



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

June 19, 2011

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Clay Joseph

### Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#392 (1,3,4)

#363 (1,2,4)

#146 (1,2)

### Opening Prayer

Fred Lorenz

#892 (2 times)

### The Lord's Supper

Blanton Glenn

#260

### Contribution

Blanton Glenn

#234 (1,3,4)

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#125

### Announcements

Clay Joseph

#679

### Closing Prayer

Jason Luna

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

## THINGS NO FATHER CAN AFFORD

Some things in life cost too much to be worth what we give for them. But, sadly, many fathers—and mothers—are buying them. Such things are not paid for in money! They are bought with pain and heartache and tears. And the day will come when those who purchase these things will bitterly regret the too-high price they have had to pay!

What are some of these things which no father can afford?

**1. No father can afford to build his career at the expense of his family.** It is essential that fathers provide for the physical needs of their families (1 Timothy 5:8). But too many fathers see this as their only responsibility to their children. They think that if they bring home a paycheck, put food on the table, and shoes on the kids, they have done their duty!

But fathers need to provide so much more than their financial support. They need to provide emotional and psychological support. More than this, they need to provide spiritual and moral support (Eph. 6:4). They must teach their children spiritual values and school them in the laws of God (Gen. 18:19). Being a “good provider” goes far beyond material needs. No father can afford to stop at financial support alone.

**2. No father can afford to shortchange his children when it comes to his time.** It takes time to be a good father. One of the most basic responsibilities of being a father is just being there ... being available to your children ... being a part of their lives. There is no way to fulfill the duties of fatherhood in absentia.

Between birth and age 21, the average child will spend 105,000 hours awake. About 10,000 of these hours will be spent in school; 2,100 hours in church and Sunday school; and 92,000 hours in the home. But according to a survey taken a few years ago, the average father spends only about 6 hours a year (about 7 minutes a week) one-on-one with a pre-teenage son! Obviously, some children are being shortchanged. No father who takes his responsibilities seriously can afford to give so little of himself to his children.

**3. No father can afford to gamble with the souls of his children.** The soul is more valuable than the whole world (Matt. 16:26). Jesus taught that it is a terrible thing to put the soul of a child in jeopardy! “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt. 18:6). Tragically, many fathers are gambling with the souls of their children. They are doing so by failing to create a spiritual climate for them in the home ... by failing to bring them to church regularly ... and by engaging in questionable practices which their children will grow up to imitate. No father can afford to take chances where his children are concerned.

As parents, we all need to consider earnestly these “Things No Father Can Afford.” Above all, we need to remember that none of us can afford to ignore or disobey God! “God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, this will be also reap” (Gal. 6:7).

- Bobby Dockery, Fayetteville, AR

### Today's Message:

**AM: What A Father's Character Means to a Family**

**PM: The Problem of Folly**

# Activities & 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

June 12

Bible Study:	273
Morning:	366
Evening:	174
Wednesday (6/15):	229
Contribution:	\$11,306



Elder of the Month  
Clay Joseph



Today is the last day to sign up for the Cardinals game next Sunday night. If you would like to attend the game, see Andrew or Johnnie TODAY to get signed up and pay for your tickets. The tickets are \$8.00 per person. Kids 4 and under are free.

### WORK IN JOPLIN

Andrew will be taking the bus to Joplin each Monday for those who would like to go work. Sign up on the sheet provided on the Information Desk if you plan to go tomorrow.



- ⇒ Today thru 25th—Larry Baggett's Happy Hollow Bible Camp Session
- ⇒ June 27-July 1—Alice Buckner's Happy Hollow Session
- ⇒ Wednesday night is ROW—after ice cream, the youth will work in the garden for about an hour
- ⇒ June 28th—Titus 2 Ladies meet from 10-12
- ⇒ June 29th—Game night at the Mortons after church



Congratulations to Summer & Jereme Azeez (and Austin) on the safe arrival of Dillon

Thomas early Friday morning. He weighed 7 lbs.9 oz. All are doing well.

### New Families



Tom & Marti Norrell



Vicki Stephens

Please add to the June Anniversaries  
**Jeff & Lori Fisher**  
6/29 (9 yrs.)



Thank you for the cards, prayers and words of encouragement in the recent loss of Mike's uncle. We would also like to thank you for the cards and good wishes for our anniversary. We are so blessed to be a part of this congregation. In Christian love, **Mike and Glenda Thurlkill**

God bless you for your thoughtful donation. You are helping us live the commandment to care for the least of these. All monies received are being used solely to aid tornado victims. We appreciate you helping Joplin. **Mt. Hope Church of Christ.**

Thank you for all the prayers and other acts of care and concern for my dad, Winston. He is doing much better and was able to go home last Friday. **Jon Ewing**

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**Birthdays Next Week**
- 17 John Mahon
  - 26 Norma Lorenz
  - Miley Fisher
  - 29 Ella Wheeler
  - 30 Jeanne Friend



# Prayer List & Notes

## In our prayers ...

- ☞ Kay Adams is at Select Speciality Hospital, Room B102
- ☞ Arilla Buck is at Magnolia Square & Lucille Ford is at Springfield Rehab.
- ☞ Herman Harris in Cox South room 322
- ☞ Illene Birdsong had surgery on her ear to remove skin cancer

### Friends and Family:

- ◇ Jay Sardeson's mother has cancer that has spread to the brain and lymph nodes; keep Jay & Amber and their family in your prayers
- ◇ Julian Penner's friend, Nathan Paul, as he recovers from surgery to remove two bars from his chest. You can send cards to 3556 E. Primrose Street, Springfield, 65807.
- ◇ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan will have eye surgery on both eyes on June 24 in Houston, TX
- ◇ Mark Best, 4th grader at Strafford, is doing really well but will remain in Memphis until August
- ◇ Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings; Lanae Gillespie's mother (Julie Thornton's grandmother), Geneve Treat, who are dealing with cancer
- ◇ Triva Henderson, friend of Oran & Nadean Green, in Cox South with blood clot in one leg plus a heart condition

**Baptism:** We rejoice with **TUCKER & MEGAN JOBES** as Tucker made the decision to put on Christ in baptism last Sunday evening. May we all continue to be an encouragement to Tucker as he grows as a Christian.



**"...his leaf also shall not wither"**

By Dennis R. Smith

What a beautiful picture the psalmist paints of the righteous man in the very first Psalm. He describes the godly in contrast to the unrighteous and what a difference there is between the two. The righteous man spends every day and night in meditation on the "law of the Lord." His choice of friends is limited to those like himself. Evidently he realized that the association with the ungodly would not be a good influence on his own personal relationship with his Lord. One of the most interesting descriptions of this righteous man is that "his leaf also shall not wither" (1:3). The first sign of a dying tree is the withering of its leaves. The ultimate promise of this thought is the assurance that he will be known by God (1:6) and will have eternal life in heaven. However, there also seems to be the assurance that those who would duplicate this lifestyle will have the promise of being alive - active and profitable to God - during their earthly tenure. There are those (according to Rev. 3:1) who were yet alive but were unprofitable as though they were dead. What an awful state this would be! May we all take a long look at our lives to determine if our "tree" is still covered with fresh green leaves or have they withered and become unprofitable unto God? Remember, "life is real and life is earnest and the grave is not its goal" (Longfellow's Psalm of Life). That being the case, may we make our lives daily one that will please God and bring a shade of blessings to others.

### Long-Term

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

### Military:

Cody Newman  
Elaine Noe

### Expectant Moms

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

## Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

### Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Gene Lund	417-343-5783
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 Minister

Andrew Morton	417-712-4809
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### Deacons

Scott Barton	Shannon Haddock
Tim Bowling	Matt Keener
Tim Buckner	Russell Lilly
Tom Davis	Paul Lines
George Downing	Jim Meinsen
Jim Elliff	Travis Morrison
Jon Ewing	James Simons

### Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

### 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

### 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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Office Hours:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

Happy Father's Day!

## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling  
**Greeters:** Matt & Sara Keener  
**Van Driver:** Travis Morrison/742-1970  
**KYB Phone:** Adam & Sara Stipp  
**Serve** Jeff Fisher/Dwayne Jackson  
**Communion:** Jackie Freeze/Gaylen Jones  
 Oran Green/Matt Keener  
 Sam Hansen/David Kern  
 John Hulett/Todd Kraus

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Tim Bowling  
**Opening Prayer:** Aaron Morrison  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Tom Norrell  
**Communion:** Justin Reaves/R. Blackburn  
**Nursery:** Lee Ann Donoho/K. Duncan

### NEXT WEEK, June 26

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Travis Morrison
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Gene Lund	Scott Nichols
<b>Communion:</b>	Dale Gregory	J. Reaves/R. Blackburn
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	John Mahon	John Penner
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Glenda Thurlkill	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jim & Debbie Meinsen	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	James Simons/732-5641	

### MONTH OF JUNE

**Ushers:** Fred Lorenz/  
Brent Asher  
**AV Room:** J. Thurlkill/  
Kyle Buckner  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines/  
Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, June 22

**Devotional:** John Dutton  
**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison  
**Opening Prayer:** Tim Stockstill  
**Closing Prayer:** Dustin Stokes  
**Van Driver:** Jason Luna