



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 28, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

"The Highest Place"
#19
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Opening Prayer
Randy Blackburn
#621

The Lord's Supper
Daniel Wilson
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Daniel Wilson
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Eddie Sanders
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Closing Prayer
Jason Luna

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

About Our Work

This Lord's day our journey through the great book of Acts brings us to one of the most remarkable personalities of all history—Stephen. And one thing is written all through his story: Christ! In Stephen we meet the Christian view of full humanity. As we get to know him, then, we come face to face with the question of what impact knowing Christ is having on our own personalities. I hope you'll join us in thinking through the qualities that make Stephen such a hero to every follower of Christ.

Sunday evening we'll be involved with the very heart of story Acts tells: how does the news of who Christ is and what he has done get from *here* to *there*? The progress of the gospel is, after all, the theme of the book (1:8; 2:47; 4:4; 6:7; 9:31; etc.). The Lord produces the church with the gospel, then uses the church to carry the gospel into all the world. Paul and Janet Kee have served in this task in Cameroon, West Africa for a long time, and we have had an interest in the work there. They will be with us tonight and Paul will report on the progress of the gospel in that country. Remember that he'll be speaking on what Acts is all about. Be sure to be with us!

The calendar for these next few weeks is full of activities and programs of all kinds—classes, youth activities, graduation celebrations, weddings, memorials, a Super Saturday, missions reports, and others. Besides things like these, several of our families will be dealing with matters of much concern to them. All this calls for two things: much prayer and much involvement. We are joint-heirs in Christ. Let us also be sure to be fellow-workers.

Ephesians One was in my Bible reading today. It has to be in anyone's list of the greatest chapters of the Bible! Having begun with the pronouncement of blessedness upon the Father who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, it proceeds to list many of them—and they are wonderful!

An impressive feature of the chapter that we don't want to overlook is that the apostle notes the spiritual forces that moved along the plan of God to give us all these things under the rule of Christ. First, it was "according to the purpose of his will" (v. 5; his purpose is also mentioned in v. 9, 11). Second, all this was "according to the riches of his grace" (v. 7), and thus "to the praise of his glory" (v. 12, 14). Third, it was "according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand" (v. 19, 20). The purpose, grace, and might of God is responsible for our hope!

—Bill McFarland

Prayer List & Notes

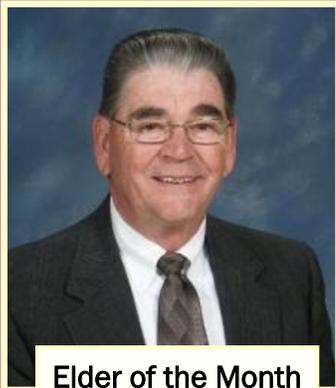
Welcome Visitors

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

April 21

Bible Study:	267
Morning:	343
Evening:	236
Wednesday (4/24):	222
Contribution:	\$ 9,413



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

In our prayers ...

♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Dale Harp

- ♦ Norman High will have surgery to put a port in for the chemo treatments tomorrow at Mercy Hospital; it was postponed last week
- ♦ Marlene Matthews is in Cox South recovering from stomach surgery
- ♦ Seldon Essex is recovering from shoulder surgery
- ♦ Wanda Wilkinson will have surgery on her esophagus at Mercy Hospital tomorrow
- ♦ Tom Meeks had a cyst removed from his neck last Tuesday and the big surgery will be rescheduled in the next week or so
- ♦ Leona Snider will have hip replacement surgery on May 10 if all continues to go well
- ♦ Blanton Glenn as he continues his struggle with prostate cancer

Friends & Family

- ♦ Dan Pfaff who works at Fair Haven is in Cox South after suffering a heart attack
- ♦ Mary Jo Rookstool's son-in-law, Rick Wall, as he begins radiation treatments in May
- ♦ Travis Morrison's aunt, Carlene Morrison, as she deals with health issues
- ♦ Erika Lininger, cousin of Jan Bowling, is doing well after laser surgery for stage 2 cervical cancer
- ♦ Nova Crosby, Sue Holt's mother, as she deals with health issues
- ♦ Continue to remember Gene Lund's brother, Bill, and Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, and Carolyn Young's sister, Nita who are dealing with cancer

Please continue to keep in your prayers all the victims from the tragedies in Boston and West, TX .

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to friends and family of Osa Branstettera, former member at North National, who passed away last week.

Long Term/ Shut-ins

- Kay Adams
- Shirley Bartlett
- Doris Burch
- Eula Compton
- Fern Davis
- Thelma Fain
- Ella Mae Findlay
- Lucille Ford
- Milton Ford
- Chloe Gaddis
- Allen Harmon
- Doris Iorg
- Irene Johnson
- Carol Law
- Carol Mahon
- Wilma Melton
- Betty Shaw
- Doris Thomason
- Doris Tobler
- Judy Todd
- Pat Woods



May Anniversaries

- 7 James/Lori McCall 25 yrs.
- 7 Aaron/Brittany Morrison 8 yrs.
- 10 Jason/Lora Luna 16 yrs.
- 12 Jerry/Pat Milligan 51 yrs.
- 15 Cecil/Mary Charlotte Lines 20 yrs.
- 19 Charlie/Rosalie Cruse 41 yrs.
- 19 Bill/Kay McFarland 39 yrs.

Congratulations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthdays

- 5 Sue Holt
- 6 Lonnie Wilkinson
- Don Essex
- Tom Easterly
- Jenny Carroll
- 7 Gregory Johnson
- 8 Clinton Holden

New Address:

Tim Timmons
3264 West Smith St.
Springfield, MO 65803
417-833-8489

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM & WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7 PM.



Church Family, I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and concern shown for my family. My sister-in-law Audrey is doing well. They were able to get all of the cancer, she will take oral medication for treatment. My son Michael was able to return to work this week. I would also like to let you know the visits and cards I, receive mean a lot to me. I am grateful that you as a church family are there for me. Love through Christ, Thelma Fain

GOLDEN MESSENGER FOR MAY IS AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER!!

News & Activities

Happy Hollow Work Day

May 4/See sign-up sheet on Information Desk.

Also if you can provide cookies for the Happy Hollow Reunion on May 18th, see Shelia Hansen.



Churches of Christ Day at the Springfield Cardinals

Friday, June 21st. Price is \$16.50 per ticket and includes Ballpark Picnic in the stadium. Final day to sign-up and pay is May 5th. Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk.



VBS Super Saturday

June 1 from 9—1

“STEP RIGHT UP ...
COME TO THE BIG TOP!”

Start inviting your friends!
Find out:

Who was the strongest man?

Who walked in fire?

Who was the 1st woman warrior judge?

Who was the greatest lion tamer?
Find out how they stepped up and followed God!

Upcoming Events

- May 2 **Ladies biweekly Bible Study** at 7 p.m. at Brittany Morrison's home
- May 5 **Youth Night** at Mt. Vernon
- May 7 **Quilters** meet at 10 a.m.
- May 10 **Hot Pot Dinner**
- May 13 **Book Club Meeting**
- May 18 **Happy Hollow Reunion**
- May 19 **Graduates' Reception**
- June 2 **Elizabeth Tieszen Wedding Shower**
- June 8 **Orville Langford Memorial Service** here at the building at 3 p.m.
- June 22 **Tieszen/Meinsen wedding**
- June 29 **Hayter 50th Anniversary** celebration

Game Night

Water Mill Adult Game Night on May 3rd. We'll be having a battle of the sexes game of "Cranium" at 6pm. There will be pizza and drinks, just bring \$5 and some sweets. Teens are invited to come watch kids and eat free pizza. (There is a trophy on the line!) Any questions ask Travis or JJ.

Ladies Bible Class

Thursday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Elaine Poland from Carthage will bring the lesson titled **“What do I look like?”** Elaine is a great Bible scholar and always has interesting displays to go with her lessons. We look forward to her coming. Potluck lunch will follow. Sheryl Low will be available to watch the children.



If you are graduating this spring from high school, college, trade school, etc., **please turn your name into the office as soon as possible.**

Are you up to date on your Daily Bible Reading??



BLESSED ARE YOUR EYES FOR THEY SEE

By Dennis R. Smith

In the Parable of the Sower as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus breaks in between telling the parable and the explanation thereof by quoting from the Old Testament about the importance of our eyes. He said, *“But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears for they hear”* (Matt. 13:16; Isa. 6:9). Using this same theme may I suggest another “eye scripture” and offer some thoughts which we may not have considered before: *“Where there is no vision, the people perish”* (Prov. 29:18). Most of us think of this passage as it reflects on the future, but please keep in mind that good vision sees in all directions. If we stood on a high mountain, our 20/20 vision works the same. Several times in the writings of Peter, he states the importance of remembering (2nd Peter 2:12, 13, 15; 3:1). Even Christ, in setting an example of our partaking of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day, said *“Do this in remembrance of me”* (1st Cor. 11:24; Acts 20:7). In the Old Testament we are reminded to *“..ask for the old paths”* (Jer. 6:16). **The point of fact:** It is not in the best judgment to focus entirely our vision on the future without looking back and seeing what went before us. The real fact of importance is our “backward vision” must include Jesus on the Cross, all that he commanded in reference to our daily walks of life, the proper worship which we render to him, and our absolute purpose and motives in our preaching the gospel to the whole world.

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

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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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Gin Crumrine
Greeters: John & Michelle Hulett
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/343-7451
KYB Phone: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
Serve Aaron Morrison/Tom Norrell
Communion: Travis Morrison/Steve Prewitt
 Chris Wiseman/John Stayton
 Aaron Schwartz/Adam Stipp
 James Simons/Jerry Stockdale

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Paul Lines
Opening Prayer: Tim Bowling
Lesson: Paul Kee
Closing Prayer: Adam Barton
Communion: John Dutton/Jackie Freeze
Nursery: Glenda Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, May 5

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer:	Paul Lines	Eddie Sanders
Communion:	Tim Bowling	Todd/Trevor Kraus
Closing Prayer:	Brent Looney	Jerry Milligan
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Matt & Sara Keener	
Van Driver:	Jackie Freeze/616-9789	

MONTH OF MAY

AV Room: Larry Baggett/
 Travis Morrison
Open Building: Tim Timmons
Secure Building: Justin Reaves/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, May 1

Devotional: Steve Prewitt
Song Leader: John Mahon
Prayer: Jackie Freeze
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
 849-7678