



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

July 22, 2012

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Bob Snider

Song Leader  
Kerry Cole

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Jeremy Thurlkill

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John Stayton

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John Stayton

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Dennis Smith

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Bob Snider

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Brian York

Elder of the Month  
Bob Snider

## "...New Every Morning"

The great prophet Jeremiah was the author of the oft-passed-over Old Testament book of Lamentations. If you've read the book, you will agree that it is aptly named, for it is just that - a deep, sorrowful, lamenting over the demise of the city of Jerusalem at the hands of cruel, wretched and vile King Nebuchadnezzar. He would March on the city, after years of torture and slavery, and finally burn it to the ground in 586 B.C., accompanied by some atrocious acts of inhumanity, then carrying thousands into captivity.

This was the dismal climate in which Jeremiah wrote the book of Lamentations, thus the book is understandably painful to read. Yet in 3:24-25, there is an interesting declaration made by Jeremiah. In the midst of pain, suffering, distress, poverty, discouragement and death, the prophet so eloquently declares: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I will hope in Him,'" (Lamentations 3:23-25, NIV).

The whole statement is beautiful beyond words, inspiring beyond comprehension, showing the man's faith in His God in such terrible circumstances. But five words stand out to me: *"They are new every morning."* From Jeremiah's vantage point, he could see, with his two physical eyes, death, bloodshed, poverty, grieving, despair, etc. Yet what does he see, through the eyes of faith? He sees the Lord's mercies, never failing! In fact, he sees His mercies new... ***every...single...morning.*** What a glorious declaration of faith! And a glorious inspiration for us in our times of struggle!

In the midst of our trials, difficult as it may be, why not look to Jeremiah's example and choose to see God's steadfast love, His tender mercies, His faithfulness, and His ability to sustain us through whatever may come?

Jeremiah's conclusion? "Therefore I will ***hope*** in Him." That was what kept Jeremiah going, and the same can be true for us. May we ever be sustained by the hope we have in our God's faithfulness to us, His children.

Adam Blaney

### Today's Lessons:

AM: *Time Moves On—But Christ Is Still Alive*

PM: *"Here Are My Mother and My Brothers"*

# 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

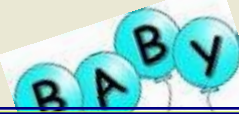
July 15

Bible Study: 254  
 Morning: 328  
 Evening: 169  
 Wednesday (7/18): 202  
 Contribution: \$ 9,917

- ◆ Continue to remember Paul Bratcher, Mary Charlotte Lines and Eula Compton
- ◆ Chatty Timmons as she is dealing with cancer
- ◆ Samantha York will have shoulder surgery Friday
- ◆ We have several of our members who have health issues they are dealing with and seeking answers: Teresa Mahon; Becky Marsolf; Tom Norrell
- ◆ Nancy Snider's angiogram did not show any problems
- ◆ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, continues to recover from a stroke; he has also started chemo treatments
- ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, is now at Select Specialty Hospital, Room 127, 1630 East Primrose, Springfield, 65804. I'm sure she would appreciate brief visits.
- ◆ Continue to remember George Downing's father; Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze; Kay McFarland's niece Beth; Tabitha Blaney's grandmother; Don & Gayle Gaunt's daughter; Julie Alexander's mom

### Long Term/Shut-Ins

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



### Expectant Moms

Megan Jobs/boy/July  
Sara Stipp/boy/December  
Leah Prewitt/January  
Brittany Morrison/March

## S y m p a t h y



We extend our sympathy to the following families:

JJ Blevins and his family in the recent loss of his grandfather.

Clay Joseph and his family in the loss of Clay's mother, Hazel Joseph. Graveside service was held last Friday. Memorials can be made in her honor to Fair Haven Children's Home.

### CHOOSING UP SIDES

By Dennis R. Smith



Though the years have flown by since I was a freckled faced, frail little boy playing on the school yard in grade school, I still can remember waiting for the bigger boys to choose me to play on their softball team. What an honor it was. There was one of the bigger boys (I'll call him Bobby) that I yearned to be on his team. Sometimes he would actually choose me. Do you think I would refuse him? The answer, "NOT ON YOUR LIFE!" Now read the following scripture: "According as he (Christ) hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Ephesians 1:4). To be chosen by the Lord to play, as it were, on his team, should be counted as the greatest honor that one could have in this life. Can you imagine turning down the Lord after he has personally chosen us through the gospel to be on his team? Following this same analogy, not only does the Lord choose us, but he actually sends us a written invitation to do so. What language he used: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). How can we deny this great invitation? Here again we are reminded: "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:33). Surely we all know that our Lord was warning us of the consequences of rejecting him in our spiritual life. Since he chose us, may we always choose and serve him!

# Fall Ladies Retreat

*There will be a short meeting after morning services TODAY at the front of the auditorium for all ladies interested in going to the Fall Retreat November 16-17 at the Keeter Center.*



◆ **Youth Night at Strafford tonight at 6 p.m.** We will end our service at 5:45 and take the bus to Strafford for those who want to ride.

◆ **August 3-5 Christ Quest at Mountain Home. TODAY is the Deadline TO SIGN UP.** Cost is \$10. See Adam or George.

*If you can prepare a meal for Megan and Tucker Jobs after the baby is born, please sign the list at the Information Desk.*

**Brookline Church of Christ  
Area Wide Singles Get Together**  
Anyone 18 & older is invited  
Friday, July 27th at 6 p.m.  
Potluck Dinner  
3086 N. Brookline Avenue/862-0551



As one of the slowest members of the Willetta Johnson family, I had a good reason this time for being late in trying to thank you all for being so wonderful to all of us during our Mother's homegoing. The reason: loss of words to adequately convey our thankfulness. A special thanks to Brother Dennis and Sister Carolyn. We love and admire and miss you still. In Christian love, Dovie Evans and Family



**Golden Agers**  
Be prepared to pick up flower arrangements

Wednesday night to deliver to our shut-ins.



## BLOOD DRIVE

August 15 from 3 to 7 p.m. Watch for more information and sign-up sheets.



Next Sunday after morning worship we will have our regular 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch. We hope

everyone will make plans to stay for good food and fellowship. Team No. 3 will be responsible for working that day. Let Jill or Travis know if you are unable to work.

**Buckner Family, Tovar Family, Ewing Family, Sandy Cole, Shelia Hansen, Chilton Family, Raines Family, Mary Jo Rookstool, Jeremy Thurlkill**



## Birthdays Next Week

29 Virginia Buck  
30 Ruth Reaves  
Jason Luna  
31 Irene Johnson  
Nadean Green  
Terry Loveland  
8/2 Kevin Wuench  
Ryan Meeks  
3 Gene Lund  
Lori McCall



The next book club meeting will be September 10th at 6:30 at the Library Station Panera Bread. We are reading "The Centurion's Wife," Book 1 in the series Acts of Faith by Davis Bunn & Janette Oke.



If you can help Robin Meeks load furniture Saturday morning around 11, please call her at 417-425-7205.

## Area Events

July 22-25 VBS at Sunset Church of Christ.  
July 23-27 VBS at Carthage Church of Christ  
July 30-Aug 3 VBS at Rogersville Church of Christ  
Aug. 4 VBS at 26th & Connecticut in Joplin  
See flyers on bulletin board



We are in need of the following items for the Food Pantry.

Boxed Meals	Canned Meals
Jelly	Peanut Butter
Cereal	Canned Fruit
Soup	Jello/Pudding
Canned Vegies	Mac & Cheese

Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support of this work.

**We need YOU in Sunday School each week!**

## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

Nursery: *Linda Currier/Leona Snider*  
 Greeters: *Fred & Norma Lorenz*  
 Van Driver: *Jackie Freeze/616-9789*  
 KYB Phone: *Jack & Rose Lynch*  
 Serve Communion: *Dale Gregory/Matt Keener*  
*Sam Hansen/Clint Holden*  
*John Hulett/Tucker Jobs*  
*Trevor Kraus/Todd Kraus*  
*David Kern/Byrle Hayter*

### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Jeremy Thurlkill*  
 Opening Prayer: *Jack Lynch*  
 Lesson: *Adam Blaney*  
 Closing Prayer: *Aaron Tovar*  
 Communion: *Jackie Buck/George Downing*  
 Nursery: *Glenda Thurlkill*

### NEXT WEEK (July 29)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole</i>	<i>Jeremy Thurlkill</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Luis Tovar</i>	<i>Mike Thurlkill</i>
Communion:	<i>Eddie Sanders</i>	<i>Jackie Buck</i>
		<i>George Downing</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Jerry Young</i>	<i>Tim Bowling</i>
Nursery:	<i>Jan Bowling</i>	<i>Linda Barnett</i>
	<i>Meredith Reaves</i>	<i>Meredith Reaves</i>
Greeters:	<i>Sara Keener/Betty Holden</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Lance Griter/350-4646</i>	

### Wednesday, July 25:

Devotional: *Steve Prewitt*  
 Song Leader: *Aaron Tovar*  
 Opening Prayer: *Bill Chilton*  
 Closing Prayer: *J.J. Blevins*  
 Van Driver: *Todd Kraus/207-7877*

### MONTH OF JULY:

AV Room: *Kyle Buckner/Adam Stipp*  
 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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