



Weekly Newsletter

August 30, 2009

Order of Worship

Welcome

Clay Joseph

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#319 (v. 1,3)

#599 (v. 1,4)

#36 (v. 1,3,4)

Opening Prayer

George Downing

#619 (v. 1,3,4)

Communion

Tim Bowling

Contribution

Tim Bowling

#523 (v. 1,3,4)

#400

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#714 (v. 1,3,5)

Announcements

Clay Joseph

#438 (v. 1,3)

Closing Prayer

John Dutton



THE HONORED HUMBLE

Bill McFarland

Humility has been called “the uniquely Christian virtue.” It’s because one of the basic claims of Jesus’ teaching about how life works, and therefore one of the central convictions of his people, is that those who humble themselves will be exalted. This, of course, directly contradicts the common assumption that the way to get somewhere in life is to promote yourself.

The Gospel of Luke, which we have been reading, is in some ways the Gospel of humility. It not only shows us the Jesus who humbly receives sinners and eats with them, but also the Christ who speaks clearly of how humility behaves. Three scenes in particular illustrate how the honored humble think.

“I will leave the exalting to someone else.” When Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, he couldn’t help but notice how the guests who had been invited strategically sought for themselves the places of honor (Lk. 14:1, 7). They obviously thought they if they were going to make anything of themselves they needed to make themselves the center of attention and admiration by setting themselves above others. The Lord pointed out that such an approach was a recipe for humiliation, but that taking the lowest place and letting someone else exalt you is the way to honor that is real and lasting (Lk. 14:8-11).

“I will wait for repayment at the resurrection of the just.” At that same dinner, Jesus also had some advice for the man who had invited him (Lk. 14:12). It was apparent to the Lord, as he observed the invited guests, that his host was providing the occasion because he thought it might get him somewhere. He had chosen to include people who would be able to do something to exalt him. Jesus advised him instead to extend kindness to those who would never be able to repay it (Lk. 14:12-14). The honored humble can do things with no thought for what they will get out of it because they know the Lord will take care of that.

“I recognize my own dependence upon the mercy of God.” It is not the way of the humble to trust in themselves or to treat others with contempt (Lk. 18:9). Jesus made this point by describing a man who compared himself favorably with other people, and was impressed with his own accomplishments, then contrasting his attitude with that of a man who could do nothing but ask God to be merciful to him, a sinner. This last man, the Lord said, had the kind of spirit which allows one to finally be justified (Lk. 18:10-14).

Let us be people who think like the honored humble. “One’s pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor” (Prov. 29:23). That is how life has always worked. It still is.

Today's Sermons

Morning: The Parable That Explains The Bible

Evening: The Main Thing We Need to Know About Prayer

Prayer List & Announcements

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 23

Bible Study:	264
Morning:	394
Evening:	219
Wednesday:	228
Contribution:	\$ 8,731



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph

In need of our prayers ...

Little Cassie Penner has been in Cox South with whooping cough.

Alice Allen fell last Sunday and broke her foot.

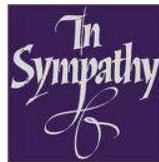
Sarah Cowden continues her recovery from surgery.

Friends & Family:

Norma Bradley's daughter, Sherri, is doing well after having a defibrillator put in last Wednesday.

Bill White's son, David, is recovering from back surgery at Cox South.

Larry Baggett's brother-in-law, Paul Scaggs, is in very serious condition in Tulsa after falling over 8' Thursday.



We extend our sympathy to Gene Creson in the loss of PAT Sunday night. The family will have a private burial for her in Kansas. Memorials can be made to Fair Haven Children's Home in her honor.

We also express our sympathy to the family and friends of JOAN KING, who passed away early Friday morning.

Shut-ins:

Shirley Bartlett
Doris Batzel Iorg
Doris Burch
Fern Davis
Hollie Delo
Lucille Ford
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
John Luallin
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Cora Lee Minnich
Aulsie Moore
Annie Overstreet
Ella Smith
Wilma Spoor
Don/Wanda Starkey
Doris Thomason
Cathy White

Malawi meeting TODAY at 4:30 in Room 130



First class is today
at 2:30 p.m.

Bible School Promotion Day
is next Sunday!

We are in need of a male teacher in the 5th grade classroom on Wednesday evenings. If interested, please see Tom Davis for more information.

Attention Stay-at-home-parents and Homeschoolers:

Let's get together for a playdate next Friday, September 4th, from 10-11 a.m. at Sequiota Park! Bring your friends and don't forget to invite those you know from other congregations!



The Married Couples Retreat at Happy Hollow will be Friday night, **September 25**, and Saturday, **September 26**. We hope you'll make plans to take some time away with your spouse and enjoy the company of other couples here at Watermill. Help us to *encourage one another and build each other up* in love and faith. Be sure to sign up on the sheet at the Welcome desk! If you have any questions, please contact Lora Luna.

Thursday Ladies Class will meet September 10 at 10:30 a.m. Ruth Essex will teach the class on "Musical Instruments and the True Worship of God." Pot luck lunch will follow.



September 20!
Make your plans to
be here.

News & Events

Today is the 5th Sunday!! All contributions will go into the Building Fund to be used for our mortgage payments.

Bridal Shower Charles and Susan Crum are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Megan to John Hollingsworth. The wedding is planned for October 17, 2009. Everyone is invited to a bridal shower for Megan and John on Sunday, September 13, at 2 p.m. in the fellowship room. They are registered at Target, Macy's and Penney's.

Thank you

There are no adequate words to express my love and appreciation to each one of you for the love, prayers and phone calls that flowed from this congregation during the closing days of Pat's life. A special thank you to the Elders, Bill and Dennis for helping to hold this old man together during a very difficult time. Please accept my gratitude without end. All my love to each of you,
Gene Creson

Sometimes God answers our prayers through special people like you. We are still reading the wonderful cards and letters of encouragement you all sent our way. And the offers of help—such a practical way to express your love and concern for our family! How can we ever let you all know how much you lifted our spirits? In Christian love and with much gratitude,
The Tovar Family

Spotlight Family: Brendan, Jenny, Brian & Devin Carroll



The Carroll Family has been with us since November 2008. Brendan is a Social Studies teacher and basketball coach at the Fair Grove High School and Jenny is a stay-at-home mom and homemaker. Brian is 9 and in the 4th grade at Fair Grove, and Devin is 5 and in kindergarten. Brendan and Jenny graduated from York College. We are so happy they chose to be a part of the Water Mill congregation.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

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Bill McFarland	417-833-0110
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Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith	417-866-6918
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Youth Minister

Andrew Morton	417-712-4809
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Matt Keener
Tim Bowling	Russell Lilly
Tim Buckner	Paul Lines
Tom Davis	Jim Meinsen
George Downing	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	Eddie Sanders
Jon Ewing	James Simons
Shannon Haddock	Tim Stockstill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

THOUGHTS FROM DENNIS ...

Golden Messenger for September is available in the foyer.



Shall we GO Green - or - Shall we GROW White?

In the last fifty or so years I have seen our nation move from one “band wagon” to another. Currently, we are being invited to jump on the “Go Green” vehicle. Whoa! Don't get me wrong! I love the thought of green. In fact, the bible has somewhat to say about this vibrant color. “He maketh me to lie down in green pastures” (Psa. 23:2), says the psalmist. Our Lord, prior to feeding the multitude, commanded the people to sit down on the “green grass,” as Mark described a spring-like day in his gospel (Mark 6:39). We need to always be attentive to our needs as well as to try to sustain our natural resources. But, while we are making such efforts for our nation (and the world), are we making the same kind of response (spiritually) to insure that our black sinful lives - some of which may be green with envy - are washed away in the (red) blood of Christ (Rev. 1:5)? Isaiah spoke of such washings: “...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isa. 1:18). The uniform of the day for the redeemed in heaven are “robes made white in the blood of the Lamb” (Rev. 7:13:14). So, shall we GO Green all together, or shall we make time to GROW white as Jesus has commanded?

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

OUR MISSION POINTS

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa

Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands

Jeremiah Akamah, Cameroon, Africa

Voice of Truth International

"The Living Word"
 7:30 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"In Search Of
 The Lord's Way"
 7:00 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"Know Your Bible"
 10:30 A.M. Sundays
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 KSPR-TV



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Jill Morrison/Linda Barnett
 Greeters: Oran & Nadean Green
 Van Driver: Kristy Sivils/838-1836
 KYB Phone: J. Young/Mary J. Rookstool
 Serve: A. Stipp/J. Mahon
 Communion: B. Looney/J. Dutton
 S. Nichols/T. Meeks
 T. Newell/J. Penner
 J. Reaves/T. Kraus

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
 Opening Prayer: Shannon Haddock
 Speaker: Bill McFarland
 Closing Prayer: Wayne Harmon
 Communion: Haddock/Kelley
 Nursery: J. Davis/M. Reaves

NEXT WEEK, September 6

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer:	Glenn Logston	Don Essex
Communion:	Scott Barton	D. Tovar/I. Tovar
Closing Prayer:	Brent Looney	Jason Luna
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Les & Pat Malanowski	
Van Driver:	James Simons/732-5641	

THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Ushers: Scott Nichols/
 Adam Stipp
 AV Room: Matt Keener/
 Terry Loveland
 Secure Building: Paul Lines

Wednesday, September 2

Devotional: Bill McFarland
 Song Leader: John Mahon
 Opening Prayer: James Simons
 Closing Prayer: John Stayton