



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

June 26, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Clay Joseph

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#511

#583

Opening Prayer

Gene Lund

#118 (1,2,4)

#916

The Lord's Supper

Dale Gregory

Contribution

Dale Gregory

#543

#299 (1,3,4,5)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#359 (1,3,4)

Announcements

Clay Joseph

#638

Closing Prayer

John Mahon

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

A Tree of Life

The tree of life is an important Bible theme. In the beginning of the Biblical account, fallen man is separated from the tree that was in the midst of Eden (Gen. 3:22). At the end of the record, redeemed man is restored to the tree at the throne of God (Rev. 22:2).

In between these two books, however, the phrase "tree of life" appears only in Proverbs. The wise man uses it to speak of things which are sources of the kind of life that a man ought to live. It symbolizes those qualities, which add beauty, joy and vitality to life.

1. Wisdom. *The wise man said of wisdom, "She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed" (Prov. 3:18). Wisdom is not merely knowledge, but the proper use of knowledge. It comes from God (Js. 1:5), and it is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere (Js. 3:18). One who finds wisdom finds life and will obtain the favor of the Lord (Prov. 8:35).*

2. The fruit of the righteous. *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30). A good man's example and teaching is a source of blessing and life to others. His words and deeds are like the fruits of a tree which nourish many souls and lead them to God. Our lives ought to be filled with the fruits of righteousness through Christ (Phil. 1:11).*

3. Hope fulfilled. *The wise man observed, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life" (Prov. 13:12). Few things are as disheartening as dashed hopes. But when our deepest longings are met, it is as satisfying and refreshing to our spiritual lives as a tree of life. This is a blessing we always have in Christ, for our hope is sure and steadfast because of him (Heb. 6:19).*

4. A gentle tongue. *"A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit" (Prov. 15:4). Harsh words have broken many a heart, but a gentle tongue has a healing influence. Wholesome words refresh and build up those who hear. Our speech ought to be a source of grace and encouragement to others (Eph. 4:29).*

If you long for real life, seek wisdom, bear fruit, speak gently, and have a secure hope. These qualities will help us along the road until we finally come to the tree of life at the throne of God.

- Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: Remembering Rightly

PM: The Problem of Indifference

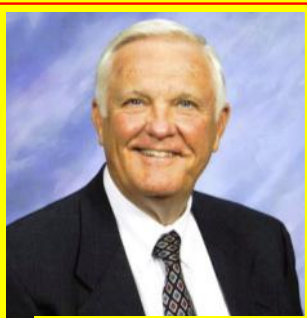
Activities & News

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 19

Bible Study:	256
Morning:	369
Evening:	233
Wednesday (6/22):	217
Contribution:	\$ 8,122



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph



WORK IN JOPLIN

Sign up on the sheet provided on the Information Desk if you plan to go work in Joplin **tomorrow**. Todd Kraus will be driving the bus.



Shelia Hansen

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ July 2 Singing/Devo at **James River Nursing Home**
- ⇒ July 3 **Golden Agers** meet at 4 p.m.
- ⇒ July 5 **Quilters** meet at 10 a.m.
- ⇒ July 11 **Ladies Book Club** meeting will be at 6:30 at the Currier's home. **An Echo in the Darkness** by Francine Rivers is the book for the month
- ⇒ July 29 –Elders, Deacons, Ministers & their wives **Appreciation Dinner**
- ⇒ July 31—5th Sunday **Potluck Lunch**
- ⇒ August 6 - **SUPER SATURDAY VBS**
- ⇒ August 17—**Blood Drive** here at the building
- ⇒ **Secret Sisters** will start up in August. Watch the bulletin for further details.



- ⇒ **June 27-July 1**—Alice Buckner's **Happy Hollow Session**
- ⇒ **June 28th**—**Titus 2 Ladies** meet from 10-12
- ⇒ **June 29th: (Wednesday)** **Youth** will meet at 2:30 to pass our flyers and DVDs in the neighborhood; pizza will be provided before evening services
- ⇒ **July 3 SNAC** will be at **Valley Water Mill**. Jill Morrison will be in charge of meal. Please sign up to bring items for meal. Joey Lentz will lead the devotional
- ⇒ **July 13 ROW**; putt-putt golf after church
- ⇒ **July 17-23**—**Bill's Session** at **Green Valley Bible Camp**

New Address for:
Sam & Thresa Hansen
Ann Fahr

633 W. Bell, Springfield, MO 65803
Ann: 840-6519
Sam: 818-2077 Thresa: 818-8445



We want to thank everyone who helped celebrate my birthday and Tony and my 41st anniversary with such wonderful, lovely cards. We truly are blessed with a wonderful church family.
Tony & Diana Compton



Birthdays Next Week

- 1 Carolyn Young
- Andy McFarland
- 2 Donna Sanders
- Scarlett McCall
- 4 Vern Thompson
- 5 Ruth Lund
- Tyler Thornton
- 6 Joy Allen
- 8 Shawna Stockdale
- Nancy Meeks
- Kyle Mahon

We need YOU in Sunday School

July Anniversaries

- 2 David/Debbi Ratterree 35 yrs.
- 3 Sam/Thresa Hansen 7 yrs.
- 6 Dale/Pat Harp 48 yrs.
- 7 Jason/Beth Trogdon 8 yrs.
- 8 Tommy/Betty Grabber 44 yrs.
- 10 Clarence/Ola Jean Feeney 60 yrs.
- 11 John/Michelle Hulett 19 yrs.
- 20 Brian/Samantha York 20 yrs.
- 24 Truman/Helen Coltrane 52 yrs.

Congratulations

Our greatest danger in life is in permitting the urgent things to crowd out the important.

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Prayer List & Notes

In our prayers ...

- ☞ **Abi Thornton**, daughter of Julie & Tyler, is in ICU at St. John's after a near-drowning accident; she is doing a lot better
- ☞ **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
- ☞ **Shirley Bartlett** will have hip surgery soon

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
- ◇ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, **Dylan** is recovering from double eye surgery
- ◇ **Mark Best**, 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
- ◇ **Bobbie Tuggle** from Hillcrest congregation in Neosho as she has health issues

Prayer Request: **Brent Looney** responded last Sunday asking for prayers and **Jeff & Elaina Treat** responded Wednesday night.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Tommy Grabber and his family in the loss of Tommy's mother, **Lucille Grabber**, in McKinney, TX. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Fair Haven.

Long-Term

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
Matthew Patterson

Expectant Mom

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



“... Be content with such things as you have...” (Heb. 13:5)



Baptisms

We rejoice with Jerry & Shawna Stockdale as they made the decision to put on Christ in baptism last Friday evening (6/17). Please offer your support

and encouragement to them as they grow as Christians. Their address is 2313 West Chestnut, 65802, phone 693-7467. Thanks to Don & Ruth Essex for studying with them.



Our new pictorial directories will be shipped by Olan Mills Tuesday. We hope to get those to you soon as well as instructions and password for our online directory.

Food Pantry Needs

Boxed & Canned Meals

Jelly Peanut Butter
Cereal Canned Fruit
Tuna Jello/Pudding

Canned Vegies

Mac & Cheese

Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support.



The Power of the Private Prayer

By Dennis R. Smith

In that wonderful little Book of James, our Lord's Brother wrote, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16b). The importance of prayer can be seen in the many passages which inform us of the need as well as necessity of praying and to do so often. The Apostle Paul said, "pray without ceasing" (1st Thess. 5:17). We are to pray in the public assembly, we are to pray for the sick, our leadership both in the church and for our country and for the world. These are all very, very important. In looking at our text it seems to suggest that the most effective prayer is that of our own private prayers. After all, it was Jesus who endorsed the need for the private prayer: "And when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to the Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6). This is not to say that all our prayers are in secret for there is always the need for families to pray together; husbands and wives to pray together and the need "to pray every where" (1st Tim. 2:8). However, may I suggest that the private prayer ranks very high in being the basis of a strong faith. Remember, "Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Heb. 11:6). While there are many other advantages in the private prayer, surely we know that God, through His Son, just likes to hear from us on a regular basis. (Requested by a dear Sister in Christ)

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: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
 Greeters: Jim & Debbie Meinsen
 Van Driver: James Simons/732-5641
 KYB Phone: Jerry & Carolyn Young
 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: Jeremy Thurlkill
 Opening Prayer: Scott Nichols
 Lesson: Bill McFarland
 Closing Prayer: John Penner
 Communion: Justin Reaves/R. Blackburn
 Nursery: Glenda Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, July 3

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer:	Jim Reaves	Grant Wheeler
Communion:	Dale Harp	Tim/Kyle Buckner
Closing Prayer:	Tim Timmons	Daniel Wilson
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Les & Pat Malanowski	
Van Driver:	Lance Griter/833-2818	

MONTH OF JULY

Ushers: Scott Nichols/
 Shannon Haddock
 AV Room: Scott Barton/
 Daniel Meinsen
 Secure Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, June 29

Devotional: Brian York
 Song Leader: Travis Morrison
 Opening Prayer: Ron Stokes
 Closing Prayer: Mike Thurlkill
 Van Driver: Don Tracy