

Weekly Newsletter May 28, 2017

### Order of Worship

Song Leader Jon Ewing

> #438 #500

**Opening Prayer Brendan Carroll** 

> #190 (1,3) #203

The Lord's Supper Barry Hannah

Our Contribution
Barry Hannah

#77 #732 (1,3,4,5)

*Lesson*Bill McFarland

#255 (1,2,3)

Announcements
Jerry Young

#450 (1,3,4)

Closing Prayer
Scott Nichols

Serve Communion Jerry Stockdale

Jerry Stockdale
Luis Tovar
Kevin Westerman
Patrick Springer
Jonathan Pendergraft
David Grimm
Cambre Thrasher
Adam Barton
Randy Blackburn
Tim Bowling

### **ON FREEDOM**

Edith Hamilton observed, "When the freedom they wished for most was freedom from responsibility, then Athens ceased to be free and never was free again."

Her observation is cause for some sober thinking about the state of things in our own society. The liberty which many are seeking today is not freedom to do what is right and to answer for one's own behavior. Instead, it is the opportunity to do whatever one wants without ever having to bear any of the consequences. More than anything else, our people seem to be wishing for freedom from responsibility.

Such "freedom," of course, is no freedom at all. It is only bondage to whatever whim may cross a person's mind. It inevitably makes people slaves to any consequences which may follow, for, like it or not, we **are** responsible. In a vain pursuit of freedom, they become slaves to sin and death.

Real liberty is to be found in Christ (John 8:36). It means being free to do what is right instead of what is easy (Romans 6:18). It means being free to lovingly serve others instead of having to satisfy ourselves (Gal. 5:13). It means being free to be open and genuine instead of covering up with pretense and deceit (John 8:32).

The kind of freedom we must long for is not that which becomes a cloak to excuse evil. It is the freedom of doing good while living as servants of God (1 Peter 2:15, 16).

Pursing freedom from responsibility will inevitably result in shame and death (Romans 6:21). But the freedom we find in loyal service to God leads to holiness and finally results in eternal life (Romans 6:22). Let us seek that liberty which is freedom indeed.

- Bill McFarland

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

## Frayer List and Notes

# Welcome Visi

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 vou 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 21

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Bible Study:	233
Morning:	315
Evening:	176
Wednesday (5/24):	212
Contribution:	\$11,852
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above	
(Below) Budget:	\$ 2,654

- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Prayer Continue to remember <u>Eula Compton</u>, <u>Ra</u> Requests <u>Lilly, Sherry Sherman, Russell Lilly, Donna</u> Sanders
  - ♦ Shirlane Horton and Gracie Taylor as they recover from recent surgeries.
- ♦ Cindy Hannah is recovering from outpatient surgery.
- Tim Timmons as he deals with yet another growth that has been diagnosed as cancer.
- ♦ Wanda Wilkinson is now at home recovering from a broken shoulder.
- ♦ Ron Bower as he deals with health issues. Friends & Family
- Virginia Hayter's mom, Marge Langston, is in Mercy Hospital with a fractured pelvis.
- Virginia Hayter's cousin, <u>Jack Lowry</u> who had brain surgery at MD Anderson last Friday.
- Ann Barganier and Judy Johnson's brother, Jerry Swanigan, is in Mercy Hospital burn unit after an accident that caused burns on 22 percent of his body. He is stable and will be in the hospital 2 or 3 weeks.
- Kelly Snider is now home but has frequent lab and doctor appointments at Barnes Hospital as he is recovering from the bone marrow transplant.
- Bill's mom, Pauline Redmon, is in rehab at Care Manor, Room 305B, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653.
- Ed Murray as he continues his battle with cancer; Ed & Sherry's address: 203 Rendezvous Road, Riverton, WY 82501.
- ♦ Robert Keith's son-in-law, Nick Puglisi, as he deals with health issues
- ♦ Doris Iorg's husband Clyde is dealing with cancer in 4 different locations in his body.
- ♦ Nancy Snider's sister, Paula, has been diagnosed with

Bobby and Lisa Kern left today on a mission trip to New Zealand. Keep them in your prayers for safe travels and a fruitful trip.

### Long Term/Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower **Eula Compton** Ola Jean Feeney **Doris Iorg Doris Tobler** Nursing Homes Ella Mae Findlay **Ann Freeze Chloe Gaddis** Jerry Gillespie June Jean **Terry Loveland** Sandra Pingenot Nancy Snider

### Ministry **Opportunity** Be a Blessing!!

Be sure to check the table in the foyer!! Have you started filling in a Be A Blessing sheet this month?



Expectant Mom Brittany Springer girl/September



We are in need of additional van drivers for both Sunday and *Wednesday*. The more drivers we have, the fewer times per year you are on the list to drive. See Jason **Luna** if you are willing to help with this good work.

### **Bags for homeless**

Thanks to all the young ones who helped fill the bags for the homeless Wednesday night and thanks to all of you for donating the items.

Be sure to pick up some bags on the way out today, and when you stop at a red light and see a homeless person, give them one of the bags. They will be blessed and you will be blessed knowing you helped in a small way.

New address for **Bob & Ellie Swartz** 1422 NW 9th. Ankeny, IA 50023 We miss you Bob & Ellie!!

Thank you for the birthday cards. I also enjoyed the great cookies. May God bless you. Clint Holden



Our Wednesday Evening Summer Series will

begin June 21 and run through August 30. Our theme this summer will be "A Fruitful People: The Spirit in the Life of a Congregation.' Bobby Dockery from Fayetteville will open the series on June 21 with a lesson titled "Divine Horticulture." We hope you will plan to be present.

### News and Activities

HelPSave a Life! GIVE

Wednesday, June 7, 3-6 p.m. <u>Free</u>

pizza and t-shirt for all donors. Remember, type "0 negative" is always in short supply. Every donation is critical. The Blood Center has set a GOAL OF 20. As of today we only have 10 signed up. Sign-up today at the Information Desk if you are willing to help.

### **Vecoming Events**

- ♦ <u>Devo at Woodland Manor</u> Saturday at 10 a.m.
- ♦ Elders meet June 6 at 5 p.m.
- ♦ Quilters meet June 6 at 10 a.m.
- ♦ Father's Day June 18
- ♦ Feed the Homeless July 9
- ♦ Blood Drive August 2
- ♦ <u>Family Camping Trip</u> September 29—October 1

### **Bible Camps**

- ♦ 6/5-9—Happy Hollow/Alice Buckner
- ♦ 6/18-24-Happy Hollow/Baggett/ Stockstill
- ♦ 7/16-22—Green Valley
- ◆ 7/30-8/5-Happy Hollow/ T. Morrison/Luna



### **Birthdays**

28 Melinda Barton
William Downing
6/2 David Nimmo
5 Virginia Hayter
7 Ann Barganier
Brendan Carroll
Joshua Luna
8 Virginia Morgan
Scott Barton
9 Marty Stockstill
10 Selene Gellan



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 11 –14
Toddlers thru 5th grade
Sunday: 5 - 7 pm
Monday - Wed: 6—8 p.m.
Make your plans now to
bring your kids and invite
their friends!

As we have done in the past, we will serve a snack each night to the kids. We will need 40 dozen cookies, 24 dozen brownies and 6-8 veggie trays. Bring the snacks on Sunday, June 11. Sign up at the Information Desk if you can help.

### Stems Needed for Camp

Alice Buckner in need of the following items for her Happy Hollow camp session which is June 5-9:

cotton fabric scraps (all sizes)
jumbo popsicle sticks
baby food jars
tin cans (all sizes), no sharp edges
large metal washers
bright paints for metal, different
colors (no sprays)
foam paint brushes
6 dowel rods (at least 3 feet each)
clear spray paint (4 cans)

You can place the items in the baskets below The Blessing Tree.

### Ladies Bitte Class

### Ladies Bible Class

meets Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Our lessons are from the book "Because I Said So." Megan Jobes will teach the class and her topic is: "You Can't Have Your Cake and Eat it Too, Instant Gratification."





May 28-June4: Show Me State Bible Lectures at Branson Church of Christ June 8-11 Summer Lectureship at Hwy 13 Church of Christ in Bolivar June 20: Summer Sing hosted by Conway Church of Christ Brochures on the bulletin board.

### JUNE Anniversaries

2 Tim/Alice Buckner 27 yrs. 3 Jon/Makesha Davis 17 yrs.

4 Mike/Gena Ussery 13 yrs.

4 Brian/Danielle Horton 6 yrs.

6 James/Emily Simons 19 yrs. 7 Bob/Ellie Swartz 47 yrs.

7 Steve/Leah Prewitt 9 yrs.

8 Kevin/Marla Wuench 21 yrs.

9 Dewayne/Carol Jackson 45 yrs.

9 Mike/Glenda Thurlkill 39 yrs. 10 Van/Barbara Barnes 61 yrs.

11 Les/Shirlane Horton 34 yrs.

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14 Russell/Elizabeth Lilly 31 yrs.

14 Russell/Elizabeth Litty 51 yrs. 15 Tony/Diana Compton 47 yrs.

15 Kerry/Sandy Cole 43 yrs.

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21 Bob/Leona Snider 64 yrs.

25 Mark/Cheryl Friend 30 yrs. 27 Oran/Nadean Green 59 yrs.

Happy Anniversary!!

### SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

Greeters: Gene & Ruth Lund
Van Driver: Team Hulett/889-5344
Nursery: Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum

### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Mike Ussery
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Devin Carroll
Communion: Josh Luna/J. Buck

Nursery: Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton

### NEXT WEEK, June 4

Song Leader: Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing Jon Davis
Opening Prayer: Adam Blaney Luke Lines

Communion: Travis Morrison Brian Carroll/A. Cobb

Closing Prayer: Steve Prewitt John Stayton

Greeters: Byrle & Virginia Hayter
Van Driver: Jon Davis/864-9872

Nursery: AM: Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan

PM: Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin

Wednesday, May 31
Devotional: John Dutton

Song Leader: John Mahon
Prayer: Ron Stokes

Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/849-7678

### **Bible Classes (Adult)**

### Sunday AM

Adult The Beginning of Your Story. (Genesis)
Adult Job Room 126 Barney Crawford
Adult Learning from Bible Characters
Adult Pray Without Ceasing Room 129 Jon Ewing

A Study of the Prayers of the Bible

Adult Chronological Study of the Bible Room 130 Paul Lines
College Scorched and Choked Room 119 Patrick Springer

We need YOU in BIBLE CLASS each week!

If you are unable to attend services, don't forget that all of our services are "Live Streamed." Go to www.watermillchurchofchrist.org and click on "Live Video."

### **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

#### 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....6:30 PM

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