



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

July 1, 2012

## Order of Worship

Welcome  
Bob Snider

Song Leader  
Kerry Cole

#833  
#642 (1,2,5)

Opening Prayer  
Scott Barton

#111 (1,2,4)  
#951

The Lord's Supper  
Tom Norrell

Contribution  
Tom Norrell

#732 (1,2,5)

Lesson  
Adam Blaney

#382

Announcements  
Bob Snider

#971 (1,2)

Closing Prayer  
Andy McFarland

Elder of the Month  
Bob Snider

## FREEDOM

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” So began the second paragraph of “the unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America” in Congress, July 4, 1776. The document went ahead to enumerate some twenty-seven oppressions which made the king “unfit to be the ruler of a free people.” Finally, “appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of” their intentions, the signatories solemnly published “That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States...” That claim of freedom has assuredly had a huge impact upon the subsequent history of the world, not to mention the course of our own lives.

It also was surely the expression of a human longing for something deeply meaningful: the exercise of liberty. Freedom is precious. It is elusive, difficult to gain and hard to keep. Both for individuals and societies, the record of human experience has often been escape from one oppressing power after bitter struggle, only to find that another dominating force assumes the power when the will has been spent.

Freedom, by nature, is responsibility. Claiming the right to make choices necessarily involves accountability for them. If one is not to be controlled by a tyrant, he must exercise such control of himself as to be able to submit his strength and energy to worthy purposes. A view of liberty which assumes that is doing whatever one pleases whenever it pleases him, with no consequences or sacrifices, is a path to some form of enslavement.

For that reason, freedom is costly. It has always meant willingness to pay the price of discipline and dignity. For example, those who signed the document that should be remembered this week with these words: “And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.” Liberty which has nothing at stake is no liberty at all.

I would rather be free than provided for. I think the human spirit is made to be that way. There is a longing in it which cannot be satisfied by any system of man, no matter how great the country or how deep the gratitude for it. Our longing for freedom is really a hunger to be what we should be before our Maker. It is what he intends to give us in Christ.

–Bill McFarland

## Sunday's Lessons:

AM: *Send Us A Revival*

PM: *What Heaven Means To A Christian*

# Prayer List

## 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 24

Bible Study:	248
Morning:	340
Evening:	203
Wednesday (6/27):	210
Contribution:	\$ 8,495

- ◆ Continue to remember Paul Bratcher, Jim Reaves, Mary Charlotte Lines, Nancy Snider
  - ◆ Eula Compton was admitted to Mercy Hospital Friday.
  - ◆ Pat Harp continues to improve from her surgery
  - ◆ Dale Harp is dealing with several health issues
  - ◆ Chatty Timmons is awaiting test results; the doctors will then determine her treatment
  - ◆ Norman High will have surgery July 2
  - ◆ Lezley Chastain, Don & Gayle Gaunt's daughter, is having some health problems and awaiting tests results
  - ◆ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, continues to recover from a stroke; he has also started chemo treatments
  - ◆ Continue to remember George Downing's father; Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze; Kay McFarland's niece Beth
  - ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, is now at Select Specialty Hospital, Room 127, 1630 East Primrose, Springfield, 65804. I'm sure she would appreciate brief visits.
  - ◆ Sarah Jacobs, friend of Glenda Thurlkill, is at Cox South recovering from serious surgery.
  - ◆ Juanita Loveland, Terry's aunt, is in Mercy Hospital in critical condition.
  - ◆ Shirley & Al Carpenter, friends of Geoff Schwartz, were injured in a car accident last weekend
- Keep Alice Buckner and her group in your prayers as they begin their Camp Session tomorrow.
- Continue to remember Kylie Dutton while she is on a month-long mission trip to the Czech Republic.

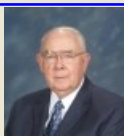
## Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams	Doris Iorg
Alice Allen	Irene Johnson
Shirley Bartlett	Carol Law
Paul Bratcher	Carol Mahon
Doris Burch	Wilma Melton
Bonnie Cole	Jarita Nimmo
Eula Compton	Betty Shaw
Fern Davis	Wilma Spoor
Thelma Fain	Doris Thomason
Lucille Ford	Doris Tobler
Milton Ford	Judy Todd
Allen Harmon	Pat Woods

## Expectant Moms

Megan Jobes/boy/July  
Sara Stipp/December  
Leah Prewitt/January

The Golden Messenger for July is available for pickup in the foyer. Be sure to read his article on "Baptizing a Man in State Prison" as well as "My Rules for Life" by George W. DeHoff.



## "Get Thee Behind Me, Satan"

By Dennis R. Smith

Most of us have heard this expression many times over the years but do we really know to whom Jesus spoke these words? Jesus had just given a lesson on the church to his apostles. Peter had made the confession that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of the Living God." It was then that Jesus blessed him and promised that upon that confession he would build his church. Jesus also had given to Peter the "keys of the kingdom of heaven" and made the promise that he would stand by the teaching of Peter both in heaven and on earth. After this, Jesus began to instruct his apostles on his coming death. The man who had just made such a great confession began to "rebuke" Jesus saying, "this shall not be unto thee." It was then our Lord said, "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men" (Matt. 16:16-23). "The word Satan here comes from the Hebrew meaning an adversary, an opposer...and...it has reference to Peter's misguided zeal" (H. Leo Boles). The point of fact is that we must take the words of Jesus without question whether it matches our zeal for him or not. Paul touched on this same thought: "...my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved...they have a zeal but not according to knowledge for they being ignorant of God's righteousness...have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God" (Rom. 10:1-3; John 2:17). We must be certain that our zeal matches up with the Word of God.

# Upcoming Events

- ◆ [Golden Agers](#) meet today at 4 p.m.
- ◆ [James River Nursing Home Devo/Singing](#) July 7 at 2 p.m. All who can are encouraged to attend
- ◆ [Book Club](#) meeting is July 9th. We are reading books written by Grace Livingston Hill.
- ◆ [Elders](#) meet July 10 at 2 p.m.
- ◆ [Elders/Deacons](#) meet July 15 at 2 p.m.
- ◆ [July 29 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch](#)
- ◆ [August 3-5 Christ Quest at Mountain Home](#)
- ◆ [August 15 BLOOD DRIVE](#)



## SUPER SATURDAY VBS

### “Step Right Up”

July 28/ 9 am—1 pm

(a carnival big-top theme)

Lunch will be served followed by  
midway games



## Golf Outing

Men, if you are interested in participating in a day of golf, please sign the sheet at the Information Desk. We will then have a meeting to determine the date.

## July Anniversaries

- 2 David/Debbi Ratterree 36 yrs.
- 3 Sam/Thresa Hansen 8 yrs.
- 6 Dale/Pat Harp 49 yrs.
- 7 Jason/Beth Trogdon 9 yrs.
- 8 Tommy/Betty Grabber 45 yrs.
- 10 Clarence/Ola Jean Feeney 61 yrs.
- 11 John/Michelle Hulett 20 yrs.
- 20 Brian/Samantha York 21 yrs.
- 24 Truman/Helen Coltrane 53 yrs.

## Happy Anniversary!

## New Teen Class

Adam is now teaching a teen Bible class on Sunday mornings in Room 120 combining junior high/high school classes. We hope your teen will be a part of this class.



## Birthdays Next Week

- 8 Shawna Stockdale
- Nancy Meeks
- Kyle Mahon
- 10 Mike Thurlkill
- Adam Griffin
- 11 Landon Nichols
- 13 Carrie Lines

Thank you to all my “family in Christ.” Your words of encouragement and petitions to our Father are appreciated more than we can ever tell you. We have a loving, merciful Father in heaven and I’d ask you all to continue to pray on behalf of so many in our family that are going through serious health problems. He does hear and answer! I love you all, Chatty Timmons P.S. I have a wonderful “nurse” who is taking great care of me.

## Do You Need a Renovation?

“Do not be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:1-2). Those words of encouragement are quite similar to those Paul gave the Ephesians (4:17-24), from which Bill’s lesson came last Sunday. We have to be willing to remove ourselves from our former life in the world, to be “renewed in the spirit of our minds” (4:23), putting on a new man. In Romans, Paul encourages the Roman Christians to not allow their lives to be shaped by the world’s doing, but rather have their lives transformed, spiritually changed completely, by a similar process: “...the renewing of your minds.”

The phrase literally means to “renovate your mind.” Most have been involved in some form of renovation of a home. If you are going to truly renovate a house or a room, the first thing that needs to be done is the removal of the old, worn out, dated furnishings and fixtures. You can’t renovate a home while leaving all the same old things in. If you have done this before, you will also know that it isn’t always an easy and pleasurable experience. It can be difficult getting rid of old things, and difficult getting old out and new in.

It is interesting that Paul uses that analogy to teach his spiritual lesson. The servant of God who wishes to be “acceptable to God” (12:1) needs to be willing to renovate their way of thinking—the removing of the old, worn out, useless (cf. Eph. 4:17) thoughts and replacing them with those thoughts of a “new man...in true righteousness and holiness” (4:24). What purpose is there for such a transformation by renewal? “...that you may discern what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” A person who has learned to put away useless, worldly desires and purposes and has replaced them with holy and spiritual motives and thoughts, is one who can see more clearly the will of God for his or her life. It is a process which all Christians constantly need as we strive to show the world what manner of life a disciple of Jesus lives. May God help us to give thought to beginning and sustaining a renovation!

## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
 Greeters: Barney & Debbie Crawford  
 Van Driver: Kevin Wuench/833-6134  
 KYB Phone: John Dutton/Megan Glenn  
 Serve: Dale Gregory/Matt Keener  
 Communion: Sam Hansen/Clint Holden  
 John Hulett/Tucker Jobes  
 Trevor Kraus/Todd Kraus  
 David Kern/Bryle Hayter

### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeremy Thurlkill  
 Opening Prayer: John Mahon  
 Lesson: Bill McFarland  
 Closing Prayer: Dennis Smith  
 Communion: Jackie Buck/George Downing  
 Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### NEXT WEEK (July 8)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Tom Norrell	Eddie Sanders
Communion:	James Simons	Jackie Buck
		George Downing
Closing Prayer:	Tom Meeks	Aaron Morrison
Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/ Orvella Blackburn	Alice Buckner/ Jenny Carroll
Greeters:	Gerri Dickens/Coyeatte Ewing	
Van Driver:	James Simons/988-8873/T. Jobes/894-0826	

### Wednesday, July 4:

Devotional: Travis Morrison  
 Song Leader: Aaron Tovar  
 Opening Prayer: Jerry Milligan  
 Closing Prayer: Travis Morrison  
 Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/849-7678

### MONTH OF JULY:

AV Room: Kyle Buckner/Adam Stipp  
 Secure Building: Paul Lines/Tim Buckner

#### 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

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation  
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern  
 Mariana Islands  
 Voice of Truth International  
 Charles Renfro, Latin American  
 Missions  
 World Christian Broadcasting  
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief  
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 "In Search of the Lord's Way"  
 7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10  
 "KNOW YOUR BIBLE"  
 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSPR



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