



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

August 10, 2014

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#833
#397

Opening Prayer
Tom Norrell

#391
#709 (1,3,4)

The Lord's Supper
Fred Lorenz

Contribution
Fred Lorenz

#1 (1,4,5)

Lesson
Adam Blaney

#714 (1,4,5)

Announcements
Jerry Young

#820 (1,3)

Closing Prayer
John Hulett

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



They Found Them Gathered Together

A detail from the resurrection account provided by Luke deserves our attention.

It has to be imagined in the light of the bewildering and awesome events and emotions of that particular first day of the week. Strong ripples of shock, grief, confusion, guilt, and fear are being felt among the disciples in the wake of the death and burial of Jesus. Early in the morning, some of the women make their way out to the tomb, find the stone rolled away, but do not find his body. The wondering increases. The day wears away, and Jesus is recognized by two disciples at Emmaus as he blesses bread, breaks it, and gives it to them. These two realize they have been walking and talking with Jesus—who is alive—and he has been explaining the Scriptures to them! The entire mood of the narrative changes drastically. News like this has to be told, so they get up right then and beat it back to Jerusalem, seven miles behind.

That's where we come to this telling statement: "And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together" (Lk. 24:33b).

Of course! When we think about it, where else would we expect to find the Lord's people when there is joy to be shared, or confusion to be sorted out, or disappointment to be coped with, or fear to be faced, or responsibility to be borne? Whatever else we might find, we wouldn't be surprised to find them gathered together.

This scene becomes even more meaningful as the New Testament unfolds. We find believers together with their newly embraced faith (Acts 2:44), apostles responding to threatening by going to their friends (Acts 4:23), and workers in behalf of the kingdom gathering together on the first day of the week to break bread (Acts 20:7). Weary Christians are advised, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Heb. 10:24, 25).

There is a natural and practical wisdom about this. Most of us instinctively recognize our need to take joys and sorrows, triumphs and defeats, hopes and doubts to where we know the Lord's people will be found together. Have we thought enough about how badly other people, at certain times in their lives, need to find us together? If they don't, to whom will they go?

—Bill McFarland

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

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 3

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| Bible Study: | 234 |
| Morning: | 316 |
| Evening: | 196 |
| Wednesday (8/6): | 184 |
| Contribution: | \$ 8,124 |



Elder of the Month

Jerry Young

In our prayers ...

♦ Continue to remember [Eula Compton](#), [Thelma Fain](#), [Dale Harp](#), [Ruth Raines](#), [Jerry Gillespie](#), [David Nimmo](#)

- ♦ [Jackie Freeze](#) is in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis following his bone marrow transplant; cards can be sent to him at Barnes Jewish Hospital, 4921 Parkview Place, Room 5925, St. Louis, MO 63110. Use this link for e-cards: <http://www.barnesjewish.org/EGreeting/?id=530&sid=1>.
- ♦ [Jon Ewing](#) has been in and out of the hospital this past week but is feeling better now
- ♦ [Adam Eilenstein](#) is recovering from burns received recently from a brush fire
- ♦ [Evelyn Haguewood](#) was scheduled to go back home this past week.
- ♦ [Connie Fortner](#) will have surgery Thursday at Cox South.
- ♦ [Verl Duncan](#) is slowly getting better following the replacement of his spinal cord stimulator; is restricted in his activities for now
- ♦ [Lori McCall](#) is back at home and doing better
- ♦ [Sharon Joseph](#) as she deals with pain from another hernia
- ♦ [Jim Reaves](#) has fallen quite a few times recently; no broken bones

Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Chloe Gaddis
Mary Head
Doris Iorg
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods

Friends & Family

- ♦ Cornelia Summers' mother, [Lavonia Roland](#), is doing better after complications following surgery for bladder cancer
- ♦ Jon Ewing's brother, [Mike Ewing](#), and his mom, [Joan Ewing](#)
- ♦ [Matthew Patterson](#), Mary Jo Rookstool's grandson, who is in Afghanistan
- ♦ Amanda Eilenstein's uncle, [Richard Fredendall](#), has leukemia and is now taking chemo; he is also in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, room 6947; e-cards can be sent using the link above.
- ♦ Lanae Gillespie's cousin, [Jeannie Treat Oualls](#), who has multiple myeloma and is in the hospital in Little Rock

Thank You!

Dear Brothers & Sisters, We knew we had an amazing family here at Water Mill. But we are truly overwhelmed by your love and generosity. Your support financially, emotionally, and with your many prayers is helping us make it through this journey. Thank you! We miss and love all of you. [Leah & Jackie](#)



I wanted to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for the large turnout to work on cancer caps this past week. Thanks to each of you for your part in a very successful day. I feel this is a special and important work for the Lord, and working together can be fun as we fellowship with each other. As we were working on the caps, Johnnie received a phone call from a lady who had cancer and had received a cap from the Halston Cancer Center. She loved it so much she was checking to see if she could get another one. She said she also loved the insert that came with the cap explaining Caring Creations' mission. So, your work does make a difference in the lives of these cancer patients. Thanks again for your help.

[Wanda Wilkinson](#) (for Caring Creations)

Congratulations to Gerri Dickens on the addition of a new great granddaughter, [Gracie Jane Pry](#), born last Monday to Krista and Zach weighing 9 lbs. Grandparents are Terry & Debbie Fortner. [Keep her in your prayers as she has some health issues regarding her blood sugar.](#)



Birthdays

17 Jason Trogdon
18 Briley Ewing
19 Cecil Lines
19 JT Stockdale
21 Don Tracy
21 Terri Wilson
22 Lindy Blaney
Donna Jordan
Sandra Pengenot
Beth Trogdon
23 Daniel Blevins

News & Activities

Upcoming Events

Our blood drive is Wednesday beginning at 4 p.m. Be sure to get signed up at the Information Desk! Our goal is 20!! We can do it. Pizza will be provided.



This morning after services we will be honoring our college-age students who are leaving for school. Hope you will join us.

- Elders meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.
- The next book club meeting will be September 8th. We are reading books by Jane Austen.
- Sept. 20—Fair Haven Auction
- Oct. 11—Fair Haven 50th Anniversary Celebration (see Flyers on the Bulletin Board)

Bible Class Teacher Needed

We are in need of a Wednesday evening Bible class teacher for our 3rd grade room. Please see Tom Davis if you are interested in helping with this work.



The proof for our church directory is in. We hope to have corrections made and back to Lifetouch as soon as possible for final printing.

Community Involvement Project

Shawna Stockdale is involved with the back-to-school bash for York Elementary School tomorrow night. They will be providing dinner for the families of students to help the parents become more involved in the school, meet the children's teachers as well as build relationships with other parents. If you would like to help with a small monetary donation to help pay for the food, please give to Johnnie, Aaron Morrison or Shawna.



Next Sunday immediately after AM services there

will be an informative meeting in Room 126 for all ladies regarding this year's Fall Retreat. We hope you can attend.

FOOD PANTRY

Below are the food pantry items that we are in need of.

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| <i>Canned Meals</i> | <i>Cereal</i> |
| <i>Boxed Meals</i> | <i>Vegetables</i> |
| <i>Peanut Butter</i> | <i>Jelly</i> |
| <i>Canned Fruit</i> | <i>Jell-O</i> |
| <i>Pudding</i> | |

Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room.



BREAK UP YOUR FALLOW GROUND

Dennis R. Smith

With all the many major accidents which have happened around the world in the last several months, I'm beginning to wonder if we possibly have become so hardened to the loss of life that we might have lost whatever compassion we once had toward others. When we look at the many blessings which God poured out on Israel of old as they wandered in the wilderness, we would have to acknowledge that he was, indeed, "full of compassion" toward them. (See Psalm 78 in its entirety). Also Jesus in the gospels often showed compassion on the less fortunate. Metaphorically speaking, could it be that our hearts are like fallow ground which needs to be broken up and replaced with more tenderness, compassion and love. Read the following with much thought: *Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.*" (Hosea 10:12). Could our history as members of the church have been more concerned in convincing the truth than convicting others about the truth? Maybe we need to look again at Ephesians 4:15. "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." While we must surely know "that the truth shall set us free," (John 8:32) do we also know the importance of *sowing in tears if we want to reap in joy*" (Psalm 126:5)? Maybe we need to set our plows a little deeper. Think on these things!

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
 Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission
 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

Nursery: Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn
Greeters: Tom & Marti Norrell
Van Driver: Team Hulett/889-5344
KYB: Carol Tovar/James Simons

Serve Carl Tindall/Randy Blackburn
Communion: Chris Wiseman/Tim Bowling
 Aaron Alexander/Jackie Buck
 Van Barnes/Kyle Buckner
 Adam Barton/Brendan Carroll

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer: Dustin Stokes
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jeff Treat
Communion: Todd/Trevor Kraus
Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

NEXT WEEK, August 17

AM

PM

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| Song Leader: | Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing | Briley Ewing |
| Opening Prayer: | Paul Lines | Jon Ewing |
| Communion: | John Dutton | Todd/Trevor Kraus |
| Closing Prayer: | David Kern | Oran Green |
| Nursery AM: | Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves | |
| Nursery PM: | Lee Ann Donoho | |
| Greeters: | Eddie & Donna Sanders | |
| Van Driver: | Jon Davis/864-9872 | |

MONTH OF AUGUST

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

Wednesday, August 13

Devotional: Todd Kraus
Song Leader: Jon Davis
Prayer: James Simons
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/
 207-7877