



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 24, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#989

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Opening Prayer

Jim Reaves

#773

#726

The Lord's Supper

Verl Duncan

#638

Contribution

Verl Duncan

#408

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#272

Announcements

Jerry Young

#756

Closing Prayer

Justin Reaves

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

HOW THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST IS TO BE HONORED

“But God raised him from the dead!” We always find that astonishing claim at the heart of the announcements and actions of the apostles of Christ (see, for example, Acts 2:24, 32; 3:15; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30). That is as it should be. After all, it is the resurrection which declares our Lord to be the Son of God (Rom. 1:4), and which proves that what happened on the cross is a triumph over sin and death (Rev. 1:5, 18), and which assures that a day is fixed when he will judge the world in righteousness (Acts 17:31).

Almost instinctively, people know that if an event so meaningful occurred, it must be celebrated. We could not agree more. But another point seems obvious: those who announced the resurrection should be our guides in determining what to do about it. How, then, does their proclamation and practice indicate that the resurrection of Christ is to be honored?

When the Lord's Day is observed, his resurrection is celebrated. “The first day of the week” is the phrase that ties together the fact of the resurrection with the gatherings of the church (Lk. 24:1; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20; 16:2). That we find his people meeting on this day tells us that the Lord wants his death remembered only in the light of his being raised up as the victor. The Lord's Day establishes the tone in our lives for each new week, reorienting our priorities and our behavior and our hope to the great truth of the gospel: “This Jesus God raised up.”

When a scriptural baptism occurs, the resurrection of Christ is recognized and relied upon. In baptism according to the scriptures, one who dies to sin is buried by baptism into the death of Christ in order to be raised to new life as he was raised from the dead (Rom. 6:4). One who was dead in sin comes alive through forgiveness when he is “buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead” (Col. 2:12-13).

When Christian character is being formed, the resurrection of Christ is honored. Some things belong to the old life, some to the new. Among those who have been raised with Christ, there is no place for such as this: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, covetousness, anger, wrath, malice, slander, obscene talk, or lying (Col. 3:5, 8-9). Instead, those for whom Christ is all are marked by new compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forbearance, forgiveness, love, peace, and thankfulness (Col. 3:12-15).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is such an event as can only be celebrated by a whole life lived in view of it, not merely by a special day. These are three ingredients of such a life.

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: “And They Have Conquered Him”

PM: Jesus Has Visited Nain

Prayer List & News

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

April 17

Bible Study:	253
Morning:	370
Evening:	206
Wednesday (4/20):	242
Contribution:	\$8,651



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young



Prayer List

☞ **Brent Asher** is doing well after emergency gall bladder surgery on Tuesday
 ☞ **Arilla Buck** has been moved to *The Neighborhoods at Quail Creek, 1514 West Lark Street, Springfield, 65810; she has an aggressive brain tumor*
 ☞ Continue to remember **Kay Adams, Lucille Ford** and **Herman Harris**

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Lanae Gillespie's mother (Jill Thornton's grandmother), **Geneve Treat**, who has terminal cancer
- ◇ Norman & Lucile's great grandson, **Dylan**
- ◇ **Mark Best**, 4th grader at Strafford, is now at St. Jude
- ◇ **Chris Tucker**, Bill & Shirley Chilton's son-in-law, is doing well after his recent heart attack; he is back at work



SYMPATHY

*We extend our sympathy to **Clay & Sharon Joseph** and their family in the loss of Clay's father, **Melvin Joseph**, who passed away*

Thursday at the age of 94. Visitation will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 11 at the Pittsburg Church of Christ in Pittsburg, KS. (See Johnnie for directions if you plan to attend the funeral.

*We also extend our sympathy to **Bonnie Cole** in the loss of her cousin, **Sandra Oglerby**, in CA this past week.*

***Jeff Treat** also lost an aunt, **Yvonne Rouse**, this past week in Mt. Home.*



Awards Presentation tonight after services. Make plans to stay and offer your congratulations and support to these great young people and their coaches who have put in many hours of work over the last few months.



*In addition to all that were mentioned Saturday at the Tea, we would like to thank **Linda Barnett** for running the AV room also thank everyone who provided lights to decorate the fellowship hall. **Committee for Ladies Tea***

*We are thankful for **Teresa Mahon, Bill & Kay, Dennis & Carolyn** for sitting with us during the death of our mother. Thank you for the many cards, calls, lunch for our family and for the contribution to Happy Hollow Bible Camp in Mother's memory. God has blessed us. **The Ella Smith Family***

*With special thanks for all the birthday and anniversary cards and also the expressions of care and concern shown to us from everyone at Water Mill. Keep us in your prayers. In Christian Love, **Paul & Mary Bratcher***

*Thank you for your prayers, calls and cards while I was recovering from surgery and special thank you to **Blanton** for taking me to and from my appointments. I appreciated all that was done for me. I am so thankful for my church family. May God bless you all. I love everyone of you. **Ella Mae Findlay***

*This is for such lovely people. I had a great time at the Tea. Your kindness was wonderful and how lucky I am to have met you & my good friends **Kay & Bill**. Our good Lord made sure I was in good hands. I received a nice feeling of Christ from the ladies. Again thank you. You are in my prayers. **Kathleen Dewey** (She attended the Tea as Kay's guest)*

Long-Term

- Kay Adams
- Paul Bratcher
- Doris Burch
- Bonnie Cole
- Lucille/Milton Ford
- Donna Harcrow
- Herman Harris
- Clay Joseph
- Marilyn Lanpher
- Jarita Nimmo
- Betty Shaw
- Doris Tobler
- Pat Woods
- Military:**
- Cody Newman
- Elaine Noe
- Expectant Moms
- Angela Morton** (??) (May)
- Summer Azeez** (boy) (June)
- Megan Crum Hollingsworth** (Aug)

Activities & Notes

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome to:

Jack & Rose Lynch

592 E. Katie Drive, Springfield, MO 65803
417-833-8010

We are delighted they have made the decision to work and worship with us at Water Mill. They come to us from the Kansas City area.



Spring PRESCHOOL Potluck next Sunday for all preschoolers (thru kindergarten) and their families. Bring food to share.

Upcoming in May

- ≈ **May 1** Golden Agers meet at 4 p.m.
- ≈ **May 3** Quilters meet at 10 am
- ◇ **May 8** MOTHERS' DAY
- ≈ **May 9** The Ladies Book Club will meet at Panera Bread N. on Kansas Expressway at 6:30
- ≈ **May 10** Elders meet at 2 p.m.
- ≈ **May 12** Ladies Bible Class at 10:30. Stacy Haddock & Emily Simons will be leading the class. There will be a class for the kids led by Sheryl Low. Potluck lunch will follow
- ≈ **May 15** Kids & Family "Picnic at the Park" after AM services
- ≈ **May 15** at 3 p.m.: Baby shower for **Angela Morton**; the baby should be here by then so you will know whether to buy a boy/girl gift; she is registered at Target, www.healthybabyboutique.com and www.cottonbabies.com
- ≈ **May 17** Quilters meet at 10 a.m.
- ≈ **May 22** at 3 p.m.: Diapers and Wipes Baby Shower for **Summer Azeez**; because of allergic reactions, they are requesting Walgreens brand diapers and wipes or Huggies brand wipes.
- ≈ **May 29** Potluck Lunch



Birthdays Next Week

- 3 Jo Baggett
- 4 Shirley Chilton
Byrle Hayter
Jim Low
John Stayton
- 5 Bekah Meinsen
- 6 Jenny Carroll
Tom Easterly
Don Essex
Lonnie Wilkinson
- 7 Gregory Johnson
Caleb McCurry

There will be an important meeting next Sunday at 4 p.m. for all Funeral Group Leaders and their helpers.



Graduates

If you will be graduating this spring (high school, college, etc.), **please notify the office or Andrew Morton** as soon as possible. The Graduates' Reception is May 22 after pm services.

Food Pantry Needs

Boxed & Canned Meals

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| Jelly | Peanut Butter |
| Cereal | Tuna |
| Canned fruit | Jello/Pudding |
| Canned Vegies | Mac & Cheese |
- Please place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support.



Lessons from a Dogwood Tree

By Dennis R. Smith

Almost fifty years ago when I built my dream home in an alfalfa field, I also planted what was supposed to be a pink dogwood tree. It turned out to be white. Of course this didn't show up for almost a year until it put on its first blooms. I was somewhat disappointed but I thought, "the damage was done so I will just be content with the white one." As years went by, again I was disappointed when its trunk started showing signs of decay but each year in spite of the aging which had taken place, the old tree rewarded me with spreading branches of beautiful white blossoms. I had even thought of cutting it down many times, yet I just didn't have the heart to do so. Now, after all these years, there she still stands - somewhat snarled in places - but testifying to the strong heart within her decaying body. What lessons can I learn from my dogwood tree? (1) "Godliness with contentment is great gain" (1st Tim. 6:6). (2) "Fret not thyself to do evil" (Psa. 37:8). (3) "Be thankful (Col. 3:15). (4) Life, even in trees, is a product of God (Gen. 1:11). (5) Things are not always as bad as they may seem. (6) You can't judge a book by its cover. (7) Age is no excuse for quitting to serve. (8) There is nothing sweeter than little children, yet there is a certain dignity, says the Lord, in these words: "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Prov. 16:31). In summary - "And the trees of the field shall clap their hands" (Isa. 55:12).

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

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa
Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
Voice of Truth International
Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
World Christian Broadcasting
Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
Lincoln Church of Christ
Fair Haven Children's Home
"In Search Of The Lord's Way"
7:00 A.M. Sundays
KOLR TV 10
"Know Your Bible"
10:30 A.M. Sundays
Springfield 33
KSPR-TV



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Jim & Debbie Meinsen
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970
KYB Phone: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
Serve Daniel Wilson/Barney Crawford
Communion: Van Barnes/Randy Blackburn
Adam Barton/Scott Barton
Tim Bowling/Jackie Buck
Kyle Buckner/Tim Buckner

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer: Brian York
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Tim Timmons
Communion: Jon/Briley Ewing
Nursery: Glenda/Mike Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, May 1

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Kelley Epperly	Eddie Currier
Communion:	George Downing	G./William Downing
Closing Prayer:	Porter Barnes	Tom Davis
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Jackie & Leah Freeze	
Van Driver:	James Simons/732-5641	

MONTH OF MAY

Ushers: Grant Wheeler/
Aaron Tovar
AV Room: Larry Baggett/
Adam Stipp
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, April 27

Devotional: Kyle Buckner
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Daniel Wilson
Closing Prayer: Barney Crawford
Van Driver: Jason Luna