



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

May 5, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#430
#891
#205 (1,3,4)

Opening Prayer
Paul Lines

#317
#924

The Lord's Supper
Tim Bowling

Contribution
Tim Bowling

#833

Lesson
Bill McFarland
#593

Announcements
Jerry Young

#581

Closing Prayer
Brent Looney

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

Something Doesn't Look Right Here

The third day of May. Snow. White showing through the spring-green grass. Big flakes falling against the background of fully-leafed trees and settling upon decked-out shrubs and flowers. I see it, but it just doesn't look right!

There are things that don't look right in the Christian life, either. In fact, every time the scriptures call upon us to "walk in a manner *worthy of the calling*" to which we have been called (cf. Eph. 4:1), this is the point being made. Some things "fit" in a life shaped by the gospel and are appropriate in the conduct of an heir of heaven, while others just never will be.

For example, pride certainly looks out of place in the spirit of a person who has been rescued by the death of a cross. "What do you have that you did not receive?" (1 Cor. 4:9), the boastful Corinthians were asked. Depending on someone else's sacrifice—one considered weak and foolish by the sophisticated world—an offering made while we were weak, ungodly enemies, surely leaves no room for arrogance.

Impatience and unkindness appear equally as unfitting in the attitude of an individual who would himself have been doomed had he not obtained mercy. That's the point of the Lord's story about the merciless servant who had been released from such a huge debt by the compassionate king: his heartless behavior did not look right—because it wasn't (cf. Matt. 18:23f)! All who receive mercy in judgment show mercy in judgment (James 2:13).

Carelessness about truth is unworthy in the thinking of anyone who really believes he owes his hope to "the truth of the gospel" (Gal. 2:5). The "gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24) surely cannot be so meaningful that one can safely base his eternal destiny upon it but, at the same time, so meaningless that anyone can make of it whatever he will. Precisely because of what it is able to do, it must be preserved.

Disinterest in the cause of the kingdom of the Lord does not look right in the life one whose citizenship is in heaven and is awaiting a Savior from that land (Phil. 3:20). Since hearts follow treasure (Matt. 6:21), we would expect to find heirs of the kingdom both seeking it and investing themselves in its progress.

Though the snow in May looked out of place, it was at least lovely to observe. The "unworthy" spiritual traits we have just noted, however, never are.

—Bill McFarland

Prayer List & Notes

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

April 28

Bible Study:	227
Morning:	315
Evening:	203
Wednesday (5/1):	205
Contribution:	\$ 9,432



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young

- ♦ Continue to remember [Eula Compton](#), [Thelma Fain](#), [Dale Harp](#)
- ♦ [Norman High](#) as he continues his chemo treatments
- ♦ [Marlene Matthews](#) has been moved to Cox Walnut Lawn West, room 305, for rehab after major surgery
- ♦ [Seldon Essex](#) is recovering from shoulder surgery
- ♦ [Wanda Wilkinson](#) is doing well after her surgery last week
- ♦ [Tom Meeks](#) will have spine surgery this week.
- ♦ [Leona Snider](#) will have hip replacement surgery Friday at Mercy Hospital
- ♦ [Blanton Glenn](#) as he continues his struggle with prostate cancer

Friends & Family

- ♦ [Bonita Saunders](#), Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney's daughter, Linda Barnett's sister, as she is being treated for 1st/2nd degree burns on hands and face from yard burning; recovery will be slow and painful
- ♦ [Margie Winter](#), Janet Kee's sister, who has melanoma
- ♦ [Malena Brown](#), Paul & Janet Kee's daughter, recovering from a form of leukemia
- ♦ [Erika Lininger](#), cousin of Jan Bowling, is now dealing with an infection and other complications associated with stage 2 cervical cancer
- ♦ Continue to remember Gene Lund's brother, [Bill](#), Johnnie Elliff's sister, [Annie Hysaw](#), Carolyn Young's sister, [Nita](#), and Mary Jo Rookstool's son-in-law, [Rick Wall](#), who are all dealing with cancer

Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to Jason Luna and his family in the loss of his grandfather, Don Rackley, this past week. If you would like to honor Jason's grandfather, donations can be made to Happy Hollow Bible Camp.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Bob & Leona Snider on the safe arrival of their great-grandson, Logan Thomas, who was born to Brandon & Allison this past Wednesday. The Snider family would like to thank you for the prayers when it was feared the baby would come six weeks early.

Also Maranda Nimmo welcomed her baby, Devin, on April 6. David Nimmo is the proud great granddad and June Jean is now a great, great grandma. Congratulations to all.

Watch for more information about a card shower!



Thanks to everyone who sent us cards, called or wished us a Happy 50th Anniversary.

Thank you, [Byrle and Virginia Hayter](#)

Thank you for all the love and concern you have shown me. Also thank you for all the birthday and get well cards. Please keep me in your prayers. It really means a lot to me. With Christian love, [Norman High](#)

Thank you all for the calls, cards and visits during my recent illness and surgery. I am so thankful to have brothers and sisters who are so caring. May God bless you all as I have been blessed. Your sister in Christ, [Scheryl Larimore](#)

Thank you for all the cards, visits and prayers during my hospital stay. [Marlene Matthews \(and Illene Birdsong\)](#).

Thank you to all of you who were part of about 48 workers who helped in Happy Hollow's first work day last Saturday. [Jason, Tim and Larry](#)

Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Lucille Ford
Milton Ford
Chloe Gaddis
Allen Harmon
Doris Iorg
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Betty Shaw
Doris Thomason
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods



Birthdays

13 Elizabeth Lilly
14 Jeremy Thurkill
15 Barbara Barnes
16 Samantha York
17 Coyeatte Ewing
Mackynzi Sekulic
18 Brendon Looney



Are
you
up to
date

on your Daily
Bible Reading??

News & Activities



TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO SIGN UP AND PAY if you plan to attend Churches of Christ Day at the Springfield Cardinals on

Friday, June 21st. Price is \$16.50 per ticket and includes Ballpark Picnic in the stadium.

Ladies Bible Class

Thursday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Elaine Poland from Carthage will bring the lesson titled "What do I look like?" Elaine is a great Bible scholar and always has interesting displays to go with her lessons. We look forward to her coming. Potluck lunch will follow. Sheryl Low will be available to watch the children.

Happy Hollow Reunion

May 18 (sign-up sheet on Information Desk)

If you can provide cookies, see Shelia Hansen.



If you are graduating this spring from high school, college, trade school, etc., **please turn your name into the office as soon as possible.** **Graduates' Reception is scheduled for May 19 after PM services.**

FRIDAY NIGHT is **Chinese-Style Hot Pot meal** beginning around 6:30 p.m. Please **sign up** at the **Information Desk** if you are interested in attending. Cost is \$8 per person.



VBS Super Saturday

June 1 from 9—1
"STEP RIGHT UP ...
COME TO THE BIG
TOP!"

Start inviting your friends!
IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY, EITHER BEFORE OR THE DAY OF VBS, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET AT THE INFORMATION DESK! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



Upcoming Events

- Tonight is **Youth Night** at Mt. Vernon; Bus will leave at 4; let Adam know this morning if you plan to go.
- Tuesday **Quilters** meet at 10 a.m.
- **May 12 MOTHERS' DAY**
- **May 13 Book Club Meeting**
- **May 14 Elders meet at Fair Haven at 1 p.m.**
- **May 19 Graduates' Reception**
- **May 27 Memorial Day**
- **June 2 Elizabeth Tieszen Wedding Shower**
- **June 5 Blood Drive from 4—8 p.m.**
- **June 8 Orville Langford Memorial Service** here at the building at 3 p.m.
- **June 22 Tieszen/Meinsen wedding**
- **June 29 Hayter 50th Anniversary** celebration



SAINTS OF THE AGES

By Dennis R. Smith

One of the greatest thoughts that ever entertained the mind is that of **living again after death**. "If a man die shall he live again" is the question which was asked in the book of Job (14:14). If you have never thought about this seriously, then you have never lost one who was so precious to you in this life. For countless ages mankind has lived with this thought and as such has developed many superstitions on this hope. The idea of reincarnation (I'm sure) has been entertained because of those who do want to *live again after death*. While this is a great thought and I certainly believe that the Bible promises this to faithful Christians, there is another fact which lies very close to it: Our lives today may sit in judgment on those of generations yet unborn. Consider this: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yes, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13). Another fitting passage promises the following: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh" (Heb. 11:4). **The point of fact:** The memory of outstanding Christian Services (or works) follow some many years after they are dead. What they have done and the correctness of the gospel which they taught to others may well perpetuate itself and leave a mark on time as one of **The Saints of the Ages**.

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

WORKS WE SUPPORT

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
 Voice of Truth International
 Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
 World Christian Broadcasting
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
 Fair Haven Children's Home

“In Search of the Lord’s Way”
 7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10
 ‘KNOW YOUR BIBLE’
 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSPR



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Matt & Sara Keener
Van Driver: Jackie Freeze/616-9789
KYB Phone: Eddie & Linda Currier
Serve Ron Stokes/Aaron Alexander
Communion: Daniel Tovar/Luis Tovar
 Carl Tindall/Bruce Tindall
 Van Barnes/Brian Carroll
 Kevin Westerman/Dustin Stokes

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer: Eddie Sanders
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jerry Milligan
Communion: Todd/Trevor Kraus
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, May 12

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer:	Jason Luna	James Simons
Communion:	Jackie Buck	Todd/Trevor Kraus
Closing Prayer:	Luke Lines	Dennis Smith
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Fred & Norma Lorenz	
Van Driver:	Kirk Tracy/576-4591	

MONTH OF MAY

AV Room: Larry Baggett/
 Travis Morrison
 Open Building: Tim Timmons
 Secure Building: Justin Reaves/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, May 8

Devotional: Ron Stokes
Song Leader: John Mahon
Prayer: Randy Blackburn
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/
 207-7877