



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

June 16, 2013

## Order of Worship

*Song Leader*  
Jon Ewing

#36  
#500

*Opening Prayer*  
Larry Baggett

#786  
#495

*The Lord's Supper*  
Don Essex

*Contribution*  
Don Essex

#732  
"How Deep the  
Father's Love"

*Lesson*  
Bill McFarland

#237

*Announcements*  
Barney Crawford

#291

*Closing Prayer*  
Tyler Thornton

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

## God: A Father for Fathers' Imitation

"Therefore, be imitators of God as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1). Those are the simple words of the Apostle Paul in introducing a paragraph about the ideal purity of the character of a Christian. Quite the tall standard isn't it? We realize that perfecting such a task is impossible, but what can be more basic to the life of a child of God? To be what you should be, learn to know God and to be like Him. A.W. Tozer once said, "The pursuit of God will embrace the labor of bringing our total personality into conformity to His" (*The Pursuit of God*, 102). This is true, of course, with all of His people, but consider with me, on this Father's Day, the example of God the Father, for those who happen to be thus on earth.

Hosea 11, from our Bible reading last week, serves as a beautiful example of God in His Father relationship with Israel, worthy of our imitation as people, and as fathers. Consider a few things:

Love for His children, simply because they are His children – "When Israel was a child, *I loved Him...*" (Hos. 11:1).

Instruction and support in the basics of living life, – "I taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by their arms..." (Hos. 11:3a).

Help and leading, even when His children are unaware or unappreciative of such things – "But they did not know that I healed them" (Hos. 11:3b).

Gentleness in guidance and correction, providing comfort, even in the face of rebellion – "I drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love, and I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck" (Hos. 11:4, cf. 11:7).

A provider for His children – "I stopped and fed them" (Hos. 11:4b).

A heart for sympathy and steadfast love – "How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over Israel? ...My hurt churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred" (Hos. 11:8).

A gracious, forgiving spirit – "I will not execute the fierceness of My anger... They shall come trembling like a bird from Egypt, like a dove from the land of Assyria. And I will let them dwell in their houses" (Hos. 11:9).

May we embody that which we sometimes sing:

*O to be like Thee! full of compassion,  
Loving, forgiving, tender and kind,  
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting...*

Yea,

"Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children."

- Adam

# Prayer List & Notes

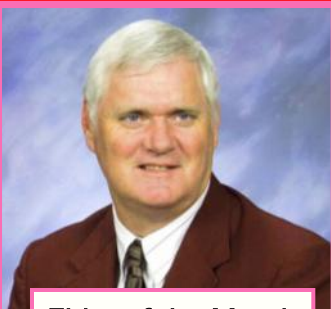
## Welcome Visitors

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

June 9

Bible Study:	237
Morning:	293
Evening:	206
Wednesday (6/12):	198
Contribution:	\$ 8,050



**Elder of the Month**  
Barney Crawford

- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Dale Harp, Norman High, Nancy Snider
- ♦ Blanton Glenn is not doing well
- ♦ Greg Larimore is going through testing before they decide if he will go to Mayo Clinic
- ♦ Chris Wiseman was involved in a motorcycle accident Wednesday but thankfully was not injured

### Friends & Family

- ♦ David Gaunt, Don & Gayle's son, is still having health issues
- ♦ Due to low blood pressure they were unable to perform surgery on Joann McFarland this past Thursday; at this writing (Friday) they will probably send her home Saturday and reschedule the surgery at a later date
- ♦ Tim Timmons' sister-in-law, Marty (Chatty's sister) had a mild heart attack last Sunday but is doing better now; has been moved out of ICU into a regular room
- ♦ Continue to remember Gene Lund's brother, Bill Lund; Carolyn Young's sister, Nita; Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, who are all dealing with cancer



### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to family and friends, especially Dennis and Carolyn Smith, for the loss of Richard England this past week. Funeral services were held Friday in Jackson, TN. Richard and his wife were just here with us about six weeks ago.



### 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



We extend a warm welcome to Adam and Amanda Eilenstein who have made known their desire to work and worship with us here at Water Mill. They have 4 children, Linzie, Emmie, Josie, and Thomas.

There address is: 35 W. Saddleclub Road, Fair Grove, Mo, 65648; telephone 417-499-9973/417-830-5441. Please make them feel at home!



Dear Church Family, A very sincere and grateful thank you for all of your prayers, cards and calls on my behalf. I know my recovery wouldn't have gone so smooth without them or even possible—your loving caring and concern made the difference. It is a comfort to have a loving church family. In Christian love, Mary Jo Rookstool

A very big thank-you to all of my Watermill friends for all the lovely birthday cards. It made my day feel so special and important. It also makes a person know that each birthday is a blessing to be enjoyed and treasured. The notes that were written were such an encouragement to me. Love to all of you. Ann Thiesen



### TORNADO ASSISTANCE

We will send another check this week to Memorial Road Church of Christ to help with the tornado relief effort. If you would like to help, make your check payable to Water Mill and give to Johnnie today.

### Food Pantry

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

Boxed Meals	Canned Meals
Jelly	Peanut Butter
Jello/Pudding	Cereal
Canned Vegetables	

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

# News & Activities



*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*



*Because you have shared in their lives with your friendship and love, you are invited to join the children and grandchildren of Byrle and Virginia Hayter In celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, June 29, from 2:30-4 p.m. Water Mill Church of Christ Your presence is their present.*

Next book club meeting is July 15th at the Library Station Panera Bread. We are reading from the following 4 books:

*A Change of Habit* by Joanne Howe,  
*Foxe's Book of Martyrs* by John Foxe,  
*I Dared to Call Him Father...* by Bilquis Shelkh  
*Happy, Happy, Happy* by Phil Robertson



## The Church of Christ and the Function of its Members

By Dennis R. Smith

The church of Christ is a body of believers in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. They are convinced that the "seed of the kingdom is the word of God" (Luke 8:11), and that a reproduction of the New Testament church can be accomplished in modern times by simply planting the seed of the kingdom. This is done by "searching the word of God" (John 5:39) and applying the things which are recorded there as being our divine example for all that we do and teach. To that end the following questions give us a start on how this can be done. (1) What was the church called in the first century (Romans 16:16)? (2) How was it organized (1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 3; Titus 1; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 12:28)? (3) What kind of worship did they offer to God when assembled - especially on the Lord's Day (Acts 20:7; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 16:1-2)? (4) How importantly did they consider the word of God (John 12:48; Rev. 22:18-19)? (5) To whom did their first love belong (Matt. 22:37; 6:33)? (7) What was their purpose upon earth (Matt. 28:19-20; Gal. 6:10)? (8) What was their hope after death (John 14:1-3)? Needless to say, these are just a few of the many things which are taught in the Holy Scriptures which help to identify the first century church. Let it suffice to say that our plea today is still to "speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent when the Bible is silent." Surely the Holy Bible has been given to us by God for more reasons than to just let it sit on an end table for show. Use it - that's why we have it!



**Birthdays**  
23 Rylee Simons  
25 Deniece Breckner  
Dedra Jones  
26 Norma Lorenz  
Miley Fisher  
27 John Mahon  
30 Jeanne Friend



**Change of Address**  
Andy & Kirsten  
McFarland  
3750 N. Pauls Place  
Springfield, MO  
65803

If you can help with watering the landscaping around our building, please see Van Barnes. Van & Barbara put in many hours taking care of our landscaping but need some help watering this summer to ensure we don't lose any plants.



**Areawide Youth Night** is tonight at Jackson Street in Willard. Bus will leave at 5:15. Let Adam know this morning if you plan to ride the bus.

**Youth Activity June 29** from 5-9 pm at East Grand. See Adam's e-mail for more info.

**Christ Quest** at Mountain Home August 2-4.

**Church Bible Camp time is near. Be sure to get your registration in for Happy Hollow and Green Valley.**



**June 30th is our 5th Sunday Potluck.** Hope you will make plans to join us. (See bulletin next week for those scheduled to work!!)

- **Quilters meet Tuesday at 10**
- **Cardinals Game Friday night.**  
Tickets will be available at the church after Monday.

### 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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# Service Rosters

## THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves  
**Greeters:** Eddie & Donna Sanders  
**Van Driver:** Lance Griter/350-4646  
**KYB Phone:** Verl Duncan/Laurel Barton  
**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:** JJ Blevins  
**Opening Prayer:** Van Barnes  
**Lesson:** Brian York  
**Closing Prayer:** Dale Gregory  
**Communion:** Paul/Luke Lines  
**Nursery:** Lee Ann Donoho

## NEXT WEEK, June 23

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	JJ Blevins
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	John Hulett	Todd Kraus
<b>Communion:</b>	Jeff Fisher	Paul/Luke Lines
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Matt Keener	Russell Lilly
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Linda Currier/Gin Crumrine	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Glenda Thurlkill	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Mike & Glenda Thurlkill	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Travis Morrison/343-7451	

## MONTH OF JUNE

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

## Wednesday, June 19

**Devotional:** Isaac Tovar  
**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison  
**Prayer:** Jerry Milligan  
**Van Driver:** Todd Kraus/  
 207-7877