



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

May 1, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#643

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Opening Prayer

Kelley Epperly

In Christ Alone

#12

The Lord's Supper

George Downing

#436

Contribution

George Downing

#369

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#288

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#519

Closing Prayer

Randy Blackburn

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

"YOU ARE SERVING THE LORD CHRIST."

"You are serving the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:24). This straightforward but profound statement is the heart of Paul's instruction to Christians who were facing the often difficult circumstance of slavery in the Roman world. It lays down a principle which is to continually, and in all kinds of settings, be before the Lord's people.

Here is our *privilege* as Christians. No matter what we do, no matter how common it may seem, we do it for Christ! What a high privilege it is to be a "vessel for honorable use...useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work" (2 Tim. 2:21). There couldn't be a more meaningful understanding of life.

Here is our *responsibility* as Christians. We are to respect the Lord Christ and act on the basis of what he says regardless of the situation. "If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ" (Gal. 1:10).

Here is our *enthusiasm* as Christians. Since we serve the Lord Christ, we want to do our best. The apostle says, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men" (Col. 3:23), and, "Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord" (Rom. 12:11).

Here is our *confidence* as Christians. We know that from the Lord we will receive the inheritance as our reward (Col. 3:24). Jesus said, "If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him" (Jn. 12:26).

Here is our *endurance* as Christians. We do not grow weary and quit because of frustration with ourselves or disagreements with others, for we are serving the Lord Christ. Nothing changes our loyalty to him.

One of the best things a believer can do in any circumstance is to remember that he is serving the Lord Christ. I can think of few other principles which have as much power to bless our lives.

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: Most Likely to Deceive

PM: What About All These Terrible Things

Prayer List & News

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 24

Bible Study:	273
Morning:	408
Evening:	222
Wednesday (4/27):	233
Contribution:	\$8,906



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

- ☞ Mary Jo Rookstool suffered a mild heart attack this past week and spent a few days in Cox South. She is now home.
- ☞ Arilla Buck has been moved to Ozarks Community Hospital (formerly Doctors Hospital) on North National; visiting hours are from 10:15-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. if you would like to call or visit her, see Virginia Buck or Johnnie
- ☞ Dale Harp continues to have health issues
- ☞ Continue to remember Kay Adams, Lucille Ford and Herman Harris

Friends and Family:

- ◇ Lanae Gillespie's mother (Julie Thornton's grandmother), Geneve Treat, who has terminal cancer
- ◇ Tyler Thornton's mom, Pat Thornton, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 renal cell carcinoma cancer in the lungs; she will be undergoing a PET scan to see if it has spread; she lives in Marshfield
- ◇ Norman & Lucile's great grandson, Dylan
- ◇ Mark Best, 4th grader at Strafford; his bone marrow transplant is scheduled for May 13 at St. Jude's
- ◇ Rosie Williams of Shell Knob (Wayne Williams wife) has health issues
- ◇ Pat Milligan's brother who has cancer is not doing well

Response

Julian Penner responded Sunday asking for prayers.



Long-Term

- Kay Adams
- Paul Bratcher
- Doris Burch
- Bonnie Cole
- Lucille/Milton Ford
- Donna Harcrow
- Herman Harris
- Clay Joseph
- Marilyn Lanpher
- Jarita Nimmo
- Betty Shaw
- Doris Tobler
- Pat Woods

Military:

- Cody Newman
- Elaine Noe

Expectant Moms

- Summer Azeez (boy) (June)
- Megan Crum
- Hollingsworth (Aug)

Shut-ins:

- Joy/Alice Allen
- Shirley Bartlett
- Doris Iorg
- Fern Davis
- Thelma Fain
- Irene Johnson
- Carol Law
- John Luallin
- Carol Mahon
- Wilma Melton
- Annie Overstreet
- Wilma Spoor
- Doris Thomason
- Judy Todd
- Cathy White

Our prayers go out to all the victims of the recent tornadoes and flooding.



To all our LTC Family, Last Sunday evening, Linda and I were overwhelmed with your love and kindness. Your words of support, tears, cards and monetary gifts were truly humbling.

We will always be thankful for you. May God bless you all. Eddie & Linda Currier

Thanks to everyone who sent cards for my birthday and to Carolyn for the delicious cookies. You are a great church family. With Christian love, Norman High

Thanks to everyone who sent cards and called and those that wished us happy anniversary in person. Thank you all for your wishes for our anniversary. Love to you all, Byrle & Virginia Hayter

May Anniversaries

- 7 James/Lori McCall 23 yrs.
- Aaron/Brittany Morrison 6 yrs.
- 10 Jason/Lora Luna 14 yrs.
- 12 Jerry/Pat Milligan 49 yrs.
- 15 Cecil/Mary C. Lines 18 yrs.
- 18 Grant/Jen Wheeler 9 yrs.
- 19 Charlie/Rosalie Cruse 39 yrs.
- Bill/Kay McFarland 37 yrs.
- 20 Jim/Debbie Meinsen 22 yrs.
- 25 Jereme/Summer Azeez 9 yrs.
- 27 Scott/Jenna Nichols 3 yrs.

A critical spirit is like poison ivy—it only takes a little contact to spread the poison.



Birthdays Next Week

- 8 Clint Holden
- 9 Shannon Haddock
- 10 Miranda Kramer
- 12 Matthew Penner
- 13 Elizabeth Lilly
- 14 Sandy penner
- Jeremy Thurlkill
- Happy Birthday

Activities & Notes



☞ **SPRING PRESCHOOL POTLUCK** for all preschoolers and their families after AM service.

☞ **Funeral Group Leaders** and their helpers will meet today with Betty Stockstill at 4 p.m. in Room 130.

☞ **Golden Agers** meet today at 4 p.m. in Room 126.

☞ **Youth Night** at Fordland

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome to **Jeff, Lori & Miley Fisher**

2606 S. 14th Street, Ozark, MO 65721
417-425-0250

We are thrilled they have chosen to work and worship with us at Water Mill. They come to us from the Union Hill congregation.

Other Activities

- ☞ **Quilters** meet **Tuesday** at 10 am
- ☞ Please join us **Saturday at 2 pm** at the **James River Nursing Home** for the monthly devo and singing.
- ☞ **Next Sunday is MOTHERS' DAY**
- ☞ The **Ladies Book Club** will meet on **May 9** at 6:30 p.m. at Panera Bread N. on Kansas Expressway
- ☞ **Elders** meet **May 10** at 2 p.m.
- ☞ **Ladies Bible Class** meets **May 12** at 10:30. Stacy Haddock & Emily Simons will be leading the class. **There will be a class for the kids led by Sheryl Low.** Potluck lunch will follow
- ☞ **Kids & Family** "Picnic at the Park" after AM services on **May 15**
- ☞ **Quilters** meet at 10 a.m. on **May 17**
- ☞ **Congregational Potluck Lunch** on **May 29**
- ☞ **Fifth Sunday Contribution** on **May 29**—all contributions go into the Building Fund
- ☞ **Titus 2 Ladies** meet on **May 31** at 12:30

Baby Showers

There will be a baby shower for **Bonnie Claire Morton** (Angela & Andrew) on **May 15 at 3 p.m.** They are registered at Target, www.healthybabyboutique.com and www.cottonbabies.com.

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On **May 22 at 3 p.m.** there will be a "Diapers and Wipes" shower for **Summer Azeez**. Because of allergic reactions, they are requesting **Walgreens** brand diapers and wipes or **Huggies** brand wipes.

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Tim & Jan Bowling** on the arrival of their first grandbaby, **Arya Belle**, born April 19 to Kenneth & Audra.

Congratulations also to **Andrew & Angela Morton** on the safe arrival of **Bonnie Claire** last Thursday evening weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. All are doing well.

Congratulations to all of the LTC participants for a job well done!

Graduates



The **Graduates' Reception** is May 22 after pm services. If you are graduating, please notify Andrew as soon as possible.



THINGS... THINGS... AND... MORE THINGS

By Dennis R. Smith

Have you ever thought of the importance of the English word "**things**?" When you stop to think about it, there are many different ways in which we use this word. For example: We all think we could not live without our "**things**" or gadgets. The longer we live the more we see "**new things**" coming on the scene. We are talking here about certain possessions which belong to us alone. Even the Bible makes use of this word. There are "**earthly things**" and then there are "**heavenly things**" (John 3:12). Also the Bible talks of "**things present and things to come**" (Rom. 8:38; 1st Cor. 3:22). Sometimes the Bible talks about deeds done as "**things**" (Rom. 2:1). Jesus used this word when he talked about where we place our emphasis. He said, "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these **THINGS** shall be added unto you*" (Matt 6:33 - read also 6:32, 34 for multiple uses thereof). **Point of fact** - We all have many "**things**" which we feel we just cannot live without. However, can we truthfully look at those "**things**" and in our heart and mind determine their importance? Our answer is most important! Again, Jesus said, "*For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world - **(with its things)** - and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give **(more things?)** in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26). Oh, by the way! When we are in Christ, he is able to make "**old things new**" (2nd Cor. 5:17). This includes our souls!*

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

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
 Voice of Truth International
 Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
 World Christian Broadcasting
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
 Lincoln Church of Christ
 Fair Haven Children's Home

"In Search Of The Lord's Way"
 7:00 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"Know Your Bible"
 10:30 A.M. Sundays
 Springfield 33
 KSPR-TV



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
 Greeters: Jackie & Leah Freeze
 Van Driver: James Simons/732-5641
 KYB Phone: Jackie & Leah Freeze
 Serve: Blanton Glenn/Ted Crabtree
 Communion: Eddie Currier/Tom Davis
 Greg Donoho/Mark Friend
 Ryan Friend/Verl Duncan
 Aubrey Cobb/Briley Ewing

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeremy Thurlkill
 Opening Prayer: Eddie Currier
 Lesson: Bill McFarland
 Closing Prayer: Tom Davis
 Communion: George/William Downing
 Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, May 8

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Van Barnes	Verl Duncan
Communion:	John Dutton	G./William Downing
Closing Prayer:	Adam Barton	George Downing
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Kerry & Sandy Cole	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/839-4048	

MONTH OF MAY

Ushers: Grant Wheeler/
 Aaron Tovar
 AV Room: Larry Baggett/
 Adam Stipp
 Secure Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, May 4

Devotional:	Eddie Currier
Song Leader:	Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer:	Oran Green
Closing Prayer:	Dale Gregory
Van Driver:	Don Tracy