



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

July 3, 2011

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Brian York

### Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#1 (1,3,5)

#71

### Opening Prayer

Jim Reaves

#44

#68

### The Lord's Supper

Dale Harp

### Contribution

Dale Harp

#66

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#131 (1,2,4)

### Announcements

Gene Lund

#171

### Closing Prayer

Tim Timmons

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

## I'M GLAD THEY SIGNED

The 56 men who signed our Declaration of Independence that first 4th of July - you know they were risking everything, don't you? Because if they won the war with the British, there would be years of hardship as a struggling nation. If they lost they would face a hangman's noose. And yet there where it says, "We herewith pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor," they did sign.



But did you know that they paid the price? When Carter Braxton of Virginia signed the Declaration of Independence, he was a wealthy planter and trader. But thereafter he saw his ships swept from the seas and to pay his debts, he lost his home and all of his property. He died in rags. Thomas McKean of Delaware was so harassed by the enemy that he was forced to move his family five times in five months. He served in Congress without pay, his family in poverty and in hiding. Thomas Nelson, Jr. of Virginia raised two million dollars on his own signature to provision our allies, the French fleet. After the War he personally paid back the loans wiping out his entire estate; he was never reimbursed by his government—he died bankrupt. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside while she was dying; their thirteen children fled in all directions for their lives. His fields and gristmill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves and returned home after the War to find his wife dead, his children gone, his properties gone. He died a few weeks later of exhaustion and a broken heart. We remember John Hancock for that great sweeping signature on the Declaration. One of the wealthiest men in New England, he stood outside Boston one terrible night of the War and said, "Burn Boston, though it makes John Hancock a beggar, if the public good requires it." He, too, lived up to the pledge.

Of the 56 signers of the Declaration, few were long to survive. Five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes - from Rhode Island to Charleston - sacked and looted, occupied by the enemy or burned. Two of them lost their sons in the Army; one had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 died in the War. They were men of means, most of them, prosperous land-owners secure in their prosperity. But they believed that liberty is so much more important than security, that they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. And they fulfilled their pledge — they paid the price, and freedom was born. I'm glad they signed!

If you read Philippians 2:5-11, you will see that **Jesus** also gave up **everything** for freedom — your freedom and my freedom. I'm glad he did!

- Steve Tandy (Wichita, KS)

## Today's Messages:

AM: *The Kingdom of Heaven*

PM: *The Problem of Overload*

# 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 26

Bible Study:	233
Morning:	316
Evening:	221
Wednesday (6/29):	225
Contribution:	\$ 9,856



Elder of the Month  
Gene Lund

## Upcoming Events ...

- ⇒ *Visitation Team #1 will meet this evening after services in Room 126. Please see James Simons for visitation team assignments.*
- ⇒ *Golden Agers meet TODAY at 4 p.m.*
- ⇒ *Quilters meet TUESDAY at 10 a.m.*
- ⇒ *July 11 Ladies Book Club meeting will be at 6:30 at the Currier's home.*
- ⇒ *July 29—Elders, Deacons, Ministers & their wives Appreciation Dinner*
- ⇒ *July 31—5th Sunday Potluck Lunch*
- ⇒ *August 17—Blood Drive at the building*



*Our new pictorial directories are in—see Johnnie in the office to pick yours up. You should have received a "Letter from the Elders" by e-mail on Friday that includes the link and password for the on-line directory. The site is password protected but if you prefer not to have your information included on that site, please notify the office.*



*Watch for more information!  
**SUPER SATURDAY VBS coming August 6***



*Please check out the Blessing Tree in the east side of the foyer for needed VBS/camp supplies. If you prefer to donate \$1 or \$2 instead of purchasing an item, see Leah Prewitt or Johnnie. (If there are no apples on the tree, check back later to see what is needed.)*



*Thank you so much for those of you who sent your children to our camp session last week. Also I want to thank those who helped make our session one of the best; Jo Baggett, Tim & Marty Stockstill, George & Gaitha Downing, Alex Penner, and Charles Crum. Thanks also to Bill McFarland for our "Let Us" camp theme from his lesson on Hebrews 10. One of our young ladies was baptized last Friday evening to make it a perfect week. Thanks to God for His perfect weather too; best in last 13 years. **Larry Baggett***

*I cannot adequately express my gratitude for the many hugs, handshakes and words of encouragement following my baptism. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a caring and positive church family. I am looking forward to many years of service, worship, and Christian brotherhood with all of you. Again, thank you and God bless. **Tucker Jobs***

**We need YOU in Sunday School**



- ⇒ *SNAC will be at Valley Water Mill tonight after services. **Joey Lentz** will lead the devotional. Each family bring hot dogs and buns for their family; boys bring chips; girls bring desert*
- ⇒ *July 12 Titus 2 from 10—12*
- ⇒ *July 13 ROW; putt-putt golf after church*
- ⇒ *July 17-23—Bill's Session at Green Valley Bible Camp*

*The bus will not go to Joplin this week due to the 4th of July Holiday!*

### Young Men!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday July 30th** for the first annual **Ozarks Ministry Training** day. It will be held here at the building for area wide young men. Invite your friends! This will be a great day to learn more about preaching God's word. Watch the bulletin for more details on speakers and activities. All men are invited to be there to help support and encourage the young men! For more info talk to Daniel Meinsen or Kyle Buckner.

### Birthdays Next Week

- 10 Mike Thurlkill
- 11 Landon Nichols
- 13 Carrie Lines
- 15 Judy Kirby
- 16 Orvella Blackburn
- Jagger Trogdon

# Prayer List & Notes

## In our prayers ...

- ☞ [Abi Thornton](#) hopefully was dismissed from the hospital last Friday
- ☞ [Kay Adams](#) is at Select Speciality Hospital, Room B102
- ☞ [Arilla Buck](#) is at Magnolia Square & [Lucille Ford](#) is now at home
- ☞ [Herman Harris](#) has been moved to Webco Manor, Room 101 West Wing, 1687 W. Washington, Marshfield, 65706
- ☞ [Shirley Bartlett](#) is not going to be able to have hip surgery due to her overall health condition; will be moving to health care facility soon

### Friends and Family:

- ◇ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, [Dylan](#)'s surgery was postponed until later this summer
- ◇ Pat Milligan's brother, [John Cummings](#); Lanae Gillespie's mother (Julie Thornton's grandmother), [Geneve Treat](#), and [Jay Sardeson's mother](#), all are dealing with cancer

**Prayer Request:** Jose Polson responded Sunday asking for prayers

### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to former member Orville Langford in the loss of his son, Larry, this past week. Orville's address is 875 Rosewood Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301 if you would like to send him a card.

**Megan Easterly & Family Cancer Benefit BBQ & Auction to help in Megan's battle against brain cancer. July 9 beginning at 3:30 at Old Wommack Mill in Fair Grove (see flyer on bulletin board). Megan is Tom's niece.**

**Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (2 Cor. 3:17)**

**The Golden Messenger for July is ready to pick up in the foyer. This is a special July 4th Issue.**



### 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)

## 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



## Let's Do Some Serious Thinking

By Dennis R. Smith

Over the years an anonymous writer has left the following immortal quote and it has been picked up by almost every Speakers Source Book in the land. It goes like this: *"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it; for I shall not pass this way again."* Dear Reader, please do not think that this quote reflects only on the end of life though it certainly fits that sad occasion. I especially invite you to consider these words: *"Let me do it now."* I believe the overall thought of this quote reflects on the type of reputation that we are making at any given time in our life. It also shows the need to be kind to others. If in the past we have failed to render any good to others, it also invites us to change now and begin doing what we should have done all along. While this quote is not from the Bible, this Grand Old Book backs it up with such statements as, *"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you"* (Eph. 4:32). In a world of anger and malice those of us who wear the name of Christian would do well to practice what this article suggests and then do our best to help someone along the remainder of our journey here. There's an old song in which the opening words tell us, *"Each day I'll do a golden deed by helping those who are in need."* Amen?

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



## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
**Greeters:** Les & Pat Malanowski  
**Van Driver:** Lance Griter/833-2818  
**KYB Phone:** Van & Barbara Barnes  
**Serve** Russell/Tom Meeks  
**Communion:** Paul Lines/Les Malanowski  
 Brent Looney/Jason Luna  
 Fred Lorenz/Jack Lynch  
 Terry Loveland/John Mahon

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Andrew Morton  
**Opening Prayer:** Grant Wheeler  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Daniel Wilson  
**Communion:** Tim/Kyle Buckner  
**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### NEXT WEEK, July 10

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Andrew Morton
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jeremy Thurlkill	Larry Baggett
<b>Communion:</b>	Todd Kraus	Tim/Kyle Buckner
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Tim Bowling	Porter Barnes
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Ruth Reaves/Chatty Timmons	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Travis Morrison/742-1970	

### MONTH OF JULY

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

### Wednesday, July 6

**Devotional:** Jason Luna  
**Song Leader:** John Mahon  
**Opening Prayer:** Adam Barton  
**Closing Prayer:** William Downing  
**Van Driver:** Tim Stockstill