



Weekly Newsletter

June 13, 2010

### Order of Worship

#### *Welcome*

Clay Joseph

#### *Song Leader*

Tim Bowling

**#842**

**#847**

**#122 (1,2,4)**

#### *Opening Prayer*

Todd Kraus

**#93 (1,2,3)**

**#511**

#### *Communion*

Scott Barton

#### *Contribution*

Scott Barton

**#855**

#### *Lesson*

Bill McFarland

**#402 (1,2,4)**

#### *Announcement*

Clay Joseph

**#76**

#### *Closing Prayer*

Russell Lilly

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

### *“The Love of Christ”*

*Though we talk much about it, the phrase “the love of Christ” is used just three times in the Scriptures. Each time the phrase is used we learn something precious about the love of Christ. The “love of Christ” is:*

**1. The most wonderful knowledge.** *Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians was that the Father would grant them “to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God” (Eph. 3:19). We will never comprehend everything there is to know about the love of Christ. It is broad enough to include every man of every kind of every age. It will go to such lengths that it led Jesus to the death of the cross. In depth it reaches to the vilest sinner. In height it reaches to heaven where he ever lives to make intercession for us. You will never know anything more precious than the love of Christ.*

**2. The most compelling motive.** *“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died” (2 Cor. 5:14). The love of Christ should rule us through one simple conviction: If he died for us we should live for him! Knowing his love, we cannot live for ourselves but for him who died for us and rose up again. Jesus himself said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15). The love of Christ compels us to give our lives to him.*

**3. The most comforting assurance.** *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ! Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us” (Rom. 8:35, 37). What a source of strength it is to know that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ! If God loved us enough to give his Son, he loves us enough to give whatever else we need. If Christ loved us enough to give himself, he loves us enough to help conquer. We are secure in the love of Christ!*

*May God help us to learn of, submit to, and rest in the love of Christ!*

*- Bill McFarland*

### **Today’s Messages:**

**AM: The Community of Christ**

**PM: The Holy Spirit and the Church**

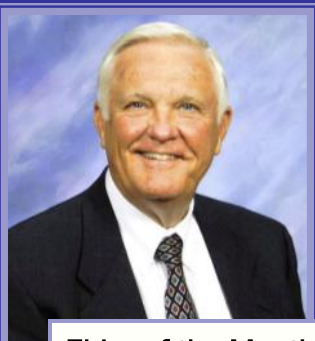
# Welcome Visitors

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

June 6

Bible Study:	206
Morning:	325
Evening:	254
Wednesday (6/9):	214
Contribution:	\$12,002



Elder of the Month  
Clay Joseph

# Activities & Events

## Activities Today ...

*Malawi Group meets at 4 p.m.*

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Women's Prayer Group will meet today at 4 p.m.

## Upcoming Activities ...



- ◆ On Friday the Single Women's Group will have a potluck dinner and planning meeting beginning at 5 p.m. here at the building. See Karen Duncan or Debbie Crawford if you have questions.
- ◆ Next Sunday after morning service those interested in being a **SECRET SISTER** will draw names in room 126. Please pick up a form from Julie Alexander and complete before the meeting.
- ◆ June 24: VBS workday from 10 till 2 - bring sack lunch
- ◆ August 2-5: Vacation Bible School "The Mystery of Christ"



On June 27 we will honor Ashley Bergman with a baby shower. Dwayne & Ashley are having a **girl** and are registered at Target & Walmart.

Bro. Dennis will begin a 4-lesson study of the book of Philippians in the auditorium class this morning. All are welcome to take part in this great study!

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP DECORATE FOR VBS, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET AT THE INFORMATION DESK.**



- ◆ Today—Bowling after Potluck lunch/**Area-wide Youth Night** at Mt. Vernon. The bus will leave the building at 4 p.m.

## Summer Bible Camp Sessions:

- ◆ 6/20-26: Larry Baggett/Happy Hollow
- ◆ 6/28-7/2: Alice Buckner/Happy Hollow
- ◆ 7/18-21: Shelia Hansen/Happy Hollow (girls)
- ◆ 7/18-24: Bill McFarland/Green Valley (Applications for Green Valley and Happy Hollow are available at the information desk)



If you signed up to be a Counselor or Jr. Counselor at Alice Buckner's camp session, you need to fill out one of the Happy Hollow Applications and give to Alice or Larry Baggett.



We are organizing groups to attend **Springfield Cardinals'** games. The dates are **Sunday, June 27; Friday, July 9; and Sunday, August 1.** The Sunday games are at 6 pm so we would go to the game as soon as church is over. Tickets are \$6. **If you are interested in attending the June 27 game**, please sign up at the information desk.

*Margaret Cobb has moved to Room C8 at Woodland Manor.*

Congratulations to Tucker & Megan on their marriage yesterday!!



There are still apples on the Giving Tree. Or if you would prefer to donate \$1 or \$2 to purchase supplies, that would be a big help as well.

# Prayer List & Announcements

- Wayne Harmon & Verl Duncan are recovering from surgery
- Seldon Essex made another trip to the emergency room last Thursday; keep him in your prayers as he deals with his health problems
- Continue to remember Billie Jeffery

## Friends and Family:

- ◆ Opal Fahr, Thresa Hansen's grandma, is having a really hard time right now dealing with cancer
- ◆ Debbie Norcross, friend of Cornelia Summers, has been diagnosed with cancer; she lost her husband just 3 months ago and has a 12 year old son
- ◆ Continue to remember Doris Tobler's son, Terrell, as he deals with lung cancer
- ◆ Tim Bowling's dad is doing some better
- ◆ Dorann Thoreen, Terry Loveland's cousin, is in a hospital in Phoenix following a stroke
- ◆ Ruth & Denzil Raines' grandson, Chris
- ◆ Sherry & Ed Murray's 4-month old grandbaby, Sam, will have heart surgery this month



Barney Crawford



Clay Joseph



Gene Lund

## **ELDERS' APPRECIATION DAY**

Today after services we will honor our current Elders with a Potluck Luncheon. We hope you will all join us as we show our appreciation to these men who put in many hours of their time to shepherd this congregation. We invite and encourage our visitors to join us for lunch and enjoy good food and fellowship.



Bob Snider



Jerry Young



We extend our sympathy to Freeman Weger and his family in the loss of Sister Helen last week. She was laid to rest Friday in Colbert, OK.

## DID YOU KNOW ...

- ... that Justin Reaves threw out the first pitch at the Springfield Cardinals' game last night?
- ... that Daniel Meinsen and Kyle Buckner just returned from a week at Preacher's Camp in TN?
- ... that Alissa Buckner leaves Sunday for the University of Missouri at Columbia where she will be attending the Missouri Scholars Academy for three weeks - a very high honor!

Please notify the office of your accomplishments!

**Thank You**

My wonderful church family, Thank you so much for all the prayers, food, phone calls, cards, notes and visits. They all meant so much to me. I am so thankful for my Water Mill church family. I love you all. God Bless You!

Ella Mae Findlay

Thank you so much for all the food sent in the loss of our mother and allowing the family to use your building after the service. It was so appreciated, and your love and prayers were felt by our entire family. Our sorrow is great but God's love is greater! Church families like yours helped us see that. Thanks again.

Earnie, Kelly, Kent, Kristy & Family  
(the family of Linda Meador)

Thank you so much for your concern following my recent surgery. Thank you for the cards, calls and prayers. They meant a lot to me.

In Christian Love, Wayne Harmon



## BIGGER AND BETTER CHALLENGES?

By Dennis R. Smith

I suppose it is in the annals of the whole world that our ultimate goal is one of improvement. We seek to produce a better product. We strive to develop a new set of records. We work hard on our game to become more successful in whatever it is we seek to accomplish. Again, I suppose one is entitled to some sort of "recognition" in being able to reach a higher level in any given field. However, let us stop for a moment and ask a most important question: Which is better, to reach the highest level of improvement in business, sports, politics, etc., but fail to improve ourselves in the areas of our relationship to God, the church, home and family. Allegorically (and just for sake of better understanding my point) consider these cases: Breeders of race horses, show dogs and livestock, etc., are always attempting to create something better. What about their owners? Do they ever think of trying to improve self? Of course there are all kinds of self-improvement books and courses which are available for a fee. Even here I am not condemning anyone in trying to improve self through these means. On the other hand, God offers us completely free of charge instructions for improvement in the things which really count. Enroll yourself in a daily study of His Word. It will make you a better man or woman. Why not give it a try and start today?

**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

**OUR MISSION POINTS**

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa  
Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands  
Voice of Truth International

"The Living Word"  
7:30 A.M. Sundays  
KOLR TV 10

"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:** Orvella Blackburn/M. Reaves  
**Greeters:** Jim & Debbie Meinsen  
**Van Driver:** Shannon Haddock/732-4203  
**KYB Phone:** Adam & Sara Stipp  
**Serve** Gaylen Jones/Oran Green  
**Communion:** Briley Ewing/Sam Hansen  
Jackie Freeze/Russell Lilly  
Mark Friend/John Hulett  
David Kern/Dwayne Jackson

**THIS EVENING**

**Song Leader:** Larry Baggett  
**Opening Prayer:** Jim Meinsen  
**Speaker:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Daniel Meinsen  
**Communion:** Scott/Adam Barton  
**Nursery:** Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

**NEXT WEEK, June 20**

	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Larry Baggett
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Brent Looney	Travis Morrison
<b>Communion:</b>	Tim Bowling	Scott/Adam Barton
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Fred Lorenz	Shannon Haddock
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Ruth Reaves & Linda Barnett	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Kristy Sivils/793-1086	

**THE MONTH OF JUNE**

**Ushers:** Scott Nichols  
Jason Luna  
**AV Room:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
Kyle Buckner  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines

**Wednesday, June 16**

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison  
**Opening Prayer:** Dennis Smith  
**Closing Prayer:** Tim Stockstill  
**Van Driver:** Tim Stockstill