



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

May 13, 2012

## Order of Worship

*Welcome*

**Clay Joseph**

*Song Leader*

**Jon Ewing**

#943

#682

*Opening Prayer*

**Fred Lorenz**

#643

#644

*The Lord's Supper*

**Jason Luna**

#975

*Contribution*

**Jason Luna**

#186

*Lesson*

**Bill McFarland**

#213

*Announcements*

**Clay Joseph**

#438

*Closing Prayer*

**Eddie Sanders**

*Elder of the Month*

**Clay Joseph**

## About Our Work

We offer our best wishes today to all who are doing, or have done, the great work that is gathered up under the title "Mom." Remember that long before any occasion was designated for the appreciation of such work, the Lord was requiring that the one doing it be honored and that her efforts be praised. It was his wisdom which said of her:

*Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.*

*She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

*She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.*

*Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:*

*"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."*

*Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*

—Proverbs 31:25-30

You will notice in this description that there is a guiding principle for her life, then an upright character that develops from it, and finally a kind of service occurs that is done best by such a person. Thank the Lord for godly mothers!

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We extend a joyful welcome to Chris and Regina and their family. What a delight it has been to hear them confess Christ and to see them put him on in obedience to the gospel! As their brothers and sisters in the Lord, may we fulfill our role by loving one another earnestly from a pure heart, living for imperishable things according to the living and abiding word of God, and growing up to salvation (1 Peter 1:22-2:3).

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In my Sunday morning class we have just begun a new study on the theme, "Trained by Grace: The Church in Titus." We think this is a particularly important series because it will lead us to think through how the church is expected to deal with that which is lacking within itself, while at the same time effectively encountering outside itself an undisciplined culture. If you are needing to renew your participation in a Bible study, maybe this would be one that would be practical and of interest to you. You are invited.

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Graduations are occurring and school years are ending. We have some outstanding you men and women who are completing some stage of their education this year. We are proud of each one, and we offer our congratulations to them and their families. Please plan to be with us on the evening of the twentieth as we recognize them and celebrate together.

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Be sure to remember Adam and Tabitha and their little ones in your prayers as they are in the process of completing things there and making the move here. As you can imagine, no matter how much a family is anticipating the new work, parting and relocating is not easy. Thanks to all of you who are, in one way or another, helping to get ready for their arrival. It is most important that we work together in prayer now, and that we be ready to work together side by side when they arrive. What a happy day that will be!

—Bill McFarland

## Today's Lessons:

AM: *Elizabeth: A Mother's Story*

PM: *What You Can Expect to Hear When A Culture is in Trouble*

# Prayer List

## 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

May 6

Bible Study:	232
Morning:	330
Evening:	219
Wednesday (5/9):	217
Contribution:	\$ 9,554

- ◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton, Ella Mae Findlay and Paul Bratcher*
- ◆ *Mary Charlotte Lines* is now home from the hospital
- ◆ *Marilyn Lanpher* is now home and doing well
- ◆ *Allen Harmon* is at Manorcare, Room 201
- ◆ *Betty Grabber's* sister, *Hazel Cook*, is having more serious health problems
- ◆ *George Downing's* father has been moved to a care center
- ◆ *Jo Baggett's* mom, *Ann Freeze*, is now at her daughter's home at 41 MacKay Lane, Cookeville, TN 38406.
- ◆ *Bill's* sister-in-law, *Joann McFarland*, has been moved back to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis and is making some progress
- ◆ *Nancy Barnes*, *Van Barnes* and *Chloe Gaddis's* sister-in-law, has been moved to Select Specialty Hospital
- ◆ *Steve Prewitt's* granddad is very seriously ill in the hospital in Joplin
- ◆ *Shawna Stockdale's* sister-in-law, *Jenn Moore*, and her unborn child

## Long Term/Shut-Ins

<i>Kay Adams</i>	<i>Irene Johnson</i>
<i>Alice Allen</i>	<i>Carol Law</i>
<i>Shirley Bartlett</i>	<i>Carol Mahon</i>
<i>Paul Bratcher</i>	<i>Wilma Melton</i>
<i>Doris Burch</i>	<i>Jarita Nimmo</i>
<i>Bonnie Cole</i>	<i>Betty Shaw</i>
<i>Fern Davis</i>	<i>Wilma Spoor</i>
<i>Thelma Fain</i>	<i>Doris Thomason</i>
<i>Lucille Ford</i>	<i>Doris Tobler</i>
<i>Milton Ford</i>	<i>Judy Todd</i>
<i>Doris Iorg</i>	<i>Pat Woods</i>

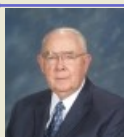
## Expectant Moms

*Megan Jobes/boy/July*  
*Sara Stipp/December*

*Bro. Dennis is beginning a new class in the auditorium today titled "Jesus Christ" starting with his roots and many other related subjects. All are invited to be a part of this class.*



We rejoice with the *Wiseman family as Chris and Regina* made the decision to put on Christ in baptism Thursday evening. Please meet this lovely family if you do not already know them, and give them your support and encouragement as they begin their new family life as Christians. Chris and Regina have 3 children: Caleb, Nathan and Sydney. Their address is 3669 North Oak Point, Springfield, 65803, phone 417-597-4405.



## THE ABUNDANT LIFE

By Dennis R. Smith

That we truly can have an "Abundant Life" while here on earth is promised by the Lord Himself. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The Apostle Paul also makes the same promise: "...godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 4:8). While many are seeking and searching for the Abundant Life in such things as fame and fortune, the discovery of such begins with finding the real and right priority. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). Some things involved in putting God first are these: Realize that God cannot be found outside the teachings of scripture. Again, Jesus said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). The scriptures and they only constitute the truth about God and His promises. No doubt this is why Jesus spoke the following: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). A simple formula for the Abundant Life is this: Obedience to God; living for God; walking with God; being a servant of God and depending on the Promises of God until we finish our time here on earth. The Abundant Life here will be rewarded with Eternal Life there - meaning heaven!

- ◆ Book Club Meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. here at the building
- ◆ Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. to work on cancer caps
- ◆ Saturday is WORK DAY as we clean the house for the arrival of Adam and his family. We will begin at 9 a.m. Watch for more info by e-mail this week.
- ◆ July 28 Super Saturday VBS

A Mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take.



 **Graduates' Reception**  
May 20 after PM Service

**Our 2012 Graduates:**

High School:

- Alissa Buckner/Republic
- Erica Ewing/Kickapoo
- Charlyn Lines/Nixa
- Hannah Meeks/Republic
- Rebekah Meinsen/Home School
- Julian Penner/Home School
- Aaron Tovar/Home School

College:

- Lori Fisher/Drury/Masters
- Scarlett McCall/MSU
- Kirsten McFarland/MSU/Masters
- Elizabeth Tieszen/MSU
- Janel Wydick/MSU/Masters

**Area Events**

- May 19** Ladies Day at Strafford with Maria Cowden as speaker
  - May 13-16** Bible Institute of Missouri 2012 Lectureship/ Kansas Expressway Church of Christ
  - May 13-16** Conway Church of Christ Lectureship
- (See flyers on bulletin board)



Next Sunday we will be honoring **Shannon, Stacy**

and **Avery Haddock** as they move on to the next chapter in their lives and make their move to Oklahoma City. We hope you will make plans to attend. **Team 3** will be responsible for working that day: Buckner Family, Ewing Family, Tovar Family, Sandy Cole, Shelia Hansen, Julie Alexander, Raines Family, Chilton Family, Mary Jo Rookstool, Jeremy Thurlkill. See Jill or Travis if you cannot work.

Enjoy the answers given by elementary school age children to the following questions:

**What ingredients are mothers made of?**

1. **God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.**
2. **They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.**

**What did your mom need to know about dad before she married him?**

1. **His last name.**
2. **She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?**

Continue to keep Adam Blaney and his family in your prayers as they prepare to join us. We do not have a definite date but will probably be sometime after June 1.



**Birthdays Next Week**  
22 Marla Wuench  
25 Brittany Morrison



Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Youth Banquet a very special night for our young people. Your hard work was very much appreciated.

**Youth Banquet 2012**



## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

Nursery: *Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn*  
Greeters: *Randy & Orvella Blackburn*  
Van Driver: *Russell Lilly/839-4048*  
KYB Phone: *Geri Dickens/Carolyn Young*  
Serve  
Communion: *Brendan Carroll/Greg Donoho*  
*William Downing/Ted Crabtree*  
*Aubrey Cobb/Tom Davis*  
*Kyle Buckner/J.J. Blevins*  
*Eddie Currier/Aaron Schwartz*

### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Jeff Fisher*  
Opening Prayer: *Brian York*  
Lesson: *Bill McFarland*  
Closing Prayer: *Van Barnes*  
Communion: *Scott/Adam Barton*  
Nursery: *Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll*

### NEXT WEEK (May 20)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole</i>	<i>Jeff Fisher</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Daniel Wilson</i>	<i>Bob Snider</i>
Communion:	<i>Gene Lund</i>	<i>Scott/Adam Barton</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>James Simons</i>	<i>Tom Easterly</i>
Nursery:	<i>Jill Morrison/ Meredith Reaves</i>	<i>Lee Ann Donoho/ Karen Duncan</i>
Greeters:	<i>Tim &amp; Jan Bowling</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Lance Griter/350-4646</i>	

### Wednesday, May 16:

Devotional: *Dale Gregory*  
Song Leader: *J.J. Blevins*  
Opening Prayer: *Tim Bowling*  
Closing Prayer: *Red Crabtree*  
Van Driver: *Jason Luna/838-7152*

### MONTH OF MAY:

AV Room: *Larry Baggett/Travis Morrison*  
Secure Building: *Paul Lines/Tim Buckner*

### 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  
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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