



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

May 10, 2015

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

Opening Prayer
Fred Lorenz

The Lord's Supper
James Simons

Contribution
James Simons

Lesson
Bill McFarland

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

Closing Prayer
Steve Prewitt

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



"Her Children Rise Up And Call Her Blessed"

Unless we are completely heartless and selfish, it will happen: the children of a worthy woman will bless their mother, and their father will praise her (Prov. 31:28). That is certainly what should happen. "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (Prov. 31:30).

What is there about a woman who lives in reverence for God which makes her so praiseworthy? For one thing, there are few things in human experience as strong as the character of such a woman. "Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come" (Prov. 31:25). She is to be honored because she is honorable.

Also, her view of all of life as a gift of the LORD produces an amazing array of interests and ingenuity on her part. "She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness" (Prov. 31:27). She puts her hands to whatever needs to be done (v. 12f), and her works praise her (v. 31).

Her strength and diligence, however, do not make her harsh. Her greatness lies in the fact that her character and commitment are accompanied by a wonderful capacity for compassion. "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue" (Prov. 31:26). A godly woman brings tenderness into the lives of those around her.

These qualities together make her worthy of the complete trust of her husband, children and neighbors (cf. Prov. 31:11). Confidence is characteristic of *them* because of *her*.

In fact, it might be said that any honor which comes into *their* lives is actually traceable to her (cf. Prov. 31:23). The extent of the influence of a worthy woman is unimaginable.

Any woman should seek to be a woman who fears the LORD. But any woman who does so is "far more precious than jewels" (v. 10), and she should be treated as if her value is recognized.

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 3

Bible Study:	249
Morning:	337
Evening:	237
Wednesday (5/6):	215
Contribution:	\$10,512



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders



Prayer List

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Mary Head, Dale Harp, Shawna Stockdale, Bonnie Cole, Sherry Sherman, Rachel Lilly, Kay Adams, Danielle Horton, Thelma Pendergrass, June Jean
- ◆ Jackie Buck as he begins cancer treatments the end of May
- ◆ Bob Snider is still doing well, pain free, after knee replacement surgery
- ◆ Continue to keep Clay in your prayers as he is struggling with the loss of Sharon.

Friends & Family

- ◆ Carson Griffin, Ron & Lisa Stokes' grandson, has a broken leg with a cast covering his entire leg. He's 3.
- ◆ Aaron Morrison's mother, Linda, as she recovers from the stroke she suffered recently; she is doing much better than she was but will most likely be in rehab for a while. Her address is PO Box 2344, Branson, MO 65615.
- ◆ Jon Ewing's brother, Mike, is not doing well. He is at Mercy Villa, Faith Unit, Room 223, with Hospice. Also remember Jon's mom Joan Ewing.
- ◆ Continue to remember Anita Cobb's sister, Madena Lakey, who is in a nursing home in West Plains; Gaitha's mother-in-law, Joyce Harmon; Ruth Reaves' brother, Jimmie Hocker; Bill and Pat Culley's daughter, Valerie Larson, who are all dealing with cancer; Billie Luna's daughter-in-law, Karen Luna, Carolyn Young's sister Nita



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy too John Orum and his family in the loss of his mother, Patricia Dancey, this past week. Services will be held at Klingner-Cope Midtown in Springfield. Visitation Monday 6-8 pm and services Tuesday at 11:00 am.

New Address

Andy and Kirsten McFarland
3983 N. Williams Place
Springfield, MO 65803



Birthdays

17 Coyeatte Ewing
18 Mackynzi Sekulic
18 Brendon Looney
19 Danielle Horton
20 Ron Taylor
22 Marla Wuench



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are AGAIN totally out or have a very small supply of the following items in our food pantry. We gave food to at least 12-15 families this past week. We would appreciate any help you can provide.

Cereal Boxed Meals Canned Meals Peanut Butter Jelly
Jell-O Pudding Green Beans Pinto/Navy Beans Soup

Place items in the can in the fellowship room. Thanks.

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
Thelma Pendergrass
Sandra Pengenot
Nancy Snider
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods



Expectant Mom

Danielle Horton/Nov.



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all of you who attended Mom's memorial service, sent cards, offered prayers, sent flowers and in other ways expressed your love and kindness to us. We are overwhelmed by your love and support. Thank you for your love and care for Mom and Dad over the years. **The Joseph Family**

Many thanks for your prayers, visits, calls, cards, tasty treats and those who sat with my family during my knee surgery. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this church. Love you all. **Bob Snider**

News & Activities



A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DENNIS SMITH

(This was read last Sunday to the congregation at Water Mill.)

Today marks the 17th anniversary of my working with the church here at Water Mill and North National. Even though Carolyn and I had been attending this congregation from January, 1998, it was not announced to the congregation that this work would primarily be with the members in their Golden Years until May, 1998. Since that date we have completed 16 years total in the capacity of "The Golden Age Minister." I don't know how that title got started, but none-the-less, it was my title all through those years. Needless to say, it has been a wonderful experience for during this time we were privileged to work with some wonderful Christian Brothers and Sisters in the Lord. For that we (Carolyn and I) are most thankful.

Things never remain the same for time and circumstance so often necessitate changes. Such is the case now. Due to several factors in my life at the present (and most are beyond my control) I feel that it is wise for me to resign from my present duties as one of the ministers here at Water Mill starting today - May 3, 2015.

I want to take this opportunity to say Thank You to our elders who have been so gentle and kind and understanding with me in my making this decision. I also want to thank the entire congregation for their love and support which they have given to Carolyn and me over these 16 years. Also, I thank Brother Bill McFarland for standing by me in my work and serving alongside each other in many individual circumstances - even as the Son which I never had. Thanks also to Adam who is a blessing to this congregation in so many ways.

When a man (or woman) reaches a certain age there are several factors which must always be considered - not to mention the "energy level" - which often enters the picture. It is our plan for the future to remain as members of the Water Mill congregation as long as health and circumstances permit for how can we ignore the "love-level" which you all have shown to the two of us. With that same love on our part, we will do just that as long as it is the Will of the Lord or that He calls us home to be with Him.

God bless you all! Thanks again for the memories. *Dennis and Carolyn*

Honoring 57 Years of Ministry

On Sunday afternoon, May 31st, we will be honoring Dennis and Carolyn Smith for their 16 years of service at North National/Water Mill and their many years of service to the Lord's kingdom in this area. We will host a reception in their honor from 2 to 4 that afternoon. Please help us spread the word and plan to join us in honoring a special couple.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

"Beyond The Masquerade"
Each Thursday at 10:30 a.m.
May 14 — "Saying What You Mean" - Megan Jobs
COME JOIN US!



June 6 from 3—6 p.m.
Free pizza and commmentative 20th Anniversary t-shirt for all donors. Watch for sign-up sheets!!

Community Involvement Service

Event: **Feeding The Homeless and Underprivileged**

Sunday, May 24 – Immediately after the morning worship service / 806 North Jefferson Ave

Contacts: - Aaron/Brittany Morrison

We need enough **food** to feed approximately 80 people!! **We need servers!** **Sign up sheets are at the information desk for the items needed.**

Please use disposable containers for the casseroles!!

- ♦ ***Book Club Meeting tomorrow night at the Currier's home, 629 S. Marlan Ave. beginning at 6 pm***
- ♦ ***Elders meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.***
- ♦ ***Quilters meet on the 19th at 10 a.m.***
- ♦ ***25 - Memorial Day Open House at Brookline Family Life Center, May 30th from 11-2—Lunch (see announcement on bulletin board)***

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

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
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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Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out there whether you are a Past, Present or Soon To be Moms. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter.



Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Meredith Reaves
Greeters: Fred & Norma Lorenz
Van Driver: Jon Davis/864-9872
KYB: Verl Duncan/James Simons

Serve Aaron Schwartz/Tyler Thornton
Communion: Luis Tovar/Kevin Westerman
Carl Tindall/Chris Wiseman
Barry Hannah/Aaron Alexander
Van Barnes/Randy Blackburn

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer: Andy McFarland
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jerry Milligan
Communion: Eddie Currier/John Dutton
Nursery: Alice Buckner/J. Carroll

NEXT WEEK, May 17

AM

Song Leader: Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing
Opening Prayer: Brendan Carroll
Communion: Tom Norrell
Closing Prayer: Dale Gregory

Greeters: Byrle & Virginia Hayter

Van Driver: Luis Tovar/864-8409 / Chris Wiseman/597-4457

AM Nursery Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves

PM Nursery Lee Ann Donoho

PM

Briley Ewing
Eddie Currier
E. Currier/J. Dutton
Aaron Morrison

MONTH OF MAY

AV Scott Barton/
Room: Bruce Tindall
Open Tim Timmons
Building
Secure Tim Buckner
Building:

Wednesday, May 13

Devotional: Ted Crabtree
Song Leader: Luke Lines
Prayer: Travis Morrison
Van Driver: Jason Luna/
838-7152