



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

June 2, 2013

## Order of Worship

*Song Leader*  
Jon Ewing

#298  
#3

*Opening Prayer*  
Travis Morrison

#289  
#621

*The Lord's Supper*  
Eddie Currier

*Contribution*  
Eddie Currier

#760  
#922

*Lesson*  
Bill McFarland  
"In Christ Alone"

*Announcements*  
Barney Crawford

#44

*Closing Prayer*  
Jeremy Thurlkill

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

## *The Lord of Life and Light*

There is something wonderful to be noticed in the letters of Paul to Timothy. It has everything to do with the reality that governs Christian living and motivates Christian service. It voices the highest aspiration of godliness. It breathes healthy and vital spirituality.

What I am referring to may be observed in a comparison of the beloved apostle's exclamations of praise to the Lord in 1 Timothy. The first comes at 1:17 as he concludes his thanksgiving for the overflowing grace and remarkable mercy which has saved him and appointed him to the service of Christ. He says, "*To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*" Take note of his reasons for placing God in the highest place. He is the only King, and he has life, and he is beyond our human view or grasp. Honor belongs to him.

The second comes at 6:15b-16 when the apostle is calling for the good confession to be maintained despite the temptations and snares of materialism. Of the One who will display the Lord Jesus Christ at the proper time, he writes, "*He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.*" Notice again his reasons for ascribing the dominion to the Lord. He is the only King, and he alone has life, and he is beyond our view or grasp.

These convictions are what make God, to Paul, God. These truths are, in large measure, what open his heart to the gospel and so impress him with its value. "*Our Savior Christ Jesus,*" he says, "*abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel*" (2 Tim. 1:10). A King! Life! The light of understanding and access!

No wonder, then, in these very personal and practical letters near the end of his course he urges his beloved child in the faith, "*O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you*" (1 Tim. 6:20; cf. 2 Tim. 1:14). Don't we need the same spiritual core which led to this charge.

—Bill McFarland

# 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

May 26

Bible Study:	213
Morning:	298
Evening:	186
Wednesday (5/29):	228
Contribution:	\$ 9,360



Elder of the Month  
Barney Crawford

- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Dale Harp
- ♦ Mary Jo Rookstool has shingles
- ♦ Norman High as he continues his chemo treatments
- ♦ Blanton Glenn is not doing well
- ♦ Greg Larimore is having some serious health issues
- ♦ Bonnie Cole was in the hospital in Illinois with pneumonia but is now out and doing better
- ♦ Nancy Snider has pneumonia

### Friends & Family

- ♦ Teresa Connolly, Eddie & Donna Sanders' daughter, is doing well after surgery this past Wednesday
- ♦ David Gaunt, Don & Gayle's son, is at Mercy Hospital
- ♦ Joan McFarland will have surgery soon in St. Louis
- ♦ Frances Grann's nephew fell off a high ladder recently and is recovering from multiple injuries; also Frances' sister is not doing well.
- ♦ Stacey McCurry's mother has been in the hospital recently with heart problems.

### Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to Wayne Harmon in the loss of his father and our brother, Allen Harmon. Funeral services were held this past Wednesday.

We also extend our sympathy to Bonnie Cole and her family in the sudden loss of her niece, Shane Golden.

Keep these families in your prayers.

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Continue to remember all the victims of the recent tornadoes!!

## Thank You

Because of your generosity last Sunday, we were able to send a check for \$3,500 to the Memorial Road Church of Christ to assist with the tornado relief effort. Thank you so much. As Clay says often, "You are the best!"



Also, thanks to this group who gave up their holiday to travel to Oklahoma Sunday evening to help with cleanup: Fred Lorenz, John Hulett, Les, Brian, Danielle, Roy Horton, JJ Blevins, Adam Blaney.



Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, cards, and other acts of kindness and support that have been shown to me and my family during this time of sorrow. It means so much to have a loving Christian family. Wayne Harmon

For all the prayers (which were certainly answered), cards, visits, and phone calls during my very long stay in the hospital, I appreciate each and every one of you. Thanks again. God bless you all. Love, Marlene Matthews

Do not know where the time has gone but in a few weeks we will be here 5 years. Even though we have had some ups and downs, it has been a comfort to know that we have a family so kind and loving to lean on. Thank you so much for prayers regarding my housing. Please continue to remember our family in your prayers. Love, The Alexanders



### Long Term/ Shut-ins

- Kay Adams
- Shirley Bartlett
- Doris Burch
- Eula Compton
- Fern Davis
- Thelma Fain
- Ella Mae Findlay
- Lucille Ford
- Milton Ford
- Chloe Gaddis
- Doris Iorg
- Irene Johnson
- Carol Law
- Carol Mahon
- Wilma Melton
- Betty Shaw
- Doris Thomason
- Doris Tobler
- Judy Todd
- Pat Woods

### TORNADO ASSISTANCE

If you were not here last Sunday but would like to contribute to the tornado relief effort, make your check payable to Water Mill and give to one of our Elders or Johnnie. We will be sending another check to the Memorial Road church of Christ in the next few weeks.

# News & Activities

## Wedding Shower

All are invited to a wedding shower honoring Elizabeth Tieszen and Daniel Meinsen TODAY **at 3 p.m.** in the fellowship room. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Kohl's. **Please bring your favorite recipe to the shower or include with your gift to share with Daniel & Elizabeth.**



**Area-Wide Singles Picnic is Saturday at 4 p.m. at Fellows Lake. Please see Linda Barnett for details and if you plan to attend.**

**Congratulations to Tim and Becky Marsolf on the arrival of their newest grandchild, Kiah Jane, born May 27 to Erin and Jed in Baton Rouge.**

- **Golden Agers meet today at 4 p.m.**
- **Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.**
- **June 8 Orville Langford Memorial Service at 3 pm. here at the building.**
- **June 9 PM Service: Steven Ashcraft will bring a report about work in Africa**
- **June 11 Elders Meet at 1 p.m.**
- **June 16 Father's Day**
- **June 16 Youth Night at Willard**
- **June 29 Hayter 50th Anniversary celebration**

**Dennis Smith is beginning a new class in the Auditorium today. It will be an intense study of the book of Ecclesiastes.**



## GOD'S KINGDOM - SPIRITUAL OR PHYSICAL?

By Dennis R. Smith

In the religious world there has been an ongoing discussion concerning the Kingdom of God. One trail leading back for many years teaches that in the course of time Jesus will return to this earth and establish a physical kingdom with Jerusalem as its Capitol. Should that be the case we would have to conclude that the kingdom would then be physical. On the other hand, making a study of God's kingdom with his Son presiding over it leaves many doubts that it ever was or ever will be a physical kingdom. Both John the Baptist and Jesus prophesied that the "Kingdom was at hand" while they were still on this earth (Matt. 3:2; 4:17). Jesus went so far as to tell his disciples, "There be some of you standing here that will not taste of death until you see the kingdom of God come with power" (Mark 9:1; Matt. 16:28; Luke 9:27). There is then no evidence that a physical kingdom with Christ standing with power in Jerusalem ever existed in the lifetime of his disciples. On the other hand, there is much scriptural evidence that Jesus did (in Jerusalem) establish a spiritual kingdom with Christ as its head and that the kingdom and the church were the same. (See Eph. 1:22; Col. 1:13). Consider this: "God is a Spirit" (John 4:24). "The Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit ...are one" (1<sup>st</sup> John 5:7). If God is a Spirit then so is the Godhead (Col. 2:9; Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:20). Final conclusion: God's Kingdom from the beginning has been and always will be spiritual.



**Blood Drive/Wednesday, June 5**  
4-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. They currently have only a 2 day supply of **NEGATIVE** blood types so they especially are looking for **ALL negative** blood types. Be sure to sign up if you can help.

**Glenda Tieszen and James and Deborah Meinsen**  
Invite you to celebrate in the marriage of their children,  
**Elizabeth Kay to Daniel James**  
Saturday, June 22, at 2 pm  
Water Mill Church of Christ  
Reception to Follow



### New Address/Phone Number

**Judy Kirby**  
1125 N. O'Hara Ave.  
Springfield 65803

**Brian & Samantha York**  
4203 Old Seymour Road  
Marshfield, MO 65706  
Home: 417-849-1972

**Nancy Snider/417-693-8781**

### June Anniversaries 9th thru 15th

4 Brian/Danielle Horton 2 yrs.  
9 Dewayne/Carol Jackson 41 yrs.  
9 Mike/Glenda Thurlkill 35 yrs.  
10 Van/Barbara Barnes 57 yrs.  
11 Les/Pat Malanowski 41 yrs.  
11 Les/Shirlane Horton 30 yrs.  
12 Tucker/Megan Jobs 3 yrs.  
14 Russell/Elizabeth Lilly 27 yrs.  
15 Tony/Diana Compton 43 yrs.  
15 Kerry/Sandy Cole 39 yrs.

**Congratulations**

### 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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 Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
**Greeters:** Tom & Marti Norrell  
**Van Driver:** Kevin Wuench/833-6134  
**KYB Phone:** John Dutton/Ann Thiesen  
**Serve**  
**Communion:** Adam Barton/Brendan Carroll  
 Randy Blackburn/Aubrey Cobb  
 Tim Bowling/Tom Davis  
 Jackie Buck/William Downing  
 Kyle Buckner/Verl Duncan

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Adam Blaney  
**Opening Prayer:** Tim Timmons  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Daniel Tovar  
**Communion:** Paul/Luke Lines  
**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### NEXT WEEK, June 9

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	JJ Blevins
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jerry Young	Ron Stokes
<b>Communion:</b>	John Dutton	Paul/Luke Lines
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Chris Wiseman	Aaron Tovar
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
<b>Greeters:</b>	John & Lisa Stayton	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Jerry Stockdale/693-7505	

### MONTH OF JUNE

AV           Jeremy Thurlkill/  
 Room:       Scott Barton  
 Open        Tim Timmons  
 Building  
 Secure      Justin Reaves/  
 Building:   Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, June 5

**Devotional:** Aaron Alexander  
**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison  
**Prayer:** Gene Lund  
**Van Driver:** Tim Stockstill/  
 849-7678