



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

May 8, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#213

#446

Opening Prayer

Van Barnes

#884

#913

The Lord's Supper

John Dutton

Contribution

John Dutton

#157 (1,3)

#568 (1,3)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#9 (1,2)

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#453 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Adam Barton

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

MOTHERHOOD AS AN ILLUSTRATION

When a mother is mentioned, what qualities come to your mind? One reason why this is a worthwhile question is that the Psalms often use motherhood to illustrate key truths about God and our relationship to him. What is it that, according to the songs and prayers of Israel, should impress us and stay with us?

The power and knowledge of God. "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb....My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them" (Psalm 139:13, 15-16).

The trustworthiness of God. "O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me" (Psalm 131:1-2).

The kindness of God. "He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap....He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!" (Psalm 113:7, 9).

The necessity of God. "Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you were he who took my from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you....For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me....Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me....I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother; as one who laments his mother, I bowed down in mourning (Psalm 71:6; 51:3, 5; 35:14).

The steadfast love of God. "Hide not your face from me. Turn not away from your servant in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in....Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. On you I was cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God" (Psalm 27:9-10; 22:9-10).

Perhaps the greatest gift a mother can give to her children is a background against which to understand themselves in relation to the Lord GOD.

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: What a Mother's Heart Means to a Family

PM: Be Sure to Get Your "Blesseds" Right

Activities & 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

May 1

Bible Study:	274
Morning:	345
Evening:	188
Wednesday (5/4):	220
Contribution:	\$9,971



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford



New Visitation Program

There will be a meeting **today after evening services** for all who would like to be more involved in visits, sending cards and/or making phone calls. Everyone who is able, please come and help us. If you cannot make it but would like to help, please contact James Simons or sign up on the sheet at the Information Desk.



Garden Planting Day -- **Tomorrow** Evening from 4:30 to 6:30. All are welcome. Bring clothes and shoes you can get dirty.

- ⇒ The **Ladies Book Club** will meet tomorrow night **here at the building** at 6:30.
- ⇒ **Elders** meet Tuesday at Fair Haven
- ⇒ **Kids & Family** "Picnic at the Park" after AM services on May 15
- ⇒ **Quilters** meet at 10 a.m. on May 17
- ⇒ **Potluck Lunch on May 29**
- ⇒ **Fifth Sunday Contribution on May 29**—all contributions go into the Building Fund
- ⇒ **Titus 2 Ladies meet on May 31 at 12:30**



Ladies Bible Class meets Thursday 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.

Baby Showers

There will be a baby shower for **Bonnie Claire Morton** (Angela & Andrew) on **May 15 at 3 p.m.** They are registered at Target, Baby Care Products from Arbonne (see Sara Keener) www.healthybabyboutique.com & www.cottonbabies.com.

On May 22 at 3 p.m. there will be a **"Diapers and Wipes"** shower for **Summer Azeez**. Because of allergic reactions, they are requesting **Walgreens** brand diapers and wipes or **Huggies** brand wipes.



Graduates

The Graduates' Reception is May 22 after pm services.

Bro. Dennis is starting a new class TODAY in the auditorium entitled "The Life of Christ" as related by Matthew."



*The heart of a wonderful Mother is love!
Happy Mother's Day*



Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the phone calls, e-mails, cards and every expression of sympathy at the passing of our Father (Melvin Joseph). We are so grateful for all the food that was prepared for our family by the church ladies. It was wonderful and helped us out so much. The flowers sent by the Elders & Staff are beautiful and we thank you for those also. Finally thanks to all those who drove to Pittsburg to provide comfort and encouragement for us. We are so blessed to have you all. In Christian love, **Clay & Sharon**

Thank you all for making my birthday special. Thank you for all the beautiful cards, the calls and many good wishes. You all are so special to us. It's wonderful to know such caring people. We love you. **Clyde & Doris Iorg**.

Prayer List & Notes

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

Summer Azeez
(boy) (June)
Megan Crum
Hollingsworth
(Aug)

- ☞ *Arilla Buck is now at Magnolia Square, 1502 West Edgewood, 65807.*
- ☞ *Kay Adams & Wilma Melton are not doing well*
- ☞ *Continue to remember Lucille Ford and Herman Harris*

Friends and Family:

- ♦ *Jon Ewing's dad, Winston, is in St. John's not doing very well at this time*
- ♦ *Lanae Gillespie's mother (Julie Thornton's grandmother), Geneve Treat, has terminal cancer*
- ♦ *Tyler Thornton's mom, Pat Thornton, has been diagnosed with cancer; she lives in Marshfield*
- ♦ *A friend of Kerry Cole, Sally Trobaugh from Sterling, IL, has cancer.*
- ♦ *Mark Best, 4th grader at Strafford; his bone marrow transplant is scheduled for May 13 at St. Jude's*
- ♦ *Rosie Williams of Shell Knob (Wayne Williams wife) has health issues*
- ♦ *Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings., has cancer and is not doing well*

Responses

Stacey McCurry and Jose Polson responded Sunday asking for prayers.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Gene Lund	417-343-5783
Eddie Sanders	417-833-5712
Bob Snider	417-833-3498
Jerry Young	417-724-0324

Minister

Bill McFarland	417-833-0110
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Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith	417-866-6918
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Youth Minister

Andrew Morton	417-712-4809
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Shannon Haddock
Tim Bowling	Matt Keener
Tim Buckner	Russell Lilly
Tom Davis	Paul Lines
George Downing	Jim Meinsen
Jim Elliff	Travis Morrison
Jon Ewing	James Simons

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



We are preparing an Encouragement Book to give to Arilla Buck. Please stop by the Information Desk and write a few words to let her know we love her and are thinking of her at this most difficult time.



Birthdays Next Week

15 Barbara Barnes
Jessica Currier
16 Samantha York
17 Coyeatte Ewing
Mackynzi Sekulic
Happy Birthday



This is the quilt made by our quilters from fabric

brought back from Malawi by Jill Morrison last year. Ann took the quilt with her to Malawi and gave it to *Wezi*. The other two children are Erik & Dana, Mark & Era's children.



EQUALS

By Dennis R. Smith

There is a mathematical equation which goes like this: "Things which are equal to themselves are equal to each other." This applies to the church and salvation. First, in talking about the church, Luke informs us that the "church of God was purchased by his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Next, the Apostle Paul declares, "we have redemption through his (meaning Christ's) blood" (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14). These two verses verify that God and Christ are one in keeping with 1st John 5:7-8. There is more! If the Lord's blood purchased the church and if the saved were redeemed by his blood, then it stands to reason that one equals the other and each depends on each other. In plain English, if we remove the saved, there is no church and if we remove the church, then there is no saved! Perhaps this is why we see in Ephesians 5:23 that Paul wrote, "and he (Christ) is the savior of the body" (meaning the church - Eph. 1:22, 23, Col. 1:18). Please search these passages for yourself! Now, let's go a step further: If the church in the first century was visible (Rome, Corinth, etc.) then it must also be visible today. Think about this: If the saved never assembled there is no visible church. If there is no visible church, there is no saved! Scripturally speaking they are the same. Luke must have known this in writing, "and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). Our efforts must focus on things which are equal!

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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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday



Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn
Greeters: Kerry & Sandy Cole
Van Driver: Russell Lilly/839-4048
KYB Phone: Shirley Chilton/M. J. Rookstool
Serve Blanton Glenn/Ted Crabtree
Communion: Eddie Currier/Tom Davis
 Greg Donoho/Mark Friend
 Ryan Friend/Verl Duncan
 Aubrey Cobb/Briley Ewing

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer: Verl Duncan
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: George Downing
Communion: George/William Downing
Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

NEXT WEEK, May 15

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Scott Barton	John Dutton
Communion:	Jon Ewing	G./William Downing
Closing Prayer:	Brent Asher	Tom Easterly
AM Nursery:	Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling	
PM Nursery:	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
Greeters:	Mike & Glenda Thurlkill	
Van Driver:	Steve Prewitt/872-6849	

MONTH OF MAY

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

Wednesday, May 11

Devotional: Matt Kelley
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Shannon Haddock
Closing Prayer: Dale Harp
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill