



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

June 5, 2011

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Clay Joseph

### Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#756 (1, 2, 4)

#122 (1, 2, 4)

### Opening Prayer

Russell Lilly

#290

#299 (1, 4, 5)

### The Lord's Supper

Kelley Epperly

### Contribution

Kelley Epperly

#383 (1, 2, 4)

#708

### Lesson

Dennis Smith

#382

### Announcements

Clay Joseph

#350 (1, 3)

### Closing Prayer

Paul Lines

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

## FIVE MISTAKES THAT WILL MESS UP A LIFE

Proverbs 3:1-12 is a favorite passage of many, and deservedly so. It is the very personal appeal of a father to his boy. With the best interest of his son at heart, he wisely and lovingly offers the most beneficial counsel he has on how to make good use of life. In the process, he identifies the five mistakes any concerned father knows his boy or girl must avoid.

*“Do not forget my teaching” (v. 1-2).* The teaching being discussed here is the moral instruction that is handed down from one generation to another. What is at stake is not our memory, but our heart – our attitude toward the fundamentals of right living. It would be a mistake to betray the basic values imparted to us by those who love us most.

*“Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you” (v. 3-4).* Don't let kindness and truth get away from you! Rather, let mercy and trustworthiness be deeply ingrained in your character. These two qualities will always be key ingredients in a good relationship with either God or man.

*“Do not lean on your own understanding” (v. 5-6).* Right before this phrase, the father advises, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart.” Just after it he says, “In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” The mistake would be to stubbornly pursue our own way, leaving a part-time place for God only in the crises that come along. We are to be conscious of our dependence on him at all times, and ever committed to his ways.

*“Be not wise in your own eyes” (v. 7-10).* If the error in the previous case is childish stubbornness, here the mistake is immature arrogance. It is to be combated by seeing ourselves in relation to God: compare your good to him; compare your hardship to his. Humility before him is the only appropriate mind-set. Humility will always be marked by a loving reverence for the LORD that turns away from evil, and by a grateful joy that honors him with the wealth he has given.

*“Do not despise the LORD'S discipline” (v. 11-12).* A life worth living will not always be easy. God, in his wise love, may allow us to endure adversity to train us or affliction to teach us. He is interested in our good, not momentarily, but afterwards; he works at shaping us into sharers of his character (cf. Heb. 12:4-11). It would be an awful mistake to reject this essential expression of his Fatherly love.

The wonderful paragraph before us says life can be filled with all kinds of blessings: length of days and years of life and peace, favor and good repute, straight paths and healing, refreshment and plenty, and family love. Any of the mistakes above, however, when persisted in, will mess up a life.

–Bill McFarland

## Today's Message:

**AM: The Beautiful Stairway to Heaven**

# 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

May 29

Bible Study:	251
Morning:	315
Evening:	164
Wednesday (6/1):	207
Contribution:	\$20,649



Elder of the Month  
Clay Joseph

Young Ladies 4th grade thru high school ... There will be an important meeting **TODAY** after morning services in Room 130.



- ⇒ **SNAC TONIGHT** after services. See **signup sheet at Information Desk for nacho items.**
- ⇒ **Youth Night at Brookline HAS BEEN CHANGED TO June 12th**
- ⇒ **Titus 2 Ladies meet June 14 from 10-12**
- ⇒ **June 19-25—Larry Baggett's Happy Hollow Bible Camp Session**
- ⇒ **June 26-July 2—Alice Buckner's Happy Hollow Session**

## Upcoming Events ...

- ⇒ **GOLDEN MESSENGER** for June is available in the foyer. **Be sure to pick up a copy of this special edition.**
- ⇒ **Golden Agers meet TODAY at 4 P.M.**
- ⇒ **Elders meet June 14 at 2 p.m.**
- ⇒ **The next book for the book club is *An Echo in the Darkness* by Francine Rivers.**

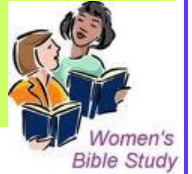
## New Classes

**New Young Adult Bible Class** on Sunday mornings will start on June 12th (next Sunday) in room 119. Topics will be focusing on New Families, Raising Families and Planning for Families.

**Wednesday evening Ladies Bible Class** has begun a series of "Character Development" lessons taught by Debbie Crawford in Rm. 129. All women are invited to join in this study.

**Elders/Deacons/Ministers & their wives ... Mark your calendar for July 29 for a special recognition party.**

**Ladies Bible Class** will meet **THURSDAY at 10:30.** Elaine Poland from Bona will bring a lesson on "The Pearl of Great Price." Sheryl Low will have a class for the little ones. Potluck lunch will follow.



**SINGLE LADIES GROUP** will be going to Spring Creek Tea Room in Ozark on Saturday (June 11) at 9:30 a.m. Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

Mark your calendars for **August 6** for our **SUPER SATURDAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.** Watch for more information!



**JOPLIN DONATIONS**  
**YOU ARE AN AMAZING CONGREGATION AND YOU CONTINUE TO**

**SHOW YOUR GENEROUS AND CARING HEARTS!** We are still accepting donations if you want to contribute. Clay will have more to say about the monies collected for this effort during our service today.

**Congratulations to Aaron Alexander for receiving the Presidential Education Achievement Award at Pipkin Middle School!**



**Mark your calendars for June 26 for Water Mill night at the Springfield Cardinals game. Watch for signup sheet.**

# Prayer List & Notes

**In our prayers ...** ☞ Kay Adams has been

moved to *Select Speciality*

Hospital, Room B105, 1630 E. Primrose Street, 65804

☞ Oran Green was in the hospital last week but is feeling better

☞ Arilla Buck is at Magnolia Square not doing well

☞ Lucille Ford is at Springfield Rehab.

☞ Continue to remember Herman Harris

## Friends and Family:

◇ Jon Ewing's dad, Winston, is at Mercy Villa

◇ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan will have eye surgery on both eyes on June 24 in Houston, TX

◇ Tommy Grabber's mother, Lucille, who broke her leg and has some other health issues

◇ Monty Lewis' father, Morgan Lewis, as he recovers from hip surgery

◇ Mark Best, 4th grader at Strafford, who recently received a bone marrow transplant

◇ Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings; Lanae Gillespie's mother (Julie Thornton's grandmother), Geneve Treat, and Tyler Thornton's mom, Pat, who are all dealing with cancer

◇ Gail White's brother, Paul D. Ellard

◇ Quinton Anderson from 26th & Connecticut church in Joplin is in St. John's

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Illene Birdsong in loss of sister Pearl Walker, who lived in Hays, Kansas.

## 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

Summer Azeez

(boy) (June)

Megan Crum

Hollingsworth

(Aug)

## June Anniversaries

### June 12-30

12 Tucker/Megan Jobs 1 yr.

Don/Sue Lewis

14 Russell/Elizabeth Lilly 25 yrs.

15 Kerry/Sandy Cole 37 yrs.

Tony/Diana Compton 41 yrs.

18 Tom/Gin Crumrine 6 yrs.

19 Jerry/Carolyn Young 47 yrs.

21 Bob/Leona Snider 58 yrs.

25 James/Shelia Craig 6 yrs.

Mark/Cheryl Friend 24 yrs.

26 Tyler/Julie Thornton 12 yrs.

27 Oran/Nadean Green 53 yrs.

## Congratulations

## Birthdays Next Week

13 Diana Compton

14 Rose Lynch

Les Malanowski

Jarita Nimmo

15 Ashley Blevins

17 Aaron Alexander

Brandi Kraus

18 Leona Snider

Happy Birthday

All are invited to the Mt. Vernon Church of Christ Summer Lectureship & Seminar Sunday, June 12 thru Wednesday, June 15 presented by Tim Lewis.

See flyer on Bulletin Board.



Thank you guys so much for being a huge inspiration to me. Each and everyone of you have helped me grow stronger in Christ and I cannot say in words how much I appreciate that. Thank you for all the wonderful cards and blessings you have given me. I am proud to call you brothers and sisters in Christ! Daniel Jordan

A big thanks to everyone involved in planning, organizing and attending our baby shower. Everyone at Water Mill has made us feel so welcome and we couldn't ask for a better church family. We feel so blessed to have come here and each of you has enriched our lives in some way or another. Thank you again and we look forward to raising our family at the Water Mill Church of Christ. In Christian love, The Azeez Family

We want to thank everyone for all the help, words of encouragement and prayers on behalf of our family. We love you all and are so blessed with such a Christian family. In Christian Love, Russ & Elizabeth Lilly



## TEARS ARE A PART OF IT!

By Dennis R. Smith

Based on the Holy Scriptures, I believe we can safely say that tears are a part of life. If life is a process of "many troubles" (Job. 14:1), surely this is one reason why our God created us with the ability to cry. There is a release from burdens when we can exercise this God-given ability. Yes, tears are a part of LIFE. They are a must at times in the life of Christian men and women. Don't forget that "Jesus wept" (John 11:35) in seeing the sorrow of Mary and Martha at the death of their brother, Lazarus! On another occasion, in thinking about the history of the city of Jerusalem, he "wept over it" (Luke 19:41). Christians at Rome were commanded to "weep with them that weep" (Rom. 12:15). The elders of the church at Ephesus "wept sore" at Paul's departing from them. Seeing that tears are a part of life, let me now make a few applications. If Jesus wept at the loss of a good friend, shouldn't we do the same? If Jesus wept over the condition of a city, shouldn't we shed some tears for the city of Joplin? If a Christian family has to move to another city, shouldn't we feel saddened at their leaving? Last, but not least, the need to weep over the lost souls of men: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psa. 126:5-6). Some day they will all be "wiped away" (Rev. 21:4).

### 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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## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
**Greeters:** Mark & Cheryl Friend  
**Van Driver:** Russell Lilly/839-4048  
**KYB Phone:** Eddie & Linda Carrier  
**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:** Todd Kraus  
**Lesson:** Devo. & Singing  
**Closing Prayer:** Jim Meinsen  
**Communion:** J. Reaves/R. Blackburn  
**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### NEXT WEEK, June 12

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Tim Bowling
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Brent Looney	Daniel Meinsen
<b>Communion:</b>	Don Essex	J. Reaves/R. Blackburn
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Jack Lynch	Travis Morrison
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Blanton & Betty Glenn	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Steve Prewitt/732-5641	

### MONTH OF JUNE

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

### Wednesday, June 8

**Devotional:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Song Leader:** Andrew Morton  
**Opening Prayer:** James Simons  
**Closing Prayer:** Dennis Smith  
**Van Driver:** Tim Stockstill