



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Weekly Newsletter*

*July 8, 2012*

## *Order of Worship*

*Welcome*  
**Bob Snider**

*Song Leader*  
**Kerry Cole**

**#836**  
**#40 (1,3,4)**

*Opening Prayer*  
**Tom Norrell**

**#671**  
**#345 (1,2,4)**

*The Lord's Supper*  
**James Simons**

*Contribution*  
**James Simons**

**#530 (1,2,5,6)**

*Lesson*  
**Bill McFarland**

**#561**

*Announcements*  
**Bob Snider**

**#282 (1,4)**

*Closing Prayer*  
**Tom Meeks**

*Elder of the Month*  
**Bob Snider**

## **A TREE OF LIFE**

“The tree of life” is crucial to the story the Bible tells. In the beginning the account, fallen man is denied access to the tree which was in the midst of the garden (Gen. 2:9; 3:22). At the conclusion of the record, redeemed man is granted the right to the tree of life again, and pronounced blessed (Rev. 2:7; 22:2, 14).

In between, however, the phrase “tree of life” appears only in the book of Proverbs. In contrast to “the tree of life,” which has to do with our eternal fellowship with God, “a tree of life” speaks of things which are sources of the kind of life we were meant to live in this world. The phrase symbolizes those qualities which add beauty, joy, strength and meaning to human experience.

Wisdom is a tree of life in this sense. Proverbs says of wisdom, “She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed” (3:18). They are blessed because they can tell the difference between right and wrong, but still with a spirit which is “first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere” (Js. 3:18). Such an individual both finds life and obtains the favor of the Lord (Prov. 8:25).

His influence becomes a tree of life to others, too. “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise” (Prov. 11:30). A good man’s example and teaching enriches the lives of those around him. His words and deeds are like the fruits of a tree which nourish many souls and lead them to God, turning them into sources of blessing to many others.

Especially of his words is this true. “A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit” (Prov. 15:4). Harsh words have broken many a heart, but kind and thoughtful talk has a healing effect. Wholesome speech is a source of grace and encouragement, refreshing and building up those who hear (Eph. 4:29).

Living like this tends to fulfill us. “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life” (Prov. 13:12). Few things are as disheartening as dashed hopes, but when our deepest longings are met it is as satisfying and refreshing to our souls as fresh, ripe fruit is to a hungry man.

If you want to really live, seek wisdom, bear fruit, speak gently, and have a secure hope. You will find them all in Christ.

–Bill McFarland

## *Sunday's Lessons:*

*AM: And the God of Peace Will Be With You*

*PM: A Grasp of What Has Been Accomplished*

# 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

July 1

Bible Study: 252  
 Morning: 348  
 Evening: 232  
 Wednesday (7/4): 166  
 Contribution: \$10,064

- ◆ Continue to remember Paul Bratcher, Jim Reaves, Mary Charlotte Lines, Nancy Snider
  - ◆ Eula Compton is now home
  - ◆ Jarita Nimmo is feeling better than last week
  - ◆ Dale Harp is back in Mercy Hospital with double pneumonia
  - ◆ Chatty Timmons will begin chemo treatments Tuesday
  - ◆ Nancy Snider will have an angiogram the 16th at Cox South
  - ◆ Lezley Chastain, Don & Gayle Gaunt's daughter, is having some health problems
  - ◆ 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 recovering from serious surgery.
  - ◆ Shirley & Al Carpenter, friends of Geoff Schwartz, were injured in a car accident recently
- Continue to remember Kylie Dutton while she is on a month-long mission trip to the Czech Republic.



We extend our sympathy to Terry Loveland in the loss of his aunt, Juanita Loveland, recently.

### 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

We rejoice with the Downing Family as **Josiah** made the decision to put on Christ in baptism on June 26 at Happy Hollow Bible Camp. Please be sure to offer your encouragement and support to Josiah as he begins his walk as a new Christian.



### "IF IT'S THE LORD'S WILL"

By Dennis R. Smith

While scripture clearly tells us that in our prayers to God we should always pray "...if the Lord will" (James 4:15) or "doing the will of the Lord from the heart" (Eph. 6:6). I wonder if all too often we really stop to think what the Lord's will really is. Let's consider some of the things which truly become the will of the Lord:

- (a) The Lord is "...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).
- (b) The Lord, through the Psalmist, says we should "delight to do his will" (Psa. 40:8).
- (c) He also mentions that in our prayers we should pray, "teach me to do thy will" (Psa. 143:10).
- (d) And then, while there are many others, the following word of the apostle John is a great summary:  
 "If any man will do his will, he shall know, of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself" (John 7:17).

Sometimes we take too much for granted where God's will is concerned. One thing we must absolutely accept is that God will never go outside of his Divine Word to make it willing for us to do wrong. In fact the whole of the Bible is filled with things which God calls - right or wrong - as the case may be. You might like to pursue Matthew 7:21 as a start to challenge you further in what really is the will of the Lord.

# Upcoming Events

- ◆ Elders meet Tuesday at 2 p.m.
- ◆ Elders/Deacons meet next Sunday at 2 p.m.
- ◆ July 29 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch
- ◆ August 3-5 Christ Quest at Mountain Home
- ◆ August 15 BLOOD DRIVE



**Kenna Taylor** responded Sunday night asking for prayers and to be restored to a proper relationship with Christ. She also desires to work and worship with us at Water Mill. Kenna's address is 306 W. FR 82, Springfield, 65803, phone 840-6319. Please make sure you meet Kenna and make her feel welcome at Water Mill.

**Vacation Bible School** has been postponed until Saturday, September 29th

**Allen Harmon** has been moved to the assisted living section of Manorcare, Room B2.



## 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.**



The Water Mill Book Club meeting has been changed to

Friday, July 13th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Library Station Panera Bread meeting room. We will be discussing the books we have read by Grace Livingston Hill. Come join us and be encouraged as we learn from the Christ like attitude her characters portray through the joys and struggles of their lives.



We are in need of the following items for the Food Pantry.

Boxed Meals	Canned Meals
Jelly	Peanut Butter
Cereal	Canned Fruit
Soup	Jello/Pudding
Canned Vegies	Mac & Cheese

Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support of this work.



## Birthdays Next Week

- 15 Judy Kirby
- 16 Orvella Blackburn
- Jagger Trogdon
- 17 Lance Griter
- 18 Jan Bowling
- 19 Jill Morrison
- AJ McCall
- 20 Tony Compton
- Daniel Tovar
- Elizabeth Tieszen

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*  
**Ephesians 2:10**

## Area Events

**July 9-15 Gospel Meeting**  
Oldfield Church of Christ  
with Mark Richardson

**July 22-25 VBS at Sunset**  
Church of Christ.  
See flyers on bulletin board



Dear Friends of Happy Hollow: Thank you all for the part that each of you have contributed to making this past week a very bad week for Satan out at Happy Hollow. Your prayers, your lessons presented, the week's camp theme, your help delivering our mail to our front door, giving us direction in changes to our kitchen, your donations of Gatorade, of batteries, of sports equipment, of money, of camp pictures, and dozens of other things do not go unnoticed. We had a wonderful group of young people who are changing the tide of apathy towards God. They love Him and are sharing Him. Josiah Downing jump started our week by becoming a Christian on Tuesday. Then six other ladies were baptized into Christ and two others rededicated their lives to God before our week was completed. It was a 'Hot Week' in more ways than one. May God be blessed and praised for his mercies. In Christian Love, **Larry Baggett and Tim Stockstill**

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the recent baby shower the church conducted and for the many gifts, cards and words of encouragement we received. We feel blessed to be part of such a loving church family. Love, **Tucker & Megan Jobs**

Thanks for the comments, cards, and cookies I received for my birthday. It's a blessing to be remembered in such positive ways and by people who hold a place in my heart. **John Mahon**

Dear Ladies of the Caring Creations Group: This is just a note of thank you to all of you for caring for the people of cancer by making the wonderful scarf/hats to give to use. I am fighting breast cancer now. I have had my 3rd chemo treatment at Mercy Clinic Cancer & Hematology; I have 3 more to go, then surgery and radiation. So please pray for me. I am a "member" of the Pine Ridge church of Christ in Wasola, MO. All of us love the Lord very much, faithfully studying his word and seeking his will for our lives daily. Thank you so much again for your work in the Lord. **Roberta (Bobbi) Gust**

## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

Nursery: *Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn*  
 Greeters: *Gerri Dickens/Coyeatte Ewing*  
 Van Driver: *AM: James Simons/988-8873/  
 PM: T. Jobs/894-0826*  
 KYB Phone: *Jackie & Leah Freeze*  
 Serve: *Dale Gregory/Matt Keener*  
 Communion: *Sam Hansen/Clint Holden  
 John Hulett/Tucker Jobs  
 Trevor Kraus/Todd Kraus  
 David Kern/Byrle Hayter*

### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Jeremy Thurlkill*  
 Opening Prayer: *Eddie Sanders*  
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*  
 Closing Prayer: *Aaron Morrison*  
 Communion: *Jackie Buck/George Downing*  
 Nursery: *Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll*

### NEXT WEEK (July 15)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole</i>	<i>Jeremy Thurlkill</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Adam Blaney</i>	<i>Ron Stokes</i>
Communion:	<i>James Simons</i>	<i>Jackie Buck George Downing</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Randy Blackburn</i>	<i>Van Barnes</i>
Nursery:	<i>Jill Morrison Meredith Reaves</i>	<i>Lee Ann Donoho Karen Duncan</i>
Greeters:	<i>Verl &amp; Karen Duncan</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Lance Griter/350-4646</i>	

### Wednesday, July 11:

Devotional: *Daniel Meinsen*  
 Song Leader: *Aaron Tovar*  
 Opening Prayer: *James Simons*  
 Closing Prayer: *Tim Timmons*  
 Van Driver: *Todd Kraus/207-7877*

### 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**  
**Fair Haven Children's Home**

**"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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