



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

WELCOMING, SERVING AND GROWING IN JESUS

September 10, 2023

Order of Services

Greeting

Adam Barton

Song Leader

Elijah Morrison

#404

#48 (1,2)

Prayer

Gene Kenyon

"Living Hope"

#201

Lord's Supper

Dustin Stokes

#638 (1,3)

Contribution

Jeff Mahon

"Firm Foundation"

Message

Bill McFarland

#40

Prayer

Scott Barton

#453 (1,3)

Serve Communion

Aaron Loomis	Michael Greenstreet
Aaron Schwartz	David White
Jason Luna	Ron Stokes
Gaylen Jones	Larry Ozburn
Braden Keener	Tucker Jobs

WHEN RIGHT BECOMES WRONG

(via January 6, 2019 Bulletin)

If you have grown up in an active religious world, chances are that you have heard this expression many times. Mostly it was used when we questioned some plan, statement or philosophy which had rapidly sprung up and had interrupted or even threatened our manner of life. It was and still is in some circles used quite often whether or not it was brought on by some earthshaking event or circumstance. But today, we need to be asking ourselves this question as we see so many rapid changes which are bombarding our faith as well as our consciences. All of a sudden, at least measured by the hundreds of years of proven practices, the world has decided that what used to work - what used to create contentment - what used to bring on happiness and to some degree financial success - no longer is workable if not illegal. Is it possible for something to so alter the mind that people are led into thinking that the RIGHT THING is the WRONG THING and that the WRONG THING is the RIGHT THING? The prophet, Isaiah, spoke of such in the long ago and even pronounced his woes against such thinking: "*Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter*" (Isaiah 5:20).

If there is any comfort which might still be available to us, it is that movements to change the normal have always been launched to alter and even eradicate all our connections with the faith "*once delivered to the saints*" (Jude 3). In spite of such efforts the promise made by Jesus himself still proves to be true. "*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away*" (Matt. 24:35). Jesus also promised, "*I am with you always, even unto the end of the world*" (Matt. 28:20). The wise man of today would still do well to build his house on the Rock of Jesus Christ and Him crucified (Luke 6:48-49).

Having said these things, surely faithful Christians must be disturbed because they have been encroached on the long standing principles and policies which have successfully guided their lives in the past. As disturbing as they are, we must realize that we cannot violate the very standards which have proved themselves to be the best choice for mankind.

It bothers many of us who have seen the very basic principles of godly living being challenged. It also bothers many of us as we hear of "militant" groups who, in the name of Christianity, are actually arming themselves and participating in military type maneuvers in readiness for a "warfare" against the enemies of God. Do people actually believe that God, who brought this world into existence, who demonstrated His mighty power in the destruction of the world in the days of Noah and who struck down the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, must have "help" in physically destroying those who are against Him? God forbid!

Dennis R. Smith
(1929 - 2023)

Our New Bible Classes

SUNDAY

- Justin is leading a new class '**Sacred Marriage**'.
- Josh is teaching the Pathways Class, '**The Greater Story**'.
- The elders are teaching the Teens; this week is Travis Morrison on '**Enoch**'.
- The elders are teaching new classes in the Auditorium each month in the Fall, beginning with Jon Ewing, '**Oh How I Love Your Law!**'

WEDNESDAY

- '**Prayer**' - Ruth Lund - room #118 (women)
 - '**Torah in a Year**' - Travis Morrison - room #117/119
 - '**Single, Dating, Engaged, Married**' - Justin Hatfield - room #120
 - '**What Jesus Said About Living**' - Bill McFarland - room #126
 - '**Lord Increase Our Faith**' - Brian York - room #129
 - '**Judges**' - Gena Ussery - room #130 (women)
 - '**Pursuit of Manliness**' - Gene Kenyon - Fellowship Room (men)
- There will no devotional or class in the auditorium.



We extend our sympathy to the following families:

Jim McDonald in the loss of his wife Hazel, who passed away last week. Her funeral service was Saturday at the Shady Acres Church of Christ in Sikeston, MO.

Norma Lorenz in the sudden loss of her brother, Al Penny, who passed away Tuesday.

Visitation for Dennis Smith is today from 2 to 4 pm at Greenlawn East. Funeral service is Monday at 10 am at Greenlawn East.

THIS WEEK:

- * **Tonight:** Service at 5 pm **Ice cream will be served after service.**
- * **Tuesday:** "Rooted" meets at 6:00 am.
- * **Thursday:** Ladies Bible Class will meet at 10:30 am. Linda Currier's lesson will be on Samson. Quilters meet at 9:00 and Card Makers at 9:30.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 17 Susan Crum
- 19 John Hulett
Susie Cox
- 21 Mark Friend
Kenneth Bowling
- 23 Jim Reaves



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 29 Paul & Carrie Lines 33 yrs

FAIR HAVEN AUCTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
SEE FLYERS ON THE INFO DESK!!

Payment for LADIES FALL
RETREAT is due TODAY.

September 3, 2023

Bible Study:	207
Morning:	254
Evening:	101
Wednesday (6th)	110

Last Week's Contribution:	\$ 9,745
Weekly Contribution Avg:	\$ 11,605
Weekly Contribution Budget:	\$ 12,717
YTD Contribution:	\$417,773
YTD Budget:	\$457,812

Our financial statement is posted on the bulletin board in the west hallway.

Prayers Please

Byrle Hayter is dealing with some health issues; he has a doctor's appointment Tuesday. **Clarence Feeney** remains in Maranatha Rehab.

Russell Harber continues to decline.

Jo Baggett will begin injections for her pain soon.

Gail White had a good report about the cancer removal from her face.

Julie Alexander will have a couple of procedures this week.

Ben Ely's test were all good. **Yvonne Tindall** is doing well.

Bob & Leona Snider

Fred Lorenz

Jackie Buck

Karen Duncan

Les Horton

Brian & Ronnie Horton

Orvella Blackburn

~Family & Friends~

Jerry Christine (Fay Ely's brother) is back in the hospital. **Charles White**, former minister

Louis Crawford

(Barney's brother)

Leroy Davis

(Jon Davis' dad)

Deb Jackson

(Gail White's daughter in-law)

Dovie Logan

(Sue Aherin's mother)

~Shut-Ins~

Pat Blackburn

Mary Bratcher

Don Essex

Wanda Frost

Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney

Jeanetta Hardy

Doris Iorg

Allen & Carol McCann

Bob & Betty Stockstill

Doris Tobler

~Nursing Home~

Ann Freeze

Wayne Harmon

Betty Holden

Virginia Morgan

Jim Reaves

Yvonne Tindall