



Weekly Newsletter

June 20, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Clay Joseph

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#833

#542

Opening Prayer

Brent Looney

#836 (1,3)

#951

Communion

Tim Bowling

#190 (1,3)

Contribution

Tim Bowling

#553

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#344 (1,3,4)

Announcement

Clay Joseph

#780 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Fred Lorenz

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

THE GOD WHO WANTS TO BE KNOWN AS "OUR FATHER"

Jesus taught his disciples to pray like this: "Our Father in heaven..." (Matt. 6:9). For all of us who regard Christ as Lord and who take the New Testament seriously, that settles forever the question of how the God of heaven wants to be known. When his children genuinely speak of him this way, his name is hallowed. There are several reasons why this is so.

"Our Father" is the clearest picture of his character. When people saw the wisdom, authority and compassion of Jesus as he went about teaching and doing good, they saw the Father (Jn. 14:9). "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love....As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those that fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust" (Ps. 103:8, 13-14). Earthly dads do not always have the character of a father, but God does.

"Our Father" is the most complete description of his care for us. As Jesus taught his disciples, he consistently spoke of God as "your Father" (cf. Matt. 5:45-7:11). To know him in this way was to understand that the Father knew them in secret, that he understood what they needed and was able to provide, that he would wisely give them what was good for them as they asked, and that he would properly reward them. To relate to him in this way, however, was also to assume that they were to imitate their Father's behavior, respect his will, and seek to please him in all things. A relationship that takes in all of life is implied.

"Our Father" is the best summary of the meaning of the work of Christ. In his work he not only made the unseen God known as Father, but he also gave those who believed in him the right to become his children (Jn. 1:12). He has reconciled us to God in one body through the cross so that we have access in one Spirit to the Father (Eph. 2:16, 18). By making us citizens of the kingdom of his beloved Son, the Father has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light (Col. 1:12-13). In Christ, we are children awaiting the completion of our Father's wise and loving purpose.

"Our Father" is the easiest way to grasp our task in relation to ourselves and to one another. If we call on him as our Father, we are saying that we recognize the implications. "Father" means that we see our responsibility to be accountable to him, to imitate him in all our conduct, and to obey him with the attitude of trusting children (1 Pet. 1:14-17). "Our," on the other hand, means that not one of us is in this alone. This is not a private relationship. A child of God has a responsibility to the rest of his family.

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 Jn. 3:1).

— Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: In The Boat With Their Father (Matt. 4:18-22)

PM: Yes or No: Truth in the Christian Life

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 13

Bible Study:	252
Morning:	355
Evening:	184
Wednesday (6/16):	231
Contribution:	\$ 9,604



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph

Activities & Events

Activities Today ...

- ⇒ Today after AM 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.
- ⇒ **Malawi Group** meets at 4 pm
- ⇒ **Women's Prayer Group** meets at 4 pm

Upcoming Activities ...

- ⇒ **The Malawi Group** will have a packing meeting Wednesday evening beginning at 5 p.m.
- ⇒ **Titus 2 Ladies** meet Tuesday from 12:30—3:30



Next Sunday at 3 pm we will honor **Ashley Bergman** with a baby shower. Dwayne & Ashley are having a **girl** and are registered at Target & Walmart.

VBS Activities ...

- ⇒ Today after AM service those who signed up to help **decorate for VBS** are asked to stay for a brief meeting
- ⇒ **Thursday: VBS workday** from 10 till 2 - bring sack lunch
- ⇒ Those organizing the meal for the last day of VBS would like to get several **10 x 10 canopies** to put up on the east side of the building for shade/shelter. If you have one, please see **Lora Luna** or sign up on the sheet at the information desk.

Vacation Bible School is August 2-5 - "The Mystery of Christ"



◆ Larry Baggett's Happy Hollow Camp Session begins today and runs through Sat.

- ◆ **Counselors or Jr. Counselors for Alice Buckner's camp session need to fill out one of the Happy Hollow Applications and give to Alice.**
- ◆ Larry has a single mom with 2 teenage boys who needs help with the fee for camp. If you can help with the full \$90 fee or any part thereof, it would be appreciated.



If you are interested in attending the **June 27**

Springfield Cardinals' game, please sign up **TODAY** at the information desk. The dates for future games are **Friday, July 9** and **Sunday, August 1**. The Sunday games are at 6:10 pm so we would go to the game as soon as church is over. Tickets are \$6.

Addresses of Interest

Alissa Buckner's mailing address is:
Missouri Scholars Academy
University of Missouri-Columbia
Mark Twain Hall, room 524
Columbia, MO 65201

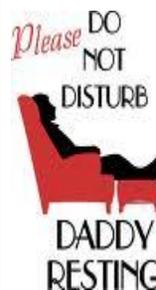
She will return home on July 3

Daniel Meinsen will be attending the Harding Honors Symposium from **June 25—July 9**. His mailing address will be:
Daniel Meinsen
c/o Jeffrey Hopper
Box 10838 Harding
Searcy, AR 72149-0838

Be sure to send them a card of encouragement!



A special thank you to everyone who helped with the requested supplies on the Apple Tree. We know that several of the items were not easy to find and we appreciate your extra efforts in that regard. Thanks also to those of you who donated money to purchase the remaining items that are needed.



Prayer List & Announcements

- Seldon Essex has been in and out of the hospital this past week
- Paul Bratcher is doing well after a procedure this past week
- Bonnie Cole is now out of the hospital
- Thelma Fain is in Cox South
- Continue to remember Billie Jeffery
- Remember the Tovar Family

Friends and Family:

- ◆ Daughter of KYB student, Bobbie Scott, as she continues radiation
- ◆ Continue to Remember:
Opal Fahr, Thresa Hansen's grandma
Debbie Norcross, friend of Cornelia Summers
Doris Tobler's son, Terrell
Tim Bowling's dad
Dorann Thoreen, Terry Loveland's cousin
Ruth & Denzil Raines' grandson, Chris
Sherry & Ed Murray's grandbaby, Sam, had heart surgery last week and is doing well

Prayer Request:

Terri Wilson responded Sunday asking for prayers.

Help Needed:

Happy Hollow is in need of a used clothes dryer.

Please contact Larry or George if you have one to donate.

Also, Julie Alexander is in need of some used furniture. Please see Julie if you can help.

Thank You

Dear Ladies,
Your unique inspirational Encouragement Book was really a blessing to me. I read it here at home and take it to dialysis with me. I appreciated it very much and "Thank You." May God Bless each of you. Fondly, Joan Ewing
Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and phone calls following my recent surgery. You all are very special people. May God bless each and everyone of you.

In Christian love,
Verl Duncan

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Thank you so much for all the care and concern you showed me after my foot surgery. The food, cards, and words of encouragement meant so much. Thanks for being such a great family to belong to.

Jan Bowling

Thank you for the dinner, words of encouragement and cards for the Elders and their wives. Thank you also for the birthday and anniversary cards. You are a blessing to our lives.

In Christian Love,
Bob & Leona

Thank you all for the encouraging and supportive words and cards concerning my eldership at Water Mill. We love you all and appreciate the love and friendship you show us. Thanks also for all the anniversary cards we have received.

Jerry & Carolyn Young

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Gene Lund	417-869-6423
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	Matt Keener
Tim Bowling	Russell Lilly
Tim Buckner	Paul Lines
Tom Davis	Jim Meinsen
George Downing	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	Eddie Sanders
Jon Ewing	James Simons
Shannon Haddock	Tim Stockstill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

Freeman Weger's address is 109 N. Hickory, Denison, TX 75020 if you would like to send him a card.

Entertainment? Entertainment? Entertainment?

By Dennis R. Smith



".....and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play" (Exod. 32:6, 1st Cor. 10:7). A sad commentary of the times is the type of entertainment desired by its people. Today ours probably is the saddest of all. When one looks at the entertainment world, he sees the very base, vile and the most corrupt is that which not only is chosen, but is the most apt to excel in the minds of today's populace. Not only has the movie industry gone completely berserk, but also television and radio. For example: Some time ago I was listening to the radio when the announcer had the "thrilling experience" of introducing a brand new song. This song suggested adultery and drunkenness and was, in fact, written by a noted artist. This song has become typical of many others of the same caliber. A minister friend of mine, who himself was a song writer and musician, told me that the kind of music which "sells" must have a rhythm and lyrics which appeal to the sensual desires of today's sin-sick world. Much of today's entertainment matches up with the music of today but violates a great portion of God's word. (Take the time to check out these passages: Exod. 20:14; 1st Cor. 6:18; Rom. 8:6-7) Have we forgotten that God's Word is still the "Lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path" (Psa. 119:105)? Let us not ignore what God desires of us.

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

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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 Office Hours:
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday



Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling
Greeters: Ruth Reaves & Linda Barnett
Van Driver: Kristy Sivils/793-1086
KYB Phone: Gerri Dickens/Mary Rookstool
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: Travis Morrison
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Shannon Haddock
Communion: Scott/Adam Barton
Nursery: Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, June 27

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer:	Jason Luna	Scott Nichols
Communion:	Barney Crawford	Scott/Adam Barton
Closing Prayer:	Gene Lund	John Penner
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda & Jeremy Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Eddie & Donna Sanders	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/839-4048	

THE MONTH OF JUNE

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

Wednesday, June 23

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Ron Stokes
Closing Prayer: Bob Snider
Van Driver: Todd Kraus