



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

August 5, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#839

#144 (1,3,4)

Opening Prayer

Ted Crabtree

#932

#933

#742 (1,3,5)

The Lord's Supper

Ron Stokes

Contribution

Ron Stokes

#416 (1,2,4)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#746

Announcements

Jerry Young

#231 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Verl Duncan

Elder of the Month

Jerry Young

About Our Work

It was my privilege to speak to the church in Mountain Home Wednesday night on the assigned theme, "The Good in the Worst of Us and the Bad in the Best of Us." Kay and I enjoyed being with many old friends and we were treated very kindly. Please remember Ken Burton, the preacher for the congregation there, in your prayers. He has been dealing with an illness for a couple of weeks.

The Mountain Home church is hosting "Christ Quest" this weekend and we have a group of about thirty who are in attendance. Michael Lance told me they are expecting about 500 young people for this activity. We appreciate their work and hospitality and we are glad so many of our folks have been interested enough to participate.

Both of our studies in our assemblies today are from our Bible readings this past week. I hope you will find both themes as important and relevant as they seem to be in the contexts where they occur, and that you will be encouraged by them. By the way, how are you coming in your daily Bible reading? If you have gotten side-tracked, this might be a good time to just jump back in where we are. We are reading some great passages!

Over these next few months the citizens of our nation are going to have the opportunity to express their convictions on some matters that are going to profoundly impact the direction our culture is taken—or, perhaps, to merely reflect the direction it has already taken. Crucial matters like marriage, life, and liberty are likely to be tossed around as if they are only political issues. Let us pray for those in high places in this world, and pray that God's name may be hallowed and that his kingdom may increase among the world, and pray that his people may have the wisdom to think like those who are not of the world.

—Bill

T o d a y ' s M e s s a g e s :

AM: The Coming of the Lord

PM: New Testament Style Evangelism

Prayer List

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

July 29

Bible Study: 239
 Morning: 318
 Evening: 211
 Wednesday (8/08): 202
 Contribution: \$21,802

- ◆ Continue to remember Paul Bratcher, Mary Charlotte Lines, Chloe Gaddis, Eula Compton, Teresa Mahon, Becky Marsolf, Tom Norrell
- ◆ Chatty Timmons and her family
- ◆ Samantha York is recovering from shoulder surgery
- ◆ Ella Mae Findlay is in Cox South in poor health; no visitors at this time
- ◆ Sandy Cole broke her wrist
- ◆ Steve Prewitt's grandfather is in poor health
- ◆ John Luallin, Lynn's brother, continues to recover from a stroke; his cancer is responding to the chemo treatments
- ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, may be moved back to St. Louis
- ◆ Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, has cancer
- ◆ Betty Grabber's sister and her family as she deals with serious health issues
- ◆ Continue to remember Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze; Kay McFarland's niece Beth; Tabitha Blaney's grandmother; Don & Gayle Gaunt's daughter; Julie Alexander's mom

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams	Doris Iorg
Alice Allen	Irene Johnson
Shirley Bartlett	Carol Law
Paul Bratcher	Carol Mahon
Doris Burch	Wilma Melton
Eula Compton	Jarita Nimmo
Fern Davis	Betty Shaw
Thelma Fain	Doris Thomason
Lucille Ford	Doris Tobler
Milton Ford	Judy Todd
Allen Harmon	Pat Woods

Expectant Moms

Sara Stipp/boy/December
 Leah Prewitt/boy/January
 Brittany Morrison/March



August Anniversaries 14 thru 31

15 Charles/Susan Crum 32 yrs.
 15 Todd/Brandi Kraus 14 yrs.
 16 Tim/Jan Bowling 32 yrs.
 18 Gene/Ruth Lund 49 yrs.
 19 Tom/Marti Norrell 35 yrs.
 19 Scott/Melinda Barton 24 yrs.
 21 Mike/Tonia Tillman 20 yrs.
 21 Vern/Connie Thompson 8 yrs.
 23 Bill/Pat Cully 53 years
 28 Lynn/Gloria Luallin 41 yrs.
 29 Jackie/Leah Freeze 23 yrs.
 31 Don/Ruth Essex 56 yrs.

Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to Pat and Jerry Milligan and their family in the sudden losses of Pat's sister and Jerry's cousin recently. Our prayers are with you.

How Much Closer Would You Want to Get?

By Dennis R. Smith



Unfortunately over the years those of us in the Churches of Christ have been charged with believing that baptism was the only necessity in becoming a Christian. It has even gone further! "You folks do not know the joy in the emotion of being saved." If that be the case, please read on. Jesus died on the cruel Roman Cross for the sins of the world. This can be verified by reading the last few chapters of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. A faith in the crucifixion and the entire life of Christ is also a necessity. Then also, to make a public acknowledgment of Jesus being the Son of God was required by those being baptized in the New Testament. (See Matt. 10:32; 16:16-17; Acts 8:37). Repentance, which is a process of making a fervent effort to change one's life (Acts 2:38, 3:19), was/is another one of the requirements leading to baptism. But you might say, "I see no emotion (evidence) in doing this." Of course these things must be obeyed "from the heart." But think on this: In Romans chapter six, the Apostle Paul informs us that baptism is a form of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. It is verse three of this chapter that he says that scriptural baptism is a sharing in the death of Jesus. My question then is this: How much closer would you want to get to Christ than to share in his death? But that is still not the end. This same text (Rom. 6:3-5) tells us that we then, in baptism, can rise to walk in newness of life. This is indeed a time of rejoicing. (See Acts 8:39).

BIBLE CLASS GRADUATION

Our Bible Class graduation will be **Sunday, August 26th**. This is one week earlier than our normal date to avoid the holiday weekend. Please see Tom Davis if you have questions.

Ladies Fall Retreat is November 16-17 at the Keeter Center. Sign-up sheets at Information Desk. Payment is due in full by Sunday, September 2nd.



Community Blood Center Blood Drive here at the building Wednesday, August 15 from 3-7 p.m. Free Cholesterol Screening! Make your plans to participate. Sign-up at the Information Desk.

Birthdays Next Week

12 Sandy Cole
Jenna Nichols
Jacee Simons
13 Pat Milligan
Debbie Crawford
15 Bill Chilton
Becky Marsolf
Julie Alexander
17 Jason Trogdon
18 Paul Bratcher
Briley Ewing



- **YOU NEED TO SIGN UP TODAY if you would like to attend the Springfield Cardinals Game on August 17th at 7 p.m.**
- **GOLDEN AGERS meet today at 4 p.m.**
- **Areawide Youth Night at Marshfield August 12**
- **Elders meet Tuesday, August 14, at 2 p.m.**



Just a great big "Thank You" to all my church family for the beautiful cards and gifts on my birthday. They made it really special. Love you all., **Carolyn Young**

Thank you for the beautiful cards and loving thoughts from all of you. We are proud to be a part of such a loving church family. **Jerry & Pat Milligan**

I just wanted to thank you so much for the donations, prayers and the support you all gave me for my mission trip to the Czech Republic this past month. I was able to work with teens ages 14-20 and while I was impacting their lives, they were impacting mine as well. I am so grateful to have such a loving church family. Thank you, **Kylie Dutton**

A special thanks to all of my church family for all of the cards and calls in regards to my mother's passing. She had a good life for 93+ years. And also a special thanks for all of the prayers in regards to my annual checkup in Nashville this past week. Everything went perfect. The nurse practitioner said my labs were better than his. Praise the Lord for 5 great years of extended life. Thanks again. **Clay**

We are in need of the following items for the Food Pantry.

Boxed Meals	Canned Meals	Jelly	Peanut Butter
Cereal	Canned Fruit	Soup	Jello/Pudding
Canned Vegies	Mac & Cheese		

Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support of this work. As most of you know, **Robin** has been taking care of the Food Pantry for many years. Thanks to **Jason & Lora Luna** for agreeing to take over this work.



Chick-Fil-A Day: Devotion to Cause or Christ?

Let me start by saying how nice it is to hear someone like Dan Cathy, CEO of Chick-Fil-A, say what he said concerning his support of traditional (aka Biblical) marriage. It was nice to see someone who is in the public eye, a CEO whose words and opinions can have an extreme effect on the success of his company, be willing to stand up for what God has ordained as marriage, pure and holy. God bless Mr. Cathy for that.

Let me also say that I appreciate and am encouraged by the amount of response in the *positive* by the millions across our country who came out in support of Chick-Fil-A, and in support of the view which Mr. Cathy expressed. I am thankful that so many still see the validity of the biblical standard. Who could think such an act a bad thing?

But, accordingly, let me also ask a (hopefully) searching question. If you are one of those who went in droves and waited hours in line for chicken to support a *cause*, what about today? There is certainly nothing wrong with supporting a good cause, especially one with the biblical underpinnings as this one. But of all of those who went out to support the *biblical "cause"* of supporting traditional marriage, will the same of us be willing today, tomorrow and every day after, go out in support of the *biblical "Christ"* and the message He brings?

So many were willing to let their convictions be seen and heard, and did so proudly and vocally, and praise be to God for it! But, how many will approach their faith in Jesus with the same passion and courage? How many will stand in front of news cameras, or better yet, in front of friends and neighbors, and proclaim their support for and devotion to Christ, the Savior of the world? Let us support the causes which can make a difference, but let us never forsake our devotion to the Christ, foundation of the cause.

Adam

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Jack & Rose Lynch
Van Driver: Kirk Tracy/576-4591
KYB Phone: Van & Barbara Barnes
Serve: Russell Lilly/ Jack Lynch
Communion: Luke Lines/John Mahon
Fred Lorenz/Les Malanowski
Jason Luna/Andy McFarland
Gene Lund/Tom Meeks

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Kyle Buckner
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jon Ewing
Communion: Bill Chilton/Verl Duncan
Nursery: Emily Simons/Meredith Reaves

NEXT WEEK (August 12)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	Barney Crawford	Clarence Feeney
Communion:	Luis Tovar	Bill Chilton
		Verl Duncan
Closing Prayer:	George Downing	Jackie Freeze
Nursery:	Pat Malanowski	Alice Buckner
	Orvella Blackburn	Jenny Carroll
Greeters:	Jerry & Pat Milligan	
Van Driver:	Daniel Wilson/773-6707	

Wednesday, August 8

Devotional: Eddie Sanders
Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer: John Hulett
Closing Prayer: David Kern
Van Driver: Jason Luna/838-7152

MONTH OF AUGUST:

AV Room: Jeremy Thurlkill/
Secure Building: Paul Lines/Tim Buckner

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

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