

Weekly Newsletter

August 3, 2014

Order of Worship

Song Leader Jon Ewing

> #261 #619

Opening Prayer Larry Baggett

> #684 #516

The Lord's Supper Tom Davis

> *Contribution* Tom Davis

> > #273 #293

Lesson Bill McFarland

#389

Announcements Jerry Young

#277

Closing Prayer Tom Easterly

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

In Support of an Old Friend

WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

May I put in a good word in behalf of an old friend? She comes around a couple of times a week to inform and strengthen and encourage us. Her faithfulness leads to familiarity and sometimes she gets taken for granted, perhaps even ignored. The old friend of whom I am speaking is *Bible class*.

We need to renew not only our appreciation for this old friend but also our commitment to her. In fact, in terms of our spiritual health, our sense of belonging and our growth, it may be that we could not do ourselves a better favor. A good Bible school that has the interest and support of all the members of the congregation is one of the best friends the Lord's cause has.

Bible school is the church doing what Jesus said we should do. Remember what the Lord told his disciples he wanted them to do (Matt. 28:18-20), then think about what we actually do in a good Bible class. Bible school is not the only way to do what Jesus gave us to do, but it is one way–maybe one of the best ways. It is where we purposely engage in the process of learning what Scripture says, being able to state it in our own words, and being ready to pass it on.

Bible school is families doing what they are supposed to do. Jesus himself developed in intellectual ability, physical stature, and social relationships–but also in his religious life (Lk. 2:52). Which part of this could be left out and one still be a balanced human being? The evidence from the Bible is that the family is expected to be the first school in the favor of God. No parent can merely pass that responsibility off to somebody else, but neither do any of us have to do it as if in a vacuum. Bible class is a great resource and support for families who are engaged in this all-important process.

Bible school is persons doing what a person must do. In Bible class as it is meant to be, an individual is getting to know the heart of his heavenly Father. The person is seeking to know *him*, not only *about his word* (cf. Col. 1:9-10). By being in a good Bible class, a person is storing up energy that will be there when the need arises: having stored up the word in his heart, he will be prepared when temptation attacks. Through a Bible class, one is taking time to build ties with other persons who share his precious faith–a great source of strength!

Bible school is an old, familiar friend whose capacity to bless should not be overlooked. May our hearts be in a condition to appreciate these blessings, and may we invest ourselves in that which produces them.

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5

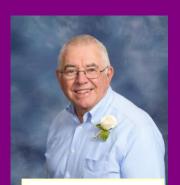
-Bill McFarland

Trayer 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 27 Bible Study: 242 303 Morning: 201 Evening: Wednesday (7/30): 193 Contribution: \$ 8,272



Elder of the Month Jerry Young

In our prayers ... • Continue to remember *Eula Compton*, *Thelma Fain*, Dale Harp, Ruth Raines, Jerry Gillespie, David Nimmo

◆ Jackie Freeze is in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis; they completed the bone marrow infusion this past Friday; cards can be sent to him at Barnes Jewish Hospital, 4921 Parkview Place, Room 5925, St. Louis, MO

63110. Use this link for e-cards: http://www.barnesjewish.org/ EGreeting/?id=530&sid=1.

- Evelyn Haguewood is still at James River Nursing Home.
- ◆ Connie Fortner will have surgery August 14 at Cox South.
- Verl Duncan is in pain following the replacement of his spinal cord stimulator; will be restricted in his activities for about 6 weeks
- Lori McCall is back in the hospital in Bolivar due to a reaction to the medication.
- Ruth Raines as she makes decisions regarding her continual back pain

Friends & Family

- We received word from Tom that <u>Janice Newell</u> is feeling better as she deals with cancer.
- Tom & Marti Norrell's 3 year old grandson, Paxton, fell and broke his collar bone; will be in a sling for 3 to 4 weeks
- Jon Ewing's brother, Mike Ewing, and his mom, Joan Ewing
- Matthew Patterson, Mary Jo Rookstool's grandson, who is in Afghanistan
- ◆ Amanda Eilenstein's uncle, Richard Fredendall, has leukemia and is now taking chemo; he is also in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, room 6947; e-cards can be sent using the link above.
- Lanae Gillespie's cousin, Jeannie Treat Qualls, who has multiple myeloma and is in the hospital in Little Rock

Thank you so much for the smiley face flowers. It was a nice surprise to receive them. I miss you all. In Christian love, **Eula Compton**

Thank you for the contribution to Fair Haven in memory of Norman. He would have been honored by your outpouring of love and concern. With Christian love, Lucile High

So many wonderful people doing so many wonderful things. All of the get well wishes, cards, calls, visits makes me feel quite special. Thank you to the Ladies Bible Class plus all the individual cards, calls, gifts. Etc. Thank you to Linda Barnett for taking time from a busy day to deliver the bouquet of daisies to me. I really appreciate everyone of your special thoughts and prayers. Thanks for remembering our anniversary. We appreciated that so much. You all are a pretty special bunch of people. We love you. Clyde & Doris Iorg

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers in the yellow smiley vase and brought to me by Kenna Taylor. She made my day and is such a sweet lovely young lady. Thank you my church family for remembering me, and I still have hope to be back with you all again sometime. I love you all. Ella Mae **Findlav**



Keep our youth group in your prayers as they return home today from Christ Quest.

FOOD PANTRY

Below are the food pantry items that we are in need of. **Canned Meals** Cereal **Boxed Meals** *Vegetables* **Peanut Butter Jelly Canned Fruit** Jell-O **Pudding**

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

See flyers on the Bulletin Board for area events!

Long Term/ Shut-ins Kay Adams **Shirley Bartlett Doris Burch Eula** Compton Fern Davis **Thelma Fain** Ella Mae Findlay **Chloe Gaddis** Mary Head **Doris Iorg Doris Tobler** Judy Todd **Pat Woods**

News & Activities

Upcoming Events

Our next blood drive is Wednesday, August 13, beginning at 4 p.m.



<u>Sign up at the</u> <u>Information</u> <u>Desk</u>! Pizza will be provided.



On <u>Tuesday, August 5,</u> <u>at 10 a.m.</u> the ladies will be sewing cancer caps. They really need your help. If you can

sew and can spare a couple of hours Tuesday, your help would be greatly appreciated.

<u>Birthdays</u> 12 Sandy Cole Jenna Nichols Jacee Simons 13 Debbie Crawford Pat Milligan 15 Julie Alexander Becky Marsolf



- <u>Golden Agers</u> meet TODAY at 4 p.m.
- 8/12—<u>Elders</u> meet at 1 p.m.
- The next <u>book club meeting</u> will be <u>September 8th</u>. We are reading books by Jane Austen.
- Sept. 20—Fair Haven Auction
- Oct. 11—Fair Haven 50th Anniversary Celebration (see Flyers on the Bulletin Board)

August Anniversaries 16th thru 31st 16 Tim/Jan Bowling 34 vrs. 16 Josh/Sherry Carlyle 17 yrs. 18 Gene/Ruth Lund 51 yrs. 19 Scott/Melinda Barton 26 yrs. **19 Byron/Gay Nichols** 19 Tom/Marti Norrell 37 yrs. 19 Clyde/Doris Iorg 6 yrs. 21 Vern/Connie Thompson 10 vrs. 21 Mike/Tonia Tillman 22 yrs. 23 Bill/Pat Culley 55 yrs. 28 Lynn/Gloria Luallin 43 yrs. 29 Jackie/Leah Freeze 25 vrs. 31 Don/Ruth Essex 58 yrs. **Congratulations**

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Eddie Sanders	417-833-5712
Bob Snider	417-833-3498
Jerry Young	417-724-0324

Minister

Bill McFarland

and 417-833-0110

Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith

417-866-6918

Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney

304-520-9800

Deacons

Scott Barton Tim Bowling Tim Buckner Tom Davis Jim Elliff Jon Ewing Matt Keener Russell Lilly Aaron Morrison Travis Morrison James Simons John Stayton Mike Thurlkill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff Tim Bowling Secretary Custodian

Golden Messenger for October is available in the foyer!



A BIBLE QUIZ - SEE IF YOU AGREE

By Dennis Smith

A large number of people even in the religious world contend that they firmly believe in the Holy Bible and often want to claim it as their guide for life. However, this same group may deny some of the basic principles of New Testament Christianity. What follows is a simple little quiz to test our acceptance of God's truths. Do you agree that: (1) Christ died for our sins? (2) That Christ was buried? (3) That Christ rose from the dead on the third day? (4) Do you also agree that these three things constitute a form of the gospel? Do you further agree that it is the gospel which saves? In answer to the questions of this quiz, consider the following scripture: *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1st Cor. 15:1-4). Now, take the time to verify the following with scripture: (a) Baptism is a scriptural dying with Christ. (b) It is also a burial with Christ. (c) It is a form of the resurrection with Christ. (d) It is a planting in the likeness of his death. (e) It is a rising to walk in newness of life. Please read and study these truths from Romans 6:1-6. How much closer can one get to Christ than this?*

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship5:00 PM
Wednesday Night Bible Class7:00 PM

WORKS WE SUPPORT

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation Joev & Tammy Treat, Northern **Mariana Islands** Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission **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

Greeters:

THIS MORNING

Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett		
Greeters:	Jerry & Pat Milligan		
Van Driver:	Adam Stipp/844-6564		
KYB:	Jerry & Pat Milligan		
Serve	Carl Tindall/Randy Blackburn		
Communion:	Chris Wiseman/Tim Bowling		
	Aaron Alexander/Jackie Buck		
	Van Barnes/Kyle Buckner		
	Adam Barton/Brendan Carroll		
THIS EVENING			
Song Leader:	Briley Ewing		

Song Leader: **Opening Prayer:** Tyler Thornton Lesson: **Closing Prayer: Communion:** Nursery:

Briley Ewing Bill McFarland Trenton Essex Todd/Trevor Kraus Lisa Stayton

NEXT WEEK, August 10

	AM	PM	
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Briley Ewing	
Opening Prayer:	Scott Nichols	Dustin Stokes	
Communion:	Verl Duncan	Todd/Trevor Kraus	
Closing Prayer:	Adam Stipp	Jeff Treat	
Nursery AM:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn		
Nursery PM:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll		

Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll Tom & Marti Norrell Van Driver: Team Hulett/889-5344

MONTH OF AUGUST

AV	Scott Barton/		1. 5
Room:	Bruce Tindall	Devotional:	Russell Lilly
Open Building	Tim Timmons	Song Leader: Prayer:	Jon Davis Aaron Morrison
Secure Building:	Tim Buckner	Van Driver:	Tim Stockstill/ 849-7678

Wednesday, August 6