



Bulletin for Week of August 3-9, 2009

A GREAT LEAP

Our VBS was to get started Monday evening. Many of our members had been quite busy getting ready for it, and the final preparations were still being made. That morning when I turned to my devotional reading, the following piece was included in the thoughts for the day. Please think through it.

IT WAS a huge undertaking for my little congregation. We are growing older and no longer have the sounds of small children in our assemblies. So we took a great leap: we decided to host a Vacation Bible School.

We wrote scripts, designed and built sets, planned crafts and refreshments. We spent most Saturdays for six months in preparation, not knowing if anyone would come.

Our advance advertising and registration produced only two children. Our hearts were low.

Opening night, our two children arrived ... and then another car ... and then a third. We started with one dozen children the first night, a small number for many congregations, but a multitude for us. Our peak night we had almost twenty! What a joy it was to act-out the Bible stories. I saw the look in their young eyes as they watched our dramas unfold, and I saw them cling to their crafts and sing our songs at the top of their lungs!

No, not many have come back. We still are small and struggling. But for one week, our auditorium rang with laughter and excitement. Some day, they will recall what we taught, and their hearts will be glad as ours are today.

(POWER for today: PETE NASH, Warren, Ohio)

We take a lot for granted, much of it things which should be provoking profound thanksgiving from our hearts. What will you remember about our VBS? What will you continue to enjoy?

--Bill McFarland

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<u>ELDERS</u>	
Barney Crawford	Clay Joseph
Fred Lorenz	Gene Lund
Bob Snider	Jerry Young
<u>MINISTERS</u>	
Bill McFarland	Dennis Smith
Andrew Morton	

<u>Schedule of Services</u>	
Sunday AM Bible Class.....	9:00
Sunday AM Worship.....	10:00
Sunday PM Worship.....	5:00
Wednesday PM Bible Study.....	7:00

It is a good thing to be rich, and a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be beloved of many friends.

THOSE TO SERVE THIS WEEK/MONTH
COMMUNION

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| Adam Stipp | Scott Nichols |
| John Mahon | Tom Meeks |
| Todd Kraus | Tom Newell |
| Brent Looney | John Penner |
| John Dutton | Justin Reaves |

PRAYER FOR COMMUNION

John Stayton

PM COMMUNION

Shannon Haddock/Matt Kelley

A.M. SONG LEADER: Jon Ewing
P.M. SONG LEADER: Travis Morrison

A.M. PRAYER AUGUST 9, 2009

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| Opening | Kerry Cole |
| Closing | Eddie Currier |

P.M. PRAYER AUGUST 9, 2009

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| Opening | Jon Ewing |
| Closing | Clarence Feeny |

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009

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| Opening | Matt Kelley |
| Closing | James Simons |

ATTENDANCE AUGUST 2, 2009

9 AM Class	257
10 AM Worship	349
5 PM Worship	255
Wednesday PM	195
Contribution	\$ 8.813

DOOR GREETERS

Mark & Cheryl Friend

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

AM: Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn
 PM: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

VAN DRIVER

Russell Lilly/839-4048

ANSWER PHONES FOR KYB

Jim & Debbie Meinsen

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Scott Nichols/Adam Stipp

AV ROOM FOR AUGUST

Matt Keener/Terry Loveland

ELDER OF THE MONTH - AUGUST

Clay Joseph

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Prayer List

Sarah Cowden's spinal surgery is scheduled for August 6 in Hawaii at 1 p.m. our time; the Cowdens' address in Hawaii is 1732 Keeaumoku, Honolulu, HI 96822; **Seldon Essex** has severe back and knee problems; continue to keep **Pat Creson, Sondra Lorenz, David & Debbi Ratterree, Pat Woods, Paul Bratcher, Donna Massey, Bonnie Cole, Gerald Jean, Jarita Nimmo**
Friends & Family: Bill's mother, **Pauline Redmon**, is recovering from knee surgery (her address is Shadowbrook, Apt. 16, 765 Highway 201 N., Mountain Home, AR 72653); **Greg Donoho's dad** has been moved to a nursing home as he recovers from a broken hip; **Kim Woods Brown**, Pat Woods' daughter/Regina's sister (Regina is in CA with her now); **Judy Robbins**, 37, friend of the Staytons, has terminal cancer (their address is 191 Eric Dr., Kirbyville, MO 65679)

Military: Joshua Moss

SYMPATHY: We express our sympathy to Sam and Shelia Hansen and Linda Currier in the loss of their mother and sister, Mary Hansen.

Happy Birthday

August 10-16

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| 10 George Downing | 15 Glenn Logston |
| 12 Sandy Cole | Bill Chilton |
| Jenna Nichols | Becky Marsoff |
| Jacee Simons | Julie Alexander |
| 13 Freeman Weger (90) | Rebecca Kidd |
| Pat Milligan | 16 Avery Haddock |
| Debbie Crawford | |

Happy Anniversary

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| 11 Don & Gayle Gaunt | 47 yrs. |
| 12 George & Gaitha Downing | 19 yrs. |
| 13 Matt & Sara Keener | 10 yrs. |
| 14 Shannon & Stacy Haddock | 10 yrs. |
| Andrew & Angela Morton | 5 yrs. |
| 15 Charles & Susan Crum | 29 yrs. |
| Todd & Brandi Kraus | 11 yrs. |
| 16 Tim & Jan Bowling | 29 yrs. |

Best Wishes to All!!!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **PEW PACKERS will meet Sunday evening at 4:45 at the front of the auditorium.**
- ◆ **Golden Agers** will meet Sunday at 4 p.m. in Room 126.
- ◆ **Golden Messenger** for August is available in the foyer.
- ◆ **Pantry Needs:** canned vegetables; canned soups; instant Jello/pudding; boxed meals; canned meals; canned fruit; cereal
- ◆ **Room Change: Ella Smith** is now in Room 503 at Strafford Care Center, no phone number.

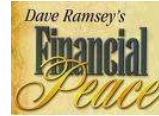
DVD "Does the God of the Bible Exist?"

Water Mill will be showing the DVD "Does the God of the Bible Exist?" Friday, August 14, beginning at 6:00 PM on the screens in our auditorium. This is a recording of the Kyle Butt/Dan Barker debate that was held at the University of South Carolina February 12. We will show the first hour which is the debate, have a 20 minute intermission to provide refreshments in the fellowship room, then show the other hour which is a question/answer period. We will conclude with a 10 minute closure, ending at 8:30 PM. This will be open to the community so make plans to attend and invite friends and family.

Changes are coming to our bulletin:

Soon we will be publishing the bulletin for handout on Sunday instead of Wednesday. It will take the place of our Sunday Worship Program. (More about this next week.)

Dennis Smith will bring our lesson Sunday morning, titled, "In What Shadow Are You Standing?"



Financial Peace Seminar:

Free Preview video August 9 immediately following AM worship service. **Sunday, August 30th at 2:30 p.m. will be our first class.** We are working to provide child care for young families that want to attend the class. Class cost is \$93 per family unit. Last day to register and pay will be August 16th. **PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.**

Thank you

Thank you very much for all the prayers, cards, food, and all of your acts of concern during Jim's illness and death. He loved his church family very much. A special thank you to Dennis and Bill.

Eula Compton & Family

Once again, a thank you for the many cards I have received. Your thoughtfulness is overwhelming and so appreciated!

Pat Creson

Our sincere thanks to all of you for helping make our 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration a time to remember. Thanks so much to all who were able to attend and for the many, many beautiful cards. Your kindness was very much appreciated. We truly are blessed.

In Christian Love,

Truman and Helen Coltrane

Thank you so much for all the prayers, calls and cards during the illness and recent death of my grandmother. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel to be a part of this wonderful, loving family here at Water Mill. God bless you all,

John Stayton & Family

If you signed up to go to the Cardinals game, tickets will be available for pickup starting Wednesday night. If paying by check, just make the check out to the church. Tickets are \$6 each.

The best antique is an old friend!

Thoughts From Dennis

For Information Only

The term "doctrine of baptisms" is mentioned in Hebrews 6:2 which is one of several so-called "first principles" (McCord's). Understanding what is meant by this expression has caused different opinions. The New Testament does talk of several types of baptisms. Those that the average bible student might be more familiar with are as follows: (a) John's baptism. (b) Baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire (Matt. 3:11). (c) Baptism in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 8:36). Then there was the "washing" or "dipping" even "immersion" which was performed when a non-Jew was proselyted to Judaism. The word for this is "ABLUTION," pronounced "a-blu-tion" and is so used in the Revision Standard Version: "...not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, with instruction about ablutions" (baptisms in the King James, American Standard, other English speaking versions). There were many such "a-blu-tions" required in the Old Testament Law. Robert Milligan, in his comments on Hebrews, suggests that this washing (or baptism) was required in the case of Jewish proselytes. Evidently many of the Jewish Christians, to whom the book of Hebrews was written, were still practicing "divers washings" (Heb. 9:10). Let's be sure we are on the right page when it comes to baptism. Our soul's salvation depends on it!

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