



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

August 7, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Eddie Sanders

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#500

#299 (1,2,4,5)

Opening Prayer

Tom Easterly

#786 (1.3)

#495

The Lord's Supper

Russell Lilly

Contribution

Russell Lilly

#237

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#291 (1,2,4)

Announcements

Eddie Sanders

#220 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Don Essex

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

ABOUT OUR WORK

I am behind in my thanksgiving. Most likely, I am not the only one. For us, it has been a hot summer, full of activity, and passing quickly. In the world around us, economic uncertainty and political arguments and personal changes have many in an apprehensive mood as they glance toward what is ahead. But it is when we are tired or afraid that the discipline of thanksgiving does its most gracious work upon us. We owe it to God, to each other, and to ourselves.

As I think about it in our case, here are some of the things that strike me first.

Thanks to God for the answers to our prayers. His answers are not always known immediately or publicly, but a look back over this summer will, for many of us, be a reminder that he has blessed us in some wonderful ways.

Thanks to God for you – and thanks to you – who have, without fanfare or even a second thought, continued to give of yourself in teaching, or extending hospitality, or visiting, or serving in any number of other ways. In many cases, just the fact that your presence can be counted on is a blessing to your brothers and sisters, as well as to our guests when we meet.

Thanks to you who have worn yourselves out to make possible one of the weeks of Bible camp we have been involved in this summer. I know that members of our congregation helped do at least four sessions. I am personally grateful to my Green Valley co-workers: Kay, Scott and Melinda, Jon and Coyeatte, Jeremy, and Lora. I was also really proud of the young men and young women from Water Mill who were among our campers.

Thanks to our “Super Saturday” workers who provided a great day for us yesterday. It was a different kind of VBS that had to be done to fit our schedule, and a ton of work went into it. Thanks to everybody who participated in it.

Thanks to those of you who have gone to Joplin – some of you several times – to help that community clean up from the terrible storm. Thanks to Andrew for organizing the trips.

Thanks to our young ladies for the beautiful occasion they provided us recently. It was well done! Thanks especially to Ruth and Don for their generosity, and thanks to Shawna and Ruth Lund and others who worked so hard on it.

Thanks to Van and Barbara, and any others who have helped, for watering and spraying and nursing all our plants through the dry and hot times this summer. Their work and care is appreciated.

Thanks to Daniel and Kyle for planning the ministry training session last Saturday. Thanks also to the brothers who were present for it.

I'm nowhere near the end of my list, but I feel better already. More importantly, I believe God is honored when his people are thanked for what they do because of their faith in him.

– Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: From Saul to Paul: Three Refreshing Aspects of Grace

PM: The Problem of Guilt

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

July 31

Bible Study:	292
Morning:	365
Evening:	221
Wednesday (8/3):	241
Contribution:	\$19,384



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

- ☞ Paul Bratcher is not doing well and Mary has shingles in one of her eyes and is in a lot of pain
- ☞ Pat Milligan is recovering at home from foot surgery; she will have to be off her feet for several weeks
- ☞ Ron Stokes is back in the hospital in Bolivar with an infection
- ☞ Miley Fisher will have outpatient surgery on Friday
- ☞ John Mahon will have back surgery 8/25
- ☞ Continue to remember: Kay Adams who is at Select Speciality Hospital, Room B102; Arilla Buck who is at Magnolia Square and Shirley Bartlett

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Tiffany Meeks' sister, Larrie White, is at Cox South; she is fighting an infection as well as her other problems; they are trying to get her well enough to go to St. Louis
- ◇ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan's double eye surgery was put off again; keep them in your prayers
- ◇ David & Debbie Kern's 20-month old granddaughter, Lydia, broke her leg last week and is in a body cast for 6 weeks
- ◇ Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings; Lanae Gillespie's mother Geneve Treat, and Jay Sardeson's mother, all are dealing with cancer
- ◇ KYB student Patricia Nunley requested our prayers

Sympathy

Funeral services for Dorann Thoreen will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Greenlawn North. Visitation will be Monday evening from 5-7 p.m.

We also extend our sympathy to Matt Keener in the loss of his grandfather, Alfred Skaggs from Rogers, AR last week.



Community Blood Center
"Summer of Fun Blood Drive"
 here at the building
Wednesday, August 17 from
3-7 p.m. Free Cholesterol Screening!
Make your plans to participate.
Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk.



Cards for Kay Adams

Be sure to bring your cards of cheer and encouragement for Kay. We will deliver those to her in the next week or so.



The Green Valley Crew

Long-Term

Shirley Bartlett
 Paul Bratcher
 Doris Burch
 Bonnie Cole
 Lucille/Milton Ford
 Herman Harris
 Marilyn Lanpher
 Jarita Nimmo
 Betty Shaw
 Doris Tobler
 Pat Woods
Military:
 Cody Newman
 Elaine Noe
 Matthew Patterson



Birthdays

15 Bill Chilton
 Becky Marsoff
 Julie Alexander
 Haylee Kelley
 16 Avery Haddock
 17 Jason Trogdon
 18 Paul Bratcher
 Jim Meinsen
 Briley Ewing
 19 Cecil Lines
 JT Stockdale

New Addresses

Wilma Spoor
 Springfield Rehab & Health
 Care Center
 2800 South Fort Street,
 Springfield, MO 65807
 417-882-0035
Tyler & Julie Thornton
 P.O. Box 519
 Marshfield, MO 65706
 Tyler 417-429-6629
 Julie 417-429-6628

Welcome home to Mark Thiesen and his family from Malawi!

If you haven't already done so, be sure to bring the salsa ingredients tonight for Carol Tovar for the Titus 2 Ladies class on Tuesday!

News & Activities

- **VISITATION TEAM 1** will meet **tonight** after service.
- **Golden Agers** meet today at 4
- **Elders** meet Tuesday at 2 p.m.
- A **BABY SHOWER** for Megan (Crum) Hollingsworth and baby Madelyn is scheduled for **August 21**. She is registered at Target and Babies-R-Us.
- Mark your calendar for Saturday, **September 17**—**Fair Haven's Annual Benefit Auction**



- ⇒ **SNAC for tonight has been cancelled**
- ⇒ **Titus 2 Girls meet Tuesday from 10-12; Carol Tovar will be charge**
- ⇒ **Areawide Youth Night at Marshfield has been changed to 8/14**

You are invited to a reception in honor of **Lawrence and Wilma Plaster's 70th Wedding Anniversary** on August 13th from 2-4 p.m. at the Sunset Church of Christ. They request no gifts but cards would be enjoyed.

Due to the Parking Lot Sealing & Striping Thurs, Fri. and Sat., the office will be closed Thursday & Friday. Call Johnnie @861-2623 if you have a need, send an e-mail or call the church and leave a message (will be checking e-mail and voice messages from home).



The Young Ladies of Water Mill who worked so hard and served and entertained so beautifully at the Appreciation Dinner!



A Great Big Thank You to all who made our Elder's, Deacons, Ministers and wives appreciation dinner a Great Success: Our 24 WONDERFUL young ladies of Water Mill, Debbie Crawford, Don Essex, Gail Gaunt, Thresa Hansen, Jeanetta Hardy, Virginia Hayter, Sheryl Low, Ruth Lund, Jim & Debbie Meinsen, Leona Snider, Shawna Stockdale, Lisa Stokes, Linda Tracy, Terri Wilson, Daniel Meinsen & Brian York. Thanks again for an outstanding job. Special thanks to Kay McFarland for helping us put everything away. Love and Blessings, **Ruth Essex**

Thanks for the cards, phone calls and prayers when I had my surgery. A special thanks to Dennis & Carolyn who kept Lucile company at the hospital. It is really good to be part of such a caring church family. With Christian Love, **Norman High**

Your genuine love for Caleb and I has been a comforting blanket of love. We can't thank you enough for all you have done for us: the graduation party, the cards and gifts and now the benevolence help. But most of all, we are thankful for your prayers and fellowship. My prayer is that we can grow in Jesus and be of service to the Lord's church and to each of you for all you have done. God bless you and keep you. **Stacey & Caleb McCurry**



HOW DO YOU TAKE THE LORDS DAY?

By Dennis R. Smith

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet" (Rev. 1:10). These were the words of the Apostle John as he began his writings of the great book of Revelation. I would like for us to notice that these things happened on the Lord's Day. Prior to the establishment of the church (Acts 2) and the ushering in of the Christian era, the Sabbath was the day of worship for the Jews. Since the Lord was risen on the day following the Sabbath (Matt. 28:1, Mark 16:1, Luke 24:1, John 20:1), it was fitting that the followers of Christ use this day as their day of worship. Later in the history of the first century church, the Apostle Paul wrote: *"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross"* (Col. 2:14). It was then the practice of the early church to remember the Lord on His day or the *"first day of the week"* (Acts 20:7, 1st Cor. 16.2) as their appointment for worship. It is to this end that New Testament Christians today refrain from the unscriptural term "Christian Sabbath" using the early worshipers' example of the proper Day of worship - the first day of the week - or - THE LORD'S DAY. As the day of worship was commanded by God in the Old Testament dispensation, He had the right to change it in the New and, thus, giving glory and honor to His Son who purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28).

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
 Voice of Truth International
 Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
 World Christian Broadcasting
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
 Lincoln Church of Christ
 Fair Haven Children's Home

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

"Know Your Bible"
 10:30 A.M. Sundays
 Springfield 33
 KSPR-TV



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Adam & Sara Stipp
Van Driver: Lance Griter/833-2818
KYB Phone: Eddie & Linda Carrier
Serve Jim Meinsen/Scott Nichols
Communion: Jerry Milligan/John Penner
 Travis Morrison/Tom Norrell
 Aaron Morrison/John Stayton
 Steve Prewitt/James Simons

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer: Dale Harp
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Dale Gregory
Communion: D. Tovar/A. Alexander
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, August 14

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer:	Jon Ewing	Clay Joseph
Communion:	Brent Looney	D. Tovar/A. Alexander
Closing Prayer:	Clarence Feeney	Jack Lynch
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Ron & Lisa Stokes	
Van Driver:	Lance Griter/833-2818	

MONTH OF AUGUST

Ushers: Tucker Jobes/
Grant Wheeler
AV Room: Adam Stipp/
Terry Loveland
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, August 10

Devotional: Eddie Carrier
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer: Fred Lorenz
Closing Prayer: Jason Luna
Van Driver: Todd Kraus