



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

May 29, 2011

## Order of Worship

### *Welcome*

Barney Crawford

### *Song Leader*

Jon Ewing

### *Opening Prayer*

Brendan Carroll

### *The Lord's Supper*

Jackie Freeze

### *Contribution*

Jackie Freeze

### *Lesson*

Bill McFarland

### *Announcements*

Barney Crawford

### *Closing Prayer*

Jerry Young

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

## 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

### *Today's Messages:*

*AM: Now What?*

*PM: God at Work*

# 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 22

Bible Study:	267
Morning:	339
Evening:	251
Wednesday (5/25):	184
Contribution:	\$ 9,965



Elder of the Month  
Barney Crawford

## POTLUCK

Today we will have our 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch.

Team #3 is responsible for working: **Kitchen:** Alice Buckner, Sandy Cole, Shirley Chilton, Coyeatte Ewing, Carol Tovar, Ruth Raines  
**Dining Room:** Tim Buckner, Jeremy Thurlkill, Brenda Noe, Tovar, Denzil Raines

We invite our visitors to stay and enjoy good food and fellowship with us.

## Upcoming Events ...

- ⇒ **Titus 2 Ladies** will meet Tuesday from 2 to 4 (See Summer Schedule on Information Desk)
- ⇒ **Ladies Game Night** is Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30. We will play games and have fellowship. **Bring snacks and drinks to share.**
- ⇒ **James River Nursing Home:** All who can are encouraged to participate in the singing/devo for the nursing home at 2 p.m. Saturday.
- ⇒ **Golden Agers** meet next Sunday at 4
- ⇒ **SNAC** next Sunday after PM services.
- ⇒ **Ladies Bible Class** will meet on June 9 at 10:30. Elaine Poland from Bona will bring a lesson on **"The Pearl of Great Price."** Sheryl Low will have a class for the little ones. Potluck lunch will follow.
- ⇒ **Elders** meet June 14 at 2 p.m.
- ⇒ **Titus 2 Ladies** meet June 14 from 10-12
- ⇒ **Youth Night** at Brookline June 19.
- ⇒ **June 19-25**—Larry Baggett's Happy Hollow Bible Camp Session
- ⇒ **June 26-July 2**—Alice Buckner's Happy Hollow Session

Young Ladies 4th grade-high school ... There will be a short meeting next Sunday morning after services in Room 130.



### HELP FOR JOPLIN TORNADO VICTIMS

If you would like to contribute money for the tornado victims, see one of the Elders or Johnnie. Also, the church will take 10% of today's contributions and split those funds along with your individual contributions between the 26th & Connecticut and the Mt. Hope congregations.

The new Visitation Program will meet tonight after services.

**New Young Adult Bible Class** on Sunday mornings will start on June 12th in room 119. Topics will be focusing on New Families, Raising Families and Planning for Families. Matt Keener will be the teacher for the 1st quarter.

**Wednesday evening Ladies Bible Class** has begun a series of "Character Development" lessons taught by Debbie Crawford in Rm. 129. All women are invited to join in this study.

**Elders/Deacons/Ministers & wives**  
Mark your calendar for **July 29** for a special recognition party being planned by the young ladies of the congregation!

The next book for the book club is **An Echo in the Darkness** by Francine Rivers. Date for meeting will be announced later.

# Prayer List & Notes



- ☞ Truman Coltrane is home from the hospital
- ☞ Kay Adams is in Cox South
- ☞ Arilla Buck is at Magnolia Square not

doing well

- ☞ Kerry Cole continues to recover from a stroke
- ☞ Lucille Ford is at Springfield Rehab.
- ☞ Continue to remember Wilma Melton and Herman Harris

### Friends and Family:

- ◇ Jon Ewing's dad, Winston, is at Mercy Villa; he is doing better
- ◇ Monty Lewis' father, Morgan Lewis, fell and broke his hip; he is in the hospital in Bolivar
- ◇ Mark Best, 4th grader at Strafford, who recently received a bone marrow transplant
- ◇ Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings; Lanae Gillespie's mother (Julie Thornton's grandmother), Geneve Treat, and Tyler Thornton's mom, Pat, who are all dealing with cancer
- ◇ Jerry Stockdale's uncle, Dean Stockdale, is now home
- ◇ Gail White's brother, Paul D. Ellard
- ◇ Quinton Anderson from 26th & Connecticut church in Joplin is in St. John's ICU; no visitors at this time

### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jon Ewing and his family in the loss of his uncle, Glen Pursley and to Bill White in the loss of his brother-in-law, Ida Mae's brother.

### 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)

### Birthdays Next Week

- 5 Virginia Hayter
- 7 Brendan Carroll  
Joshua Luna  
Ann Thiesen
- 8 Scott Barton  
Daniel Meinsen  
Virginia Morgan  
Grant Wheeler
- 9 Marty Stockstill
- 10 Selene Gellan
- 11 Elaina Stockstill  
Happy Birthday



### June Anniversaries

#### June 1-11

- 2 Tim/Alice Buckner 21 yrs.
- Justin/Meredith Reaves 4 yrs.
- 5 Matt/Julie Kelley 7 yrs.
- 6 James/Emily Simons 13 yrs.
- 7 Steve/Leah Prewitt 3 yrs.
- 8 Kevin/Marla Wuench 15 yrs.
- 9 Dewayne/Carol Jackson 39 yrs.
- Mike/Glenda Thurlkill 33 yrs.
- 10 Van/Barbara Barnes 55 yrs.
- 11 Les/Pat Malanowski 39 yrs.

### Congratulations

*Welcome*

Please extend a warm welcome to Vicki Stephens, 807 W. Pershing, Springfield, 65806, phone 417-827-8877. We are happy that Vicki has made the decision to work and worship with us at Water Mill. Please make Vicki feel welcome.

### New Address

Daniel Tovar  
1257 E. Cherry  
Apt. 301  
Springfield  
65802

### Shut-ins:

- Joy/Alice Allen
- Shirley Bartlett
- Doris Iorg
- Fern Davis
- Thelma Fain
- Irene Johnson
- Carol Law
- John Luallin
- Carol Mahon
- Wilma Melton
- Annie Overstreet
- Wilma Spoor
- Doris Thomason
- Judy Todd
- Cathy White



## POWER BEHIND THE PHONE

By Dennis R. Smith

When the history of this generation is written, it may well be that the historians will call us, "The Phone People." Of course, I am jesting to some degree but on the other hand there has never been a time in which more people own so many phones. Add to this the information which can be attained by the most modern and up to date phone is unbelievable to some of us "old folks." That isn't what I'm talking about in this article. It is the proper and timely way in which we use our phones in doing the Lord's work. Let me illustrate: This past week I had a need to reach some longtime Christian friends who lived in tornado ravaged Joplin. I was concerned about their safety. Trying to reach them by phone was useless though I tried many times. But, that being the case, now you ask "where is its power?" Backing away from the first attempts, I began to use my phone to call other longtime and mutual friends from distances surrounding Joplin. As the day went on there were other Christian friends who began to use their phones calling other circles of Christians. To make a long story short, before noon I found the answer for which I had hoped and prayed. My own dear friends were unhurt though the storm had cut down two big trees in their yard. If I may say so, it was not the power of the phone but another source much stronger. You call it what you will, but I believe the Bible calls it the power of **BROTHERLY LOVE!**



### 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....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:** Jill Morrison/Linda Barnett  
**Greeters:** Jon & Coyeatte Ewing  
**Van Driver:** Lance Griter/833-2818  
**KYB Phone:** Eddie & Linda Carrier  
**Serve** Blanton Glenn/Ted Crabtree  
**Communion:** Eddie Carrier/Tom Davis  
 Greg Donoho/Mark Friend  
 Ryan Friend/Verl Duncan  
 Aubrey Cobb/Briley Ewing

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Opening Prayer:** Jackie Freeze  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Blanton Glenn  
**Communion:** George/William Downing  
**Nursery:** Jammie Davis/ M. Reaves

### NEXT WEEK, June 5

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Travis Morrison
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Russell Lilly	Todd Kraus
<b>Communion:</b>	Kelley Epperly	J. Reaves/R. Blackburn
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Paul Lines	Paul Lines
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Mark & Cheryl Friend	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Travis Morrison/742-1970	

### MONTH OF JUNE

**Ushers:** Fred Lorenz/  
Brent Asher  
**AV Room:** J. Thurlkill/  
Kyle Buckner  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines/  
Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, June 1

**Devotional:** Travis Morrison  
**Song Leader:** K. Buckner/B. Ewing  
**Opening Prayer:** Justin Reaves  
**Closing Prayer:** Eddie Sanders  
**Van Driver:** Don Tracy