



Water Mill CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

August 18, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#820
#37

Opening Prayer
Ron Stokes

#243
#250

The Lord's Supper
Jerry Milligan

Contribution
Jerry Milligan

*"The Greatest
Command"*

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#800

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

#892

Closing Prayer
Scott Nichols

About Our "Youth" Work

It is hard to believe, but our young peoples' 2013 summer break is now only a thing of the past. All of our students are now back in school, and activities have begun. Since it just seems like a good time to do so, below is a potpourri of information recounting some of the events of the summer's youth work, and of our work in general.

To kick off our summer, we were invited to attend the Hammond Mill Youth Retreat with the Harrison, Brookline and Mt. Home churches in May. Willie Franklin was our weekend speaker and the kids had a blast (even though it stormed much of the time we were there).

Much of June and July is occupied by the various Bible camps with which our congregation is involved. By all accounts, Larry Baggett, Tim Stockstill, Alice Buckner, and Sheila Hansen all did a great job teaching and encouraging our kids and others at their Happy Hollow sessions this year. Bill and Kay also did a great job as always with their session at Green Valley. Several of our young people also attended a Happy Hollow session directed by Matt Seats (Brookline's Youth Minister), and had a great time as well. Thanks to the directors, and to all of our parents who volunteered in counselor/teaching/planning roles in all the camp sessions.

Our last big trip was to the annual Christ Quest Youth Rally at Mt. Home, with Willie Franklin as the keynote speaker again. 23 people went for the weekend, with nearly a dozen coming down for the day Saturday. As always, that weekend was a blessing to all who attended.

This summer also marks one year for my family's work here at Water Mill. The support we have received as a family, and as a ministry to our young people has been overwhelming, and we appreciate all you have done to help us strive to be successful. As we begin year two, having now "gotten our feet wet," we hope to begin establishing purposeful activities for service, forming and shaping the lives of our young folks to be true and faithful servants of our Lord.

Parents, please be watching for word of a Youth Families event for fellowship, fun and planning for what we, as partners in this ministry, can do to help provide opportunities for your children to find and mature in faith in Him.

To everyone, we solicit your prayers and thoughts always – for my family, for my wisdom to lead and direct, for our families and the challenges of raising children today, for our Shepherds to continue to support our direction and purpose and lead us in spiritual paths. But most of all, pray for our young people, to whom our specific mission is dedicated. Pray for them, get to know them, encourage them, support them, let them know you care about them, lead them. The years we have them here with us sometimes are few. May we, as the family of God at Water Mill, take full advantage of these precious times, and do all we can to help form their lives for faithful discipleship.

Love, Thanks and Prayers – Adam

Prayer List & Notes

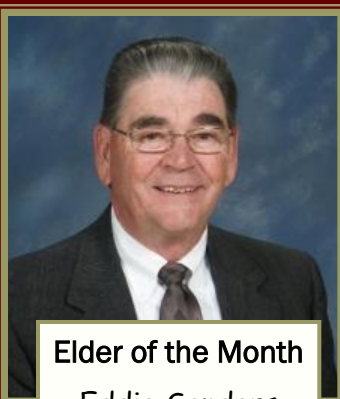
Welcome Visitors

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

August 11

Bible Study:	259
Morning:	335
Evening:	
Wednesday (8/14):	198
Contribution:	\$ 8,780



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Norman High, Greg Larimore, Wilma Melton, Tim Marsolf
- ♦ Pat Malanowski will have outpatient surgery tomorrow at Cox S.
- ♦ It was so good to see Blanton Glenn here with us last Sunday!
- ♦ Dale Harp is showing some improvement but still has lots of problems they are dealing with
- ♦ Leona Snider as the inflammation in the temporal arteries is worse. Doctors are trying a different way of treating it with weekly shots. If not controlled, it can cause loss of eyesight, stroke or loss of hearing. Pray it will be successful.
- ♦ Good to have Pat and Regina Woods back from California
- ♦ Shirley Chilton will have heart value replacement surgery soon in St. Louis (will let you know when they have a date); her address is 3345 Taylor, Bridgeton, MO 63044.
- ♦ The surgery on Clay & Sharon's little adopted granddaughter, Emma, went well

Friends & Family

- ♦ Joann McFarland had to be transported to St. Louis last Thursday by ambulance; they performed emergency surgery Friday
- ♦ Amber Sardeson (Barney & Debbie's daughter) as she deals with some health issues; she has an appointment with neurologist on September 24
- ♦ Sue Crosby's mother as she deals with health issues
- ♦ Josiah Kern, David & Debbie's grandson, will have surgery in the near future to close a hole in his heart
- ♦ Continue to remember Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze, Gene Lund's brother, Bill Lund; Carolyn Young's sister, Nita
- ♦ Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, as she makes decisions about future chemo treatments

Baptism

We rejoice with Aaron Fischer in his decision to put on Christ in baptism last Sunday. He has been studying with Lonnie Wilkinson. Aaron's address is 2266 S. Meadowview Avenue, 65804, 417-350-0936. Please extend to Aaron a warm welcome and offer him your support and encouragement as he grows as a Christian.



I want to thank everyone for their prayers as that is what got me through Dale's most recent and continuing health problems. Thanks also for all the cards. They meant a lot to us. Dale and Pat Harp

Its hard to find words that would even begin to thank you enough for how thoughtful you've been in showing your love through calls, cards, visits and the delicious lunch served. As my earthly family grows smaller, my church family grows more dear. Gerri Dickens



**Long Term/
Shut-ins**
Kay Adams
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Chloe Gaddis
Doris Iorg
Irene Johnson
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods



Good luck to all our college students heading to college for the first time or back to college this weekend. We hope you have a good year and remain true to yourself and your faith. We will miss you!!



If you are interested in purchasing a brick to help with the **GEORGE DOWNING MEMORIAL POOL** at Happy Hollow, pick up a form from the Information Desk, complete it and give to Larry Baggett, Tim Stockstill or Jason Luna along with your donation. They hope to wind up their fund raising by the end of August.

News & Activities



For our September book club meeting, one of the books we are reading is *For The Love of a Child* by Wilburta Arrowood. Mrs. Arrowood is a member of the church of Christ at Liberty, Missouri and she has agreed to come to speak to us. **All ladies are invited Sunday afternoon, September 8th here at the building beginning at 1:00pm.** She will not only be talking about her books but helping us to write our own memories. Please join us!



To Parents of 4th-7th Graders:

The Northside Church in Harrison, AR, has invited us to bring a group of 4-7 graders to "Christ Tweens," a youth rally for "tweens." If there is an interest, I would love some feedback on us taking a group down for the day. Please let me know if you would be interested in sending kids/helping. Thanks, Adam. =



The Quilters will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month starting on September 3 at 10 a.m. New and beginning quilters are welcome to come and help with our projects or bring your own project and work on it.

The first Thursday Ladies Bible Class of the Fall will meet on September 12th at 10:30 a.m. Ruth Essex will teach the class on "JOY," Rejoice in the Lord, Philippians 4:4. Sheryl Low will be available to take care of the children. Potluck lunch will follow.



Birthdays

- 25 Les Horton
- Phyllis Gregory
- 26 Billie Luna
- Tim Timmons
- 27 Carolyn Smith
- 29 Justin Reaves
- 30 Regina Wiseman
- 31 Alissa Buckner

Upcoming Area Events

- Ladies Day at Mountain Home September 7
- Friends & Family Day at Fordland September 15
- Weekend Seminar on Marriage Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho September 20-21 (Flyers on Bulletin Board)

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
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/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney	304-520-9800
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Russell Lilly
Tim Bowling	Aaron Morrison
Tim Buckner	Travis Morrison
Tom Davis	James Simons
Jim Elliff	John Stayton
Jon Ewing	Mike Thurlkill
Matt Keener	

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



"HELP THOU MINE UNBELIEF"

By Dennis R. Smith

In the Gospel according to Mark, chapter 9 and beginning at verse 17, the father of a young boy came to Jesus with a request to heal his son of a "dumb (some translations say mute) spirit." Quite often this would cause the boy to go into convulsions of such a nature that terrible and dangerous reactions occurred. Before Jesus made any effort to heal the boy, he asked his father, "If thou can believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). The father replied, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." With that, the Lord healed the young boy. Let us tie this in with our own unbelief. The word "believe" and the word "faith" are often used interchangeably in scripture. (See Heb. 11:6). In the Great Commission to the Apostles, Jesus gave this command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but, he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16). In the world of Christendom many believe the story of the young boy to be real and beyond question. Jesus, they say, actually healed this boy. Yet, also there are so many who will accept the physical healing but doubt the spiritual healing of baptism. The same Jesus Christ who healed the young boy can heal the sinner from his sins through the avenue of faith and obedience to His spoken word. Perhaps more of us need to plead the request of the boy's father: "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

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: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves
Greeters: Tim & Jan Bowling
Van Driver: Tyler Thornton/840-6303
KYB Phone: Carolyn Young/Norma Lorenz
Serve Matt Keener/Paul Lines
Communion: David Kern/Luke Lines
 Todd Kraus/Fred Lorenz
 Trevor Kraus/Jason Luna
 Russell Lilly/Gene Lund

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer: Jerry Young
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: J.J. Blevins
Communion: T. Morrison/S. Prewitt
Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho

NEXT WEEK, August 25

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer:	Tom Norrell	Van Barnes
Communion:	Aaron Morrison	T. Morrison/S. Prewitt
Closing Prayer:	Aaron Tovar	Tim Timmons
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Gin Crumrine	
PM Nursery:	Glenda Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Brendan & Jenny Carroll	
Van Driver:	Jackie Freeze/616-9789	

MONTH OF AUGUST

AV Scott Barton/
 Room: Bruce Tindall
 Open Tim Timmons
 Building
 Secure Justin Reaves/
 Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, August 21

Devotional: Scott Barton
Song Leader: Jeff Fisher
Prayer: Aaron Alexander
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/
 207-7877