



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

June 19, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Clay Joseph

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#392 (1,3,4)

#363 (1,2,4)

#146 (1,2)

Opening Prayer

Fred Lorenz

#892 (2 times)

The Lord's Supper

Blanton Glenn

#260

Contribution

Blanton Glenn

#234 (1,3,4)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#125

Announcements

Clay Joseph

#679

Closing Prayer

Jason Luna

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

THINGS NO FATHER CAN AFFORD

Some things in life cost too much to be worth what we give for them. But, sadly, many fathers—and mothers—are buying them. Such things are not paid for in money! They are bought with pain and heartache and tears. And the day will come when those who purchase these things will bitterly regret the too-high price they have had to pay!

What are some of these things which no father can afford?

1. No father can afford to build his career at the expense of his family. It is essential that fathers provide for the physical needs of their families (1 Timothy 5:8). But too many fathers see this as their only responsibility to their children. They think that if they bring home a paycheck, put food on the table, and shoes on the kids, they have done their duty!

But fathers need to provide so much more than their financial support. They need to provide emotional and psychological support. More than this, they need to provide spiritual and moral support (Eph. 6:4). They must teach their children spiritual values and school them in the laws of God (Gen. 18:19). Being a “good provider” goes far beyond material needs. No father can afford to stop at financial support alone.

2. No father can afford to shortchange his children when it comes to his time. It takes time to be a good father. One of the most basic responsibilities of being a father is just being there ... being available to your children ... being a part of their lives. There is no way to fulfill the duties of fatherhood in absentia.

Between birth and age 21, the average child will spend 105,000 hours awake. About 10,000 of these hours will be spent in school; 2,100 hours in church and Sunday school; and 92,000 hours in the home. But according to a survey taken a few years ago, the average father spends only about 6 hours a year (about 7 minutes a week) one-on-one with a pre-teenage son! Obviously, some children are being shortchanged. No father who takes his responsibilities seriously can afford to give so little of himself to his children.

3. No father can afford to gamble with the souls of his children. The soul is more valuable than the whole world (Matt. 16:26). Jesus taught that it is a terrible thing to put the soul of a child in jeopardy! “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt. 18:6). Tragically, many fathers are gambling with the souls of their children. They are doing so by failing to create a spiritual climate for them in the home ... by failing to bring them to church regularly ... and by engaging in questionable practices which their children will grow up to imitate. No father can afford to take chances where his children are concerned.

As parents, we all need to consider earnestly these “Things No Father Can Afford.” Above all, we need to remember that none of us can afford to ignore or disobey God! “God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, this will be also reap” (Gal. 6:7).

- Bobby Dockery, Fayetteville, AR

Today's Message:

AM: What A Father's Character Means to a Family

PM: The Problem of Folly

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

June 12

Bible Study:	273
Morning:	366
Evening:	174
Wednesday (6/15):	229
Contribution:	\$11,306



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph



Today is the last day to sign up for the Cardinals game next Sunday night. If you would like to attend the game, see Andrew or Johnnie TODAY to get signed up and pay for your tickets. The tickets are \$8.00 per person. Kids 4 and under are free.

WORK IN JOPLIN

Andrew will be taking the bus to Joplin each Monday for those who would like to go work. Sign up on the sheet provided on the Information Desk if you plan to go tomorrow.



- ⇒ Today thru 25th—Larry Baggett's Happy Hollow Bible Camp Session
- ⇒ June 27-July 1—Alice Buckner's Happy Hollow Session
- ⇒ Wednesday night is ROW—after ice cream, the youth will work in the garden for about an hour
- ⇒ June 28th—Titus 2 Ladies meet from 10-12
- ⇒ June 29th—Game night at the Mortons after church



Congratulations to Summer & Jereme Azeez (and Austin) on the safe arrival of Dillon

Thomas early Friday morning. He weighed 7 lbs.9 oz. All are doing well.

New Families



Tom & Marti Norrell



Vicki Stephens

Please add to the June Anniversaries
Jeff & Lori Fisher
6/29 (9 yrs.)



Thank you for the cards, prayers and words of encouragement in the recent loss of Mike's uncle. We would also like to thank you for the cards and good wishes for our anniversary. We are so blessed to be a part of this congregation. In Christian love, **Mike and Glenda Thurlkill**

God bless you for your thoughtful donation. You are helping us live the commandment to care for the least of these. All monies received are being used solely to aid tornado victims. We appreciate you helping Joplin. **Mt. Hope Church of Christ.**

Thank you for all the prayers and other acts of care and concern for my dad, Winston. He is doing much better and was able to go home last Friday. **Jon Ewing**

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**
Birthdays Next Week
- 17 John Mahon
 - 26 Norma Lorenz
 - Miley Fisher
 - 29 Ella Wheeler
 - 30 Jeanne Friend



Prayer List & Notes

In our prayers ...

- ☞ Kay Adams is at Select Speciality Hospital, Room B102
- ☞ Arilla Buck is at Magnolia Square & Lucille Ford is at Springfield Rehab.
- ☞ Herman Harris in Cox South room 322
- ☞ Illene Birdsong had surgery on her ear to remove skin cancer

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Jay Sardeson's mother has cancer that has spread to the brain and lymph nodes; keep Jay & Amber and their family in your prayers
- ◇ Julian Penner's friend, Nathan Paul, as he recovers from surgery to remove two bars from his chest. You can send cards to 3556 E. Primrose Street, Springfield, 65807.
- ◇ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan will have eye surgery on both eyes on June 24 in Houston, TX
- ◇ Mark Best, 4th grader at Strafford, is doing really well but will remain in Memphis until August
- ◇ Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings; Lanae Gillespie's mother (Julie Thornton's grandmother), Geneve Treat, who are dealing with cancer
- ◇ Triva Henderson, friend of Oran & Nadean Green, in Cox South with blood clot in one leg plus a heart condition

Baptism: We rejoice with **TUCKER & MEGAN JOBES** as Tucker made the decision to put on Christ in baptism last Sunday evening. May we all continue to be an encouragement to Tucker as he grows as a Christian.



"...his leaf also shall not wither"

By Dennis R. Smith

What a beautiful picture the psalmist paints of the righteous man in the very first Psalm. He describes the godly in contrast to the unrighteous and what a difference there is between the two. The righteous man spends every day and night in meditation on the "law of the Lord." His choice of friends is limited to those like himself. Evidently he realized that the association with the ungodly would not be a good influence on his own personal relationship with his Lord. One of the most interesting descriptions of this righteous man is that "his leaf also shall not wither" (1:3). The first sign of a dying tree is the withering of its leaves. The ultimate promise of this thought is the assurance that he will be known by God (1:6) and will have eternal life in heaven. However, there also seems to be the assurance that those who would duplicate this lifestyle will have the promise of being alive - active and profitable to God - during their earthly tenure. There are those (according to Rev. 3:1) who were yet alive but were unprofitable as though they were dead. What an awful state this would be! May we all take a long look at our lives to determine if our "tree" is still covered with fresh green leaves or have they withered and become unprofitable unto God? Remember, "life is real and life is earnest and the grave is not its goal" (Longfellow's Psalm of Life). That being the case, may we make our lives daily one that will please God and bring a shade of blessings to others.

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

Megan Crum Hollingsworth
(Aug)

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

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

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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Happy Father's Day!

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling
Greeters: Matt & Sara Keener
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970
KYB Phone: Adam & Sara Stipp
Serve Jeff Fisher/Dwayne Jackson
Communion: Jackie Freeze/Gaylen Jones
 Oran Green/Matt Keener
 Sam Hansen/David Kern
 John Hulett/Todd Kraus

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Tim Bowling
Opening Prayer: Aaron Morrison
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Tom Norrell
Communion: Justin Reaves/R. Blackburn
Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, June 26

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	Gene Lund	Scott Nichols
Communion:	Dale Gregory	J. Reaves/R. Blackburn
Closing Prayer:	John Mahon	John Penner
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Jim & Debbie Meinsen	
Van Driver:	James Simons/732-5641	

MONTH OF JUNE

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

Wednesday, June 22

Devotional: John Dutton
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Tim Stockstill
Closing Prayer: Dustin Stokes
Van Driver: Jason Luna