders
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Travis Morrison/ 343-7451