



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

May 15, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#400

#716

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Opening Prayer

Scott Barton

#68

The Lord's Supper

Brian York

#282

Contribution

Brian York

#523

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#714

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#345

Closing Prayer

Brent Asher

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

THE WONDER OF A SEED

“Though I do not believe a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed. Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders.” – Henry David Thoreau

Lately I have seen a number of people prepared to expect wonders. Some of our friends here, for example. Rows have been laid off in a bare plot of tilled ground. They have been labeled. Stakes have been set up in preparation for growing plants and the resultant produce. All this, of course, is a work of faith in a seed.

The scriptures often use this very image to communicate the truth about life to us. The fact is that a seed is a wonder in the spiritual realm, too. The seed is what has life in it. Identity is bound up in the seed, and there is no fooling it: it will bring forth after its kind. There is also a harvest in any seed: the sower must be prepared to expect it. A particular seed may be tiny, but it has within it the capacity to become quite large and to bear fruit that touches many lives.

The seed of the kingdom of the Lord is his word. It is imperishable seed which produces new life that abides. Action motivated by it can be identified. Where it is being obeyed, good fruit develops and grows. That is the nature of the word of truth, the gospel.

Any kind of service in the Lord's kingdom may be likened to sowing seed. The sower realizes that seed has been supplied to him by grace. He sows it by using it for the sake of Christ. But he suffers no loss: the supplier of the seed increases the sower's harvest of righteousness!

The wonder of a seed is that it sprouts and grows. The sower doesn't have to know how. He just has to believe that it will, and to act accordingly.

Be prepared to expect a wonder. In due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

–Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: "What Use Is It?"

PM: Real Prayer

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 8

Bible Study:	257
Morning:	405
Evening:	223
Wednesday (5/11):	244
Contribution:	\$11,223



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

Baby Showers

TODAY AT 3 P.M. there will be a baby shower for **Bonnie Claire Morton** (Angela & Andrew). They are registered at Target, Baby Care Products from Arbonne (see Sara Keener), www.cottonbabies.com, www.healthybabyboutique.com.
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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. [You do not need to wrap the diapers.](#)

Welcome Please extend a warm welcome to
Tom & Marti Norrell
5336 S. Clifton
Springfield, MO 65810
417-766-0660

We are happy they have made the decision to work and worship with us at Water Mill.



We really enjoyed all the cards and calls for our anniversary. All your calls, cards and prayers over the last months of Herman's treatment have been supportive and much appreciated by both of us. With our love and appreciation, Herman & Pat Harris

I want to thank everyone who helped me when I had my accident and for all the cards and calls as I was healing. You all mean so much to me. Your care and concern was appreciated. God has blessed me with a wonderful church family. May you all be blessed as you have blessed me. Your sister in Christ, Scheryl Nook

Thank you to our young children for the pretty flowers they made and gave so lovingly to all of us mothers, grandmas and great grandmas. What a blessing our young children are. God Bless, Diana Compton



Our 2011 Graduates
Daniel Jordan, Kylie Dutton & Shawnda Reed (Strafford)
Alex Penner & Daniel Meinsen (Home School)
Caleb McCurry (Monet H.S.)
The Graduates' Reception is NEXT SUNDAY after pm services.
We hope you can join us as we honor these graduates.

- ⇒ **Kids & Family** "Picnic at the Park" after AM services **TODAY**.
- ⇒ **Quilters** meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday
- ⇒ **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

Congratulations to Oran & Nadean Green on the arrival of new granddaughter, Even Tayne Green, born to Noel & Celeste!

Former member
Kristy Grimm
Sivils & Billie are expecting a girl in September!
Congratulations!



Birthdays Next Week
Marla Wuench
Brittany Morrison
Tim Buckner
Melinda Barton
William Downing
Happy Birthday

Some of our LTC Winners:

- Adam Barton/**Power Point**/Gold
- Jacee Simons/**Children's Books**/Silver
- Art (drawing)**
- Alissa Buckner/Gold
- Candice Collins/Silver
- Josie Dunegan/Gold
- Kyle Mahon/Gold
- Shawnda Reed/Silver
- Audrey Wuench/Gold
- Marcy Noe/**Art (Painting)**/Gold
- Joshua Luna/**Art (Sculpture)**/Silver
- Banner Team 1—Gold**
- Richmond Griter/Trevor Kraus/Kyle Mahon
- Banner Team 2—Gold**
- Elizabeth Penner/Michael Penner/Kaya White
- Congratulations to all!**
- (Watch for more winners next week)*

Prayer List & Notes

- ☞ Kerry Cole is now at home recovering from a stroke.
- ☞ Byrle Hayter is being treated for a blood clot in his leg
- ☞ Arilla Buck is at Magnolia Square
- ☞ Barbara Barnes is recovering from a fall.
- ☞ Chatty Timmons and Clay Joseph are doing ok after trips to the emergency room this past week
- ☞ Debbi Ratterree had breast reconstruction revision last Thursday but now thinks she has a staph infection
- ☞ Continue to remember Lucille Ford, Kay Adams, Wilma Melton and Herman Harris
- ☞ Pat & Regina Woods left Thursday for California; keep them in your prayers

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Jon Ewing's dad, Winston, has been moved to Mercy Villa; he is not doing very well
- ◇ Jan Bowling's dad, Russell Harber, is now home from the hospital but still has some health issues
- ◇ Continue to remember Mark Best, 4th grader at Strafford, who received a bone marrow transplant last Friday; Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings; Lanae Gillespie's mother (Julie Thornton's grandmother), Genevieve Treat, (16800 Helm Dr., St. Roberts, MO 65584) and Tyler Thornton's mom, Pat, who are all dealing with cancer
- ◇ Jerry Stockdale's uncle, Dean Stockdale, is in Cox South after suffering a heart attack and stroke

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Teresa Griter's family in the loss of her brother-in-law's mother on Friday.

- ### Long-Term
- Kay Adams
 - Paul Bratcher
 - Doris Burch
 - Bonnie Cole
 - Lucille/Milton Ford
 - Herman Harris
 - 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)



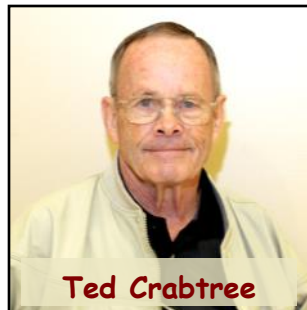
We are preparing an Encouragement Book to give to **Arilla Buck**. Please stop by the Information Desk **TODAY** and write a few words to let her know we love her and are thinking of her at this most difficult time.



If you would like to contribute money to be sent to Alabama for the tornado victims, please see one of the Elders, Russell or Johnnie. We have already sent \$2,600. Thank you for your caring and generous hearts!



Jack & Rose Lynch



Ted Crabtree

Some of our new families

Welcome!



Jeff, Lori & Miley Fisher

From this:



Matt still needs help putting down weed block and straw. If you can help, see Matt.

TO THIS



QUIT YOU LIKE MEN!

By Dennis R. Smith

The expression "quit you like men" has probably been the original source for a more current charge often made toward some. That expression is easily brought to mind by our own generation - "be a man about it." In the New Testament the Apostle Paul spoke these words to the church at Corinth in 1st Corinthians 16:13. On the other hand, it goes back much further than the New Testament. In 1st Samuel 4:9 the phrase appears as a rally cry to the Philistine army: "Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines." As different translations have sprung up over the years, the "like men" has often been omitted and rightly so because in the kingdom of our Lord the word "men" is not always limited to the masculine gender. The term applies to both men and women and certainly fits in to all (at times) and means "quit acting like children" (1st Cor. 13:11). In both the texts it is very obvious that the idea of bravery, strength, and steadfastness is what the real message is. However, let us all be careful in our dealing with others that we cease to be "childish" about some things understanding that our Lord desires that we "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Eph. 4:15). In the Christian world today it is even more important that we be brave and strong becoming great men and women not afraid to stand firm on and in the gospel of Christ. The Christian amour fits both men and women (Eph. 6:10-17)!

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: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling
Greeters: Mike & Glenda Thurlkill
Van Driver: Steve Prewitt/872-6849
KYB Phone: Jim & Bekah Meinsen
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: John Dutton
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Tom Easterly
Communion: George/William Downing
Nursery: Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, May 22

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Tim Bowling	Don Essex
Communion:	Clarence Feeney	G./William Downing
Closing Prayer:	Jackie Buck	Clarence Feeney
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Johnnie Elliff/Chatty Timmons	
Van Driver:	Shannon Haddock/732-4203	

MONTH OF MAY

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

Wednesday, May 18

Devotional: Shannon Haddock
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: John Hulett
Closing Prayer: Matt Kelley
Van Driver: Todd Kraus