



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Weekly Newsletter*

*July 29, 2012*

## *Order of Worship*

*Welcome*

**Bob Snider**

*Song Leader*

**Kerry Cole**

#837

#435

*Opening Prayer*

**Luis Tovar**

#486

#951

*The Lord's Supper*

**Eddie Sanders**

*Contribution*

**Eddie Sanders**

#299

*Lesson*

**Bill McFarland**

#19 (1,3,4)

*Announcements*

**Bob Snider**

#523 (1,4)

*Closing Prayer*

**Jerry Young**

*Elder of the Month*

**Bob Snider**

## *About Our Work*

Thank you to everyone who helped us in any way with the July 15-21 session at Green Valley Bible Camp. I thought we had an outstanding week. Our theme was "Living Water for Thirsty Souls," and the third week of July in the Ozarks provided us with a ready-made and constant object lesson! Counting campers and staff, there were almost 180 in our group. The fellowship was great and the singing was wonderful. Four obeyed the gospel during the week. Many more of us left with our spirits refreshed.

I must express my appreciation specifically to several of you. Many thanks to Kay, Jon and Coyeatte, Lora, and Jeremy for serving as counselors and teachers at camp. It is a physically demanding week and all of you did a great job. Special thanks to Johnnie for all her extra work in helping us prepare the camp book that we use, and to Kay, Jon, Coyeatte, Erica, and Briley for assembling it. Thanks to Scott and Melinda for providing and preparing awards for our campers. Thanks to Kerry for coming down to sing for us, and to Tim and Jan for the transportation. Thanks to Todd and Lance for transporting some of us to and from camp. And, of course, thanks to our young people who left air conditioning, phones, and extra-curricular activities for a week in order to participate.

I think this made thirty years of our directing this session. My family's summers have revolved around and have been invested in the third week of July at camp. What a privilege! Thanks to Kay for all her work at it. Thanks to this congregation for making it possible.

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Our very best wishes to our sister Robin Meeks. Robin has always been such a blessing to us! She has quietly gone about keeping our food pantry organized so that we can be ready to help people who need food supplies. She has helped with ladies' Bible classes, kept attendance cards and pencils ready for our use in the auditorium, assisted with the gardening projects, and helped with many other good works. Robin has been a model of the highest Christian standard: service. We hate to see her go, but we know she will be a blessing to her mother, and to the congregation and the community there. Our love in the Lord goes with her.

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We have been rejoicing with Aileen Herrington and Brian Carroll, who have both been baptized into the Lord in the last couple of weeks. We commend each of them in their having made the good confession. May we love and encourage them as they grow in him.

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This past Wednesday evening I was in Harrison, Arkansas to speak in the Northside church's summer series. It was good to see many old friends. Lord willing, this Wednesday I will be with the church in Mountain Home to speak in their series on the Sermon on the Mount. It is always a joy to see them. Thank you for allowing me the time to help with things like this.

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We have beloved brothers and sisters who are dealing with very big problems right now. Let us be big enough people to care, to keep things in perspective, and to conduct ourselves accordingly.

-Bill McFarland

*Today's Lessons:*

*AM: The Virtue of Christ*

*PM: Your Faith*

# 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 22

Bible Study: 248  
 Morning: 297  
 Evening: 170  
 Wednesday (7/25): 209  
 Contribution: \$ 8,222

- ◆ Continue to remember Paul Bratcher, Mary Charlotte Lines, Chloe Gaddis, Eula Compton, Teresa Mahon, Becky Marsolf, Tom Norrell
- ◆ Bill White suffered a mild heart attack Monday but is home now and doing well
- ◆ Chatty Timmons and her family
- ◆ Samantha York is recovering from shoulder surgery
- ◆ Ella Mae Findlay is in Cox South room 715
- ◆ Sandy Cole fell and broke her wrist
- ◆ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, continues to recover from a stroke and deal with cancer
- ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, has been moved to a nursing facility in Conway, AR
- ◆ Carolyn Young's sister has cancer
- ◆ Betty Grabber's sister and her family as she deals with serious health issues
- ◆ Pat Milligan's sister fell and broke her neck; she is not expected to recover
- ◆ Continue to remember George Downing's father; Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze; Kay McFarland's niece Beth; Tabitha Blaney's grandmother; Don & Gayle Gaunt's daughter; Julie Alexander's mom

### Baptisms

We rejoice with the Carroll Family as Brian put on Christ in baptism last Sunday. We also rejoice with Aileen Herrington on her decision to put on Christ in baptism last week at Green Valley. Be sure to offer your support and encouragement to these young people.

### 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	Doris Thomason
Thelma Fain	Doris Tobler
Lucille Ford	Judy Todd
Milton Ford	Pat Woods
Allen Harmon	

### Expectant Moms

Sara Stipp/boy/December  
Leah Prewitt/boy/January  
Brittany Morrison/March



Congratulations to Tucker and Megan Jobs on the same arrival of Harrison Edward born July 24th. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. All are doing well.

### BLOOD DRIVE

August 15 from 3 to 7 p.m.  
 Watch for more information and sign-up sheets.

## THE CATTLE UPON A THOUSAND HILLS

By Dennis R. Smith



While the Fiftieth Psalm, in the main, describes the majesty of God, it also shows the sufficiency of God. It was addressed to Israel of old for the purpose of rebuking them for the routine of their worship to him. It seems that the purpose of the various sacrifices which God had commanded them to make was being offered as if God was in need instead of their knowing that it was a reminder of the covenant which he had made with them. The 10<sup>th</sup> verse is a beautiful expression of what God owns. "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." This paints a beautiful picture of the abundance of God. Cattle, being mentioned in scripture, usually means wealth; the more cattle one owned reflected on his riches. In this case the psalmist is making a distinction between the "domestic" and the wild. They all belonged to him. In verses 11 and 12 God again tells Israel that the whole world belonged to him. How can this beautiful psalm teach us a lesson for today? It is simple! God owns it all! We may work and labor and seek to have great wealth and in so doing completely forget that God owns everything and he has only allowed us to be the stewards thereof. Without God in our lives we labor in vain. In the book of Job (1:21) we can see the futility of laboring without God. "...the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Really, the thing which God wants the most - is our life!



**TODAY** after morning worship we will have our regular 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch. We hope everyone will stay and enjoy good food and fellowship. We especially invite our visitors to join us.



◆ For those traveling to Christ Quest at Mountain Home this weekend: The bus will leave the building at 5 p.m. Friday. Be sure to bring \$10 if you have not already paid.

**August Anniversaries  
1st thru 13th**



- 2 Gregory/Nancy Johnson
- 3 Blanton/Betty Glenn
- 5 Adam/Sara Stipp
- 5 Ryan/Nancy Meeks
- 7 Dave/Pat Blackburn
- 8 Jerry/Lanae Gillespie
- 11 Don/Gayle Gaunt
- 12 George/Gaitha Downing
- 13 Matt/Sara Keener

**Happy Anniversary!**

**ROBIN MEEKS**

Today is Robin's last day with us. We hope you will join us as we honor her at the potluck lunch. We have a card basket at the Information Desk if you would like to write her a note. Robin's new address is 5438 Hwy 88W, Halls, TN 38040. E-mail address is [rmeeek123RM@gmail.com](mailto:rmeeek123RM@gmail.com).



If you would like to attend the Springfield Cardinals Game on August 17th at 7 p.m., please sign up on the sheet provided at the Information Desk. Cost is \$8/ticket. Sign up by August 5th.

**GOLFERS**

There will be a short meeting up front immediately after AM services to decide on the best suitable date to play.

**Ladies Fall Retreat is November 16-17 at the Keeter Center. Sign-up sheets at Information Desk.**

**Birthdays Next Week**

- 5 Braden Keener
- 6 Dale Gregory
- Maranda Nimmo
- 7 Chloe Gaddis
- Pat Woods
- David Ratterree
- Madison Davis
- Gabe Mahon
- 8 Jerry Gillespie
- Kaven Mahon
- 9 Dale Harp
- James McCall
- Jeff Fisher
- 10 George Downing

- ◆ **Golden Messenger** for August is available in the foyer. Be sure to pick one up and read the third article in the series on baptizing, "**Baptizing a Man in St. John's Hospital.**"
- ◆ **Golden Agers** meet next Sunday at 4 p.m.
- ◆ **James River Nursing Home** devo/singing is Saturday at 2 p.m. All who can are encouraged to attend.

**New Addresses/Phone Numbers**

- Jeremy Thurlkill:** 417-576-5030
- David & Debbi Ratterree:** 417-501-8868
- Elizabeth Tieszen:** 3691 N. Farm Rd. 89, Willard, 65781
- Tom & Gin Crumrine:** 703 W. Christopher Lane, Clever, MO 65631, phone 417-583-2083
- Wayne, Gwen, Nancy Snider:** 903 N. Lexington, 65803

**The Church Family**

*In light of the lesson last Sunday evening, thinking of the church as God's family, I thought the following was an eloquent and beautiful picture of "church" should be. (Adam)*

Congregational fellowship is...most comforting. It is comforting because it embodies the koinonia fellowship of caring and sharing at the most personal and intimate level. It is family. The immediate family.

Congregational fellowship is God's sublime answer to Cheers, "where everybody knows your name." No, not people whose emptiness is filled by nothing more than beer and banter, but people who worship together, pray together, study together, eat together, laugh together, cry together.

The local congregation is a spiritual "Neighborhood Watch." We look out for one another. We protect each other. Pull for each other. Encourage each other. Remind each other. And, if need be, rebuke each other.

Both physically and spiritually, God put us in families for a purpose. Somebody has to know us, warts and all. Somebody has to love us, warts and all. Week in and week out. Year in and year out. Mistake in and mistake out.

Congregational fellowship may not be "till death do us part," but it certainly encompasses "in sickness and in health." It means pot lucks for the healthy and bowls of soup for the sick. It means hospitality in the home, prayers in the hospital, sympathy at the graveside, and hugs whenever we need them.

Congregational fellowship is God's answer for loneliness. It is his way of telling us day in and day out that we are loved. That we have brothers and sisters who think we are important. And that they, in turn, are important to us. The best antidote to loneliness is not being served but serving; and congregational fellowship is tailor-made for having people to serve.

In the immediate family of a local congregation, even single Christians can share in the joys of being with children. And older folks can be "grandparents," whether or not they have grandchildren of their own. For those who are far away from their physical families, the church family near at hand is a serendipity of faith. Need a family? Find one in your local congregation.

F. Lagard Smith (Excerpted from, *Who is My Brother?* )

## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

Nursery: *Jan Bowling/Meredith Reaves*  
Greeters: *Sara Keener*  
Van Driver: *Lance Griter/350-4646*  
KYB Phone: *Verl & Karen Duncan*  
Serve  
Communion: *Dale Gregory/Matt Keener*  
*Sam Hansen/Clint Holden*  
*John Hulett/Tucker Jobs*  
*Trevor Kraus/Todd Kraus*  
*David Kern/Byrle Hayter*

### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Jeremy Thurlkill*  
Opening Prayer: *Mike Thurlkill*  
Lesson: *Bill McFarland*  
Closing Prayer: *Tim Bowling*  
Communion: *Jackie Buck/George Downing*  
Nursery: *Linda Barnett/Meredith Reaves*

### NEXT WEEK (August 5)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole</i>	<i>Travis Morrison</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Ted Crabtree</i>	<i>Kyle Buckner</i>
Communion:	<i>Ron Stokes</i>	<i>Bill Chilton</i>
		<i>Verl Duncan</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>George Downing</i>	<i>Jon Ewing</i>
Nursery:	<i>Donna Jordan</i>	<i>Lisa Stayton</i>
	<i>Michelle Hulett</i>	<i>Emily Simons</i>
Greeters:	<i>Jack &amp; Rose Lynch</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Kirk Tracy/576-4591</i>	

### Wednesday, August 1

Devotional: *Ron Stokes*  
Song Leader: *Briley Ewing*  
Opening Prayer: *Jeff Fisher*  
Closing Prayer: *Oran Green*  
Van Driver: *Todd Kraus/207-7877*

### MONTH OF AUGUST:

AV Room: *Jeremy Thurlkill/Terry Loveland*  
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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