



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

July 28, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#19
#707
#975

Opening Prayer
Andy McFarland

#711
#299

The Lord's Supper
Russell Lilly

Contribution
Russell Lilly

#438

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#520

Announcements
Clay Joseph

#481

Closing Prayer
John Stayton

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

About Our Work

This week our journey through Acts brings us to chapter 18. The places which come into view here, the people who are the actors in these scenes, and the connections both of these have with the rest of the New Testament all go together to make the passage of special interest to us. Paul's relationship with the church at Corinth, for example, will end up being the backdrop for the most personal insights we have into his ministry and the most practical lessons we know about congregational life.

In fact, the mention we often make of "our work" really comes from Paul's language in both his letters to the Corinthians. Think about these statements: "For we are God's fellow-workers. You are God's field, God's building... Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain... Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 6:1; 1 Cor. 15:58).

We concluded our week at Green Valley tired but strengthened. What a good group of campers and staff we got to work alongside! We did the session on the theme "Blessed Be Your Name," and I thought it went well. Thanks to our fine young people who were involved. Thanks to Jon, Coyeatte, Alissa, Alice, Tim, Jeremy, Adam, and Kay for all their help. Hopefully we were all blessed in the process.

Thanks to Aaron and Brittany for the idea described on the front of our bulletin last week. We appreciate every effort to reach outside our walls and to become a blessing and an influence in the lives of our neighbors. Thanks to all of you who take an interest in such things.

In my Sunday morning class right now we are studying "The Kingdom Parables." These remarkable little stories told by our Lord convey truths about his rule in such a way as to either enlighten or harden, depending on the heart of the hearer. They are forever relevant. If your involvement in class needs renewing, this is a good time to get started!

Our elders, deacons, and preachers meeting will be this Lord's Day afternoon. As always, please be praying for all the church's appointed servants. What we all want and need, I am sure, is wisdom from above so that we may function as we should, enabling the whole church to serve for our Lord's glory.

—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

July 21

Bible Study:	247
Morning:	330
Evening:	200
Wednesday (7/24):	200
Contribution:	\$ 7,500



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Dale Harp, Norman High, Greg Larimore
- ◆ Blanton Glenn is now at home
- ◆ Linda Tracy is recovering from knee replacement surgery
- ◆ Tim Marsolf will have outpatient shoulder surgery Tuesday at Mercy Hospital
- ◆ Wilma Melton is still having some health issues
- ◆ Tim Timmons had surgery again last Thursday evening for detached retina; he is recovering at home
- ◆ Pat and Regina Woods as they are in California

Friends & Family

- ◆ Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze, is now home with 24 hr. care
- ◆ Joann McFarland is waiting for a new date for surgery
- ◆ Bill's sister who lives in Little Rock was involved in an accident Wednesday; she hoped to go home from hospital Friday
- ◆ Wayne Snider is now home from the hospital
- ◆ Continue to remember Gene Lund's brother, Bill Lund; Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, who are dealing with cancer
- ◆ Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, as she makes decisions about future treatment as the chemo treatments she has been taking did not help with the cancer; her address is P.O. Box 1524, Fulton, MS 38843; she loves and appreciates your cards.
- ◆ Noel Green's father-in-law, Dan Scott, as he continues to deal with serious health issues

Prayer Request

Suzanne Dabbs responded Sunday asking for prayers for herself as well as for a friend.

Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to Jan Bowling and her family in the loss of her cousin, Linda Pendergrass, who passed away last Sunday.

Also, continue to remember Lora Luna and her family in the loss of her sister-in-law who also passed away last Sunday. She left behind 2 small children.

*As most of you know, **Jeremy Thurlkill** has accepted a new job with AT&T in the Kansas City area and today is his last Sunday with us before moving. We would like to thank Jeremy for his service to God while a member at Water Mill and to wish him well as he takes this next step in his life. We know he will be a blessing to the congregation of the Lord's people that he chooses to work and worship with. His new address is 15205 Grand Summit Boulevard, Apt. 104, Grandview, MO, 64030.*



*Our sincere thanks for your kindness and concern when our relatives, **Paul Ladd** and **Barbara Schwery**, passed away. Your words of comfort, cards, and prayers have been a help to us. Many thanks and appreciation to each of you. In Christian love,
Frances Grann, Gregory & Nancy Johnson*

Thank you so much to all who delivered the "Make Someone Smile" arrangements that were donated by Flowers-A-Plenty.



Long Term/ Shut-ins

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

Welcome

Angela Asher let us know Wednesday night that she would again like to be a part of the Water Mill congregation. Make her feel welcome. Her address is 3403 West Mount Vernon, 65802.



News & Activities

**Elders/Deacons/
Preachers meet today
at 3 p.m. Please be
present.**

Youth

☞ **Christ Quest** at
Mountain Home.

Leave Friday and return
home Sunday afternoon.
Cost is \$10. Make check
payable to Water Mill and
give to Adam or Johnnie
today. See Adam for a
handout.

☞ Next areawide youth night
is August 11 at Marshfield

- All who can are asked to
participate in the singing/
devo at **James River Nursing
Home** Saturday at 2 p.m.
- **Golden Agers** meet next
Sunday at 4 p.m.
- **Elders** meet August 13 at 1
p.m.
- Next **Blood Drive** is August
14. Mark your calendars

Upcoming Events



There will be a meeting today
in room 126 after AM services
to draw names for anyone
interested in participating in **Prayer/
Secret Sisters Program**. This is a
program where the women of the
congregation pray for each other and
leave notes of encouragement. All
women teens thru adult are invited to
participate. Forms to complete are on
the Information Desk.



Books for West Africa

Steven Ashcraft is gathering
together books and other materials
to ship to Africa. See Steven's e-mail
posted on the bulletin board for a list of the
kinds of books he is interested in. If you
have any that fit the list, they will need to
be here at the building on August 18th.

Happy Hollow

There will be a planning
meeting for the first annual
**George Downing Memorial Golf
Tournament on Saturday, August 17th at 3 p.m. at
the Sunset Church of Christ. Proceeds from the
tournament above cost will go to the Happy
Hollow Bible Camp swimming pool maintenance
fund. If you are interested in attend this planning
meeting, see Eddie Sanders.**

August Anniversaries

2-15

2 Gregory/Nancy Johnson 5 yrs.
3 Blanton/Betty Glenn 55 yrs.
5 Adam/Sara Stipp 8 yrs.
7 Dave/Pat Blackburn 53 yrs.
8 Jerry/Lanae Gillespie 43 yrs.
11 Don/Gayle Gaunt 51 yrs.
13 Matt/Sara Keener 14 yrs.
15 Charles/Susan Crum 33 yrs.
15 Todd/Brandi Kraus 15 yrs.
Congratulations



Birthdays

5 Braden Keener
6 Dale Gregory
Maranda Nimmo
7 Chloe Gaddis
Pat Woods
David Ratterree
Madison Davis
Gabe Mahon
8 Jerry Gillespie
Luke Buckmaster
Kaven Mahon
9 Dale Harp
James McCall
Jeff Fisher



PROTEST vs. PRAYER

By Dennis R. Smith

Recently in watching a demonstration being shown on television, I noticed a sign that was held by one of the participants which read, "PROTEST AND PRAYER." Somehow this didn't align with scripture. I could not help but wonder why pray and then demonstrate as if, not only to put pressure on a nation's laws, but also an attempt to carry out something which they did not have time for God to handle. At any rate, I thought of the demonstrations (or protests) mentioned in the Bible and the results of each. Take for example the uproar which occurred in the city of Thessalonica due to the preaching of the Apostle Paul. It resulted in expelling him from the city and doing harm to the local believers (Acts 17:5-10). Similar protests were made in chapters 19 and 21 of Acts. In these two cases harm was experienced by God's servants. Then, the protest of all protests was made by those who created such anger against Jesus which resulted in His most horrible death on a Roman Cross. I personally doubt the purpose of such actions of a "Mob Rule" where all semblance of good judgment fails to prevail. Prayer is a most valuable tool. We are told to "pray with ceasing" (1st Thess. 5:17). In Psalms 46:10 we are told "Be still and know that I am God." In James 5:7-8 we are told to "be patient" for the early and latter rain. Pray hard - believe reverently - trust and obey - but let God do what God knows to do. Remember the fervent prayer of a righteous man still avails much (James 5:16).

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
 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



3020 North Barnes Avenue
 Springfield, MO 65803
 417-866-0915/Fax: 417-831-0312
www.watermillchurchofchrist.org

E-mail: (office) info@watermillchurchofchrist.org
 B. McFarland: b.mcfarland@mchsi.com
 A. Blaney: ablaney1028@gmail.com
 Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Gin Crumrine
Greeters: Jerry & Carolyn Young
Van Driver: AM: James Simons/988-8873
 PM: Tucker Jobs/894-0826
KYB Phone: Jerry & Pat Milligan
Serve John Dutton/Tom Easterly
Communion: Jeff Fisher/Briley Ewing
 Jackie Freeze/Oran Green
 Dale Gregory/Sam Hansen
 John Hulett/Tucker Jobs

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer: John Mahon
Lesson: Adam Blaney
Closing Prayer: James Simons
Communion: Fred Lorenz/Gene Lund
Nursery: Glenda Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, August 4

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer:	John Stayton	Scott Barton
Communion:	John Mahon	T. Morrison/S. Prewitt
Closing Prayer:	Bob Snider	Dustin Stokes
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:		
Van Driver:	Travis Morrison/343-7451	

MONTH OF JULY

AV Adam Stipp/
 Room: Bruce Tindall
 Open Tim Timmons
 Building
 Secure Justin Reaves/
 Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, July 31

Devotional: Tom Davis
Song Leader: Aaron Tovar
Prayer: Jon Ewing
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/
 207-7877