



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

June 30, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#523 (1,2,4)
#193

Opening Prayer
Luis Tovar

#216 (1,2,4)
#436 (1,2,4)

The Lord's Supper
Jackie Freeze

Contribution
Jackie Freeze

#627

Lesson
Adam Blaney

#492 (1,2,4)

Announcements
Barney Crawford

#853

Closing Prayer
David Kern

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

Good Government

Government is not God. This is a self-evident truth to anyone who considers reality from the perspective assumed in the scriptures. Something is out of focus in our thinking if the fact cannot be stated without a partisan connotation being attributed to it.

God is God. He sits enthroned over all the inhabitants of the earth, so sustaining the life of the earth and filling it with righteousness, justice, and steadfast love that all should stand in awe of him alone (Ps. 33:14, 5-8). The plans of his heart stand to all generations, while the counsel of the nations comes to nothing (Ps. 33:10, 11).

God has instituted government (Rom. 13:1). The Sender must be greater than the sent, and he will not be replaced by it. He means governing authority to be his servant for the good of people, punishing evil and praising good (Rom. 13:4; 1 Pet. 2:14). He wants government to be respected (Rom. 13:7).

Government is no substitute for the other institutions that have been ordained by God, namely, the home and the church. It cannot do effectively over time what they are meant to do. Neither does it have the power to keep them from doing what God has given them to do, or the right to define them.

Government is incapable of providing for the fulfillment of the ultimate human needs, including the security of the hidden person of the heart. Where such matters are concerned, trust in arms, alliances, and assistance is bound to fail (cf. Isa. 30:1-4; 31:1-3). "The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue" (Ps. 33:15, 16).

Government needs the involvement of honorable and capable people, but none of them are worthy of the unconditional loyalty and adoration that is fitting for God. Even the best of them are still just people, but he is the Lord God Almighty, holy in every way (cf. Rev. 4:8). Their cause may be deserving of support, but his house is worthy of consuming zeal (cf. Ps. 69:9).

Government does not cancel the individual responsibility of the human person to his own conscience, nor his accountability to God. After all, "all men are created equal, [and] they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights...."

—Bill McFarland

Prayer List & Notes

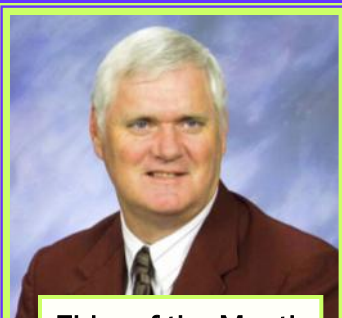
Welcome Visitors

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

June 23

Bible Study:	239
Morning:	333
Evening:	213
Wednesday (6/23):	173
Contribution:	\$ 9,554



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Dale Harp, Norman High,
- ♦ Blanton Glenn is at Springfield Rehab and Health Care Center, 2800 S. Fort Avenue, 65807.
- ♦ Greg Larimore as decisions are made about his health problems; he is waiting to hear from Mayo Clinic
- ♦ Wilma Melton is having some health issues.
- ♦ Julie Alexander fell last week and had to have stitches in her ankle.

Friends & Family

- ♦ Joann McFarland is scheduled for surgery in St. Louis on July 11
- ♦ Tim Timmons' sister-in-law, Marty (Chatty's sister), is now home from the hospital and feeling much better
- ♦ Continue to remember Gene Lund's brother, Bill Lund; Carolyn Young's sister, Nita; Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, who are all dealing with cancer
- ♦ Mary Jo Rookstool's son-in-law, Rick Wall, as he is dealing with other health issues in addition to the radiation he has been going through for the last few weeks

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Eddie & Linda Currier and their family in the loss of Eddie's mother, Doris Thomason. Funeral service was held last Wednesday.



We also express our sympathy to Suzanne Dabbs in the loss of her aunt recently.



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
Doris Iorg
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods



Please extend a warm welcome to Grant and Jennifer Schaper who have made known their desire to work and worship with us. Their address is: 4138 S. Parkhill Court, Springfield, 65807; Jennifer-479-806-4075/ Grant-479-652-5347. They are expecting their first child in August. Please make them feel welcome at Water Mill.



Congratulations to David & Debbie Kern on the safe arrival of their grandchild, Josiah Matthew, born June 25 to Bobby & Lisa Kern in Oklahoma City. Remember that Josiah is a special needs baby. Also he was a few weeks early so has been in ICU due to breathing problems. Keep this family in your prayers.



You blessed us in May with your outpouring of love. And now in June we feel so blessed again. Thank you for the sweet birthday greetings and the wonderful anniversary cards. You all are so special to us. In Christian love, Bob and Leona



Are you up to date with your Daily Bible Reading??
Third Quarter schedules are available at the Information Desk.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM & WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7 PM.

All of our contributions today will go to the Building Fund.

News & Activities

POTLUCK

We hope you have made plans to stay for potluck lunch today. If you are visiting, we especially encourage you to stay for a good meal and good fellowship.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower honoring Jennifer Schaper on Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m. here at the building. They are registered at Babies R Us and are expecting a girl.

Youth

5th Sunday Youth Sing at James River Nursing Home after potluck lunch today!!

Areawide Youth Night at Bolivar July 7.

Bus will leave shortly after 5 p.m.

Christ Quest at Mountain Home August 2-4.

Church Bible Camp time is here. Be sure to get your registration in for Happy Hollow and/or Green Valley (www.greenvalleybiblecamp.com).

Upcoming Events

- James River Nursing Home Devo & Singing Saturday at 2 p.m.
- Golden Agers meet next Sunday at 4 p.m.
- Elders meet July 9 at 1 p.m.
- Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet July 28 at 3 p.m.
- Next Blood Drive is August 14. Mark your calendars

See Bulletin Board for Area Events

July Anniversaries

2 David/Debbi Ratterree 37 yrs.

3 Sam/Thresa Hansen 9 yrs.

6 Dale/Pat Harp 50 yrs.

7 Jason/Beth Trogdon

8 Tommy/Betty Grabber 46 yrs.

10 Clarence/Ola Jean Feeney 62 yrs.

11 John/Michelle Hulett 21 yrs.

20 Brian/Samantha York 22 yrs.

24 Truman/Helen Coltrane 54 yrs.

Congratulations



Birthdays

8 Shawna Stockdale

Kyle Mahon

10 Mike Thurlkill

Adam Griffin

13 Carrie Lines

A pint of example is worth a barrelful of advice.

*"Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us."
(Philippians 3:17)*



WOULD YOU MAKE OUR LORD A LOAN?

By Dennis R. Smith

If God asked you to make a loan to him, would you do it? Is this a "scriptural" question? Yes, God does ask us to lend to him and, yes, it is scriptural to write about it. Consider the following: "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again" (Prov. 19:17). It may be hard for us to remotely think that our Lord is in need of asking us for a loan. We know that "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17), so how is it that he has always been in need of having his people lend to him? Through his word he also tells us "...for the poor you have with you always; but me ye have not always" (Matt. 26:11). Based on other passages it seems that the "poor" are those who have an immediate need as we will see shortly. What a great thought it is to know that we can supply our God with something which is within our grasp! Now, consider these New Testament commands: "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me" (Matt. 25:35-36). In this chapter Jesus goes ahead and informs us that we either did - or did not - minister unto him when we saw him in need. This is the same principle as lending to him. Now, would you make our Lord a loan if he asked for it? **Sure, you would - wouldn't you?**

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: Jan Bowling
Greeters: Bill & Gail White
Van Driver: Jackie Freeze/616-9789
KYB Phone: Adam & Sara Stipp
Serve
Communion: Adam Barton/Brendan Carroll
 Randy Blackburn/Aubrey Cobb
 Tim Bowling/Tom Davis
 Jackie Buck/William Downing
 Kyle Buckner/Verl Duncan

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer: Jason Luna
Lesson: A Psalm Service
Closing Prayer: Brent Looney
Communion: Paul/Luke Lines
Nursery: Linda Barnett/M. Reaves

NEXT WEEK, July 7

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Randy Blackburn	JJ Blevins
Communion:	David Kern	Fred Lorenz/Gene Lund
Closing Prayer:	Van Barnes	Tim Bowling
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Kevin & Connie Westerman	
Van Driver:	Sam Hansen/818-8445	

MONTH OF JUNE

AV Jeremy Thurlkill/
 Room: Scott Barton
 Open Building Tim Timmons
 Secure Building: Justin Reaves/
 Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, July 3

Devotional: Barney Crawford
Song Leader: Aaron Tovar
Prayer: Mike Thurlkill
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
 849-7678