



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

August 24, 2014

## Order of Worship

*Song Leader*  
Kerry Cole

#213  
#492 (1,3,4)

*Opening Prayer*  
Luis Tovar

#111 (1,2,4)  
#268

*The Lord's Supper*  
Don Essex

*Contribution*  
Don Essex

#404

*Lesson*  
Bill McFarland

#800

*Announcements*  
Jerry Young

#523 (1,4)

*Closing Prayer*  
Andy McFarland

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



## THE GOSPEL OF HOPE

Almost everywhere we turn right now someone is commenting on how unsettled things are. The Lord's church has something to offer that is much needed: living hope! Our attitude is, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Pet. 1:3-4).

A congregation of God's people must be about hope. We are God's house if we hold fast the confidence of our hope (Heb. 3:6). When we heard the truth of the gospel, we heard of the hope laid up for us in heaven (Col. 1:5). When we obeyed the gospel, we were born again to a living hope, as Peter said. When we live godly lives, we are waiting for our blessed hope (Tit. 2:13). When we serve, it is because we have our hope set on the living God (1 Tim. 4:10). When we are faithful, it is by not shifting from the hope of the gospel (Col. 1:23).

The lives of the Lord's people are to be marked by a calm and steady character. Hope is a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul (Heb. 6:19). Such hope as this is both the product of character which has endured hardship (Rom. 5:4) and the path to commitment which will not waver (Heb. 10:23).

A tone of hopeful thinking should be noticeable among the people of God. We face problems, too, but we are not pessimists. The hope of salvation is the helmet which guards the Christian mind against the damaging blows of life (1 Th. 5:8). One whose hope is set fully on the grace of the Lord will be sober-minded and prepared for the real action of life (1 Pet. 1:13), yet he will always be rejoicing in hope (Rom. 12:12).

Hope is one of the hungers of the human heart. Where it is observed, people will want to know a reason for its presence. That's why we're here (1 Pet. 3:15). We hope in God who offered up his Son, raised him from the dead, and gave him glory (1 Pet. 1:21). Let us hold forth the gospel of hope!

--Bill McFarland

## Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

# 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

August 17

Bible Study:	225
Morning:	313
Evening:	196
Wednesday (8/20):	206
Contribution:	\$ 8,296



Elder of the Month  
Jerry Young

♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Dale Harp, David Nimmo, Lori McCall

- ♦ Jackie Freeze is now in an apartment in St. Louis doing well; their address is 2008 Marine Terrace Drive, Apt. 1, St. Louis, MO 63146.
- ♦ Evelyn Haguewood is still at James River Nursing Home.
- ♦ Connie Fortner is recovering from surgery.
- ♦ Sharon Joseph's has been in and out of the hospital this past week due to pain; her hernia surgery is scheduled for Wednesday at Cox South.
- ♦ Les Malanowski has been in Cox South this past week with high blood sugar
- ♦ Nancy Snider had a stress test and will have an upper GI in the next couple of weeks; she is not feeling well
- ♦ Denzil Raines now has an infection in his leg after injuring his leg and foot in an accident a couple weeks ago
- ♦ Ruth Raines is in a study for a spine stimulator to see if that will help her pain
- ♦ Jerry Gillespie will be going to St. Louis on September 5 to see about getting into a new study; please pray they are successful

### Friends & Family

- ♦ Coyette Ewing's mother, Beverly Hammond, is in Cox South after knee replacement surgery.
- ♦ Stacy McCurry's son, Caleb, has the West Nile Virus.
- ♦ Ann Thiesen's dear friend from Buffalo, Billie Morgan, had a massive stroke and is in Cox South in critical condition
- ♦ Tonya Balisle, Denzil and Ruth's daughter, had foot surgery last week and will be off her feet for 6 weeks
- ♦ Jon Ewing's brother, Mike Ewing, and his mom, Joan Ewing
- ♦ Matthew Patterson, Mary Jo Rookstool's grandson, who is in Afghanistan
- ♦ Amanda Eilenstein's uncle, Richard Fredendall, is home for a couple of weeks and then will go back to Barnes for more treatment.

*Congratulations to Lucile High and her family and the Raines family on the addition of new great, great and great grandbabies recently!*

### Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams  
Shirley Bartlett  
Doris Burch  
Eula Compton  
Fern Davis  
Thelma Fain  
Ella Mae Findlay  
Chloe Gaddis  
Mary Head  
Doris Iorg  
Doris Tobler  
Judy Todd  
Pat Woods



### Expectant Moms

Sara Keener/March  
Leah Prewitt/March



*I would like to extend thanks to those that called and sent cards as well as the prayers offered on my behalf while my back is healing from surgery. I will be seeing the doctor next week for further assessment and possible lifting of some of my restrictions. May God continue to bless our church family. In Christian love, Verl Duncan*

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

*Due to the high volume of traffic for our food pantry recently, we are very low on the following items.*

Canned Meals	Boxed Meals
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Canned Fruit	Jell-O
Pudding	Tuna

*Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you.*

**Note from Suzanne Dabbs:**

*One of my pen pals could use a shower of notes. His name is Thomas Price and his mom Carol has cancer. Just give the cards to me and I'll forward to him. Just a card with a nice picture on front will work. Thanks*

God's Words are worth much, and cost little!

*See flyers on the Bulletin Board for area events!*



### Birthdays

1 Mike Tillman  
5 Laramy Prewitt  
6 Clay Joseph

# News & Activities

## Upcoming Events



5th Sunday  
Potluck NEXT  
SUNDAY.

Team 3 will be responsible for working that day:  
Mary Jo Rookstool, Buckner, Cole, Tovar, Ewing, Donoho, Kern, Stayton, Jobes Families  
Please notify Jill or Travis if you are unable to work.



November 14 & 15, 2014

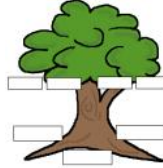
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Information Sheet and sign-up sheets are on the Information Desk

Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday. All contributions that day will go toward paying down our building loan. Thank you for your unwavering love and generosity, whether it be on the 5th Sunday or helping someone in need.

- The next book club meeting will be September 8th. We are reading books by Jane Austen.
- Sept. 11-Thursday Ladies Bible class will meet for the 1st class of Fall. Julie Alexander will have the lesson. All ladies are invited to join us for potluck and fellowship after the lesson. Child care will be provided by Sheryl Low.
- Sept. 20—Fair Haven Auction
- Oct. 11—Fair Haven 50th Anniversary Celebration (see Flyers on the Bulletin Board)

MY FAMILY TREE



### YOUR FAMILY TREE

If you are interested in meeting once a month on a week day morning or afternoon for about 2 hours at church to begin developing your family tree, please sign up on the sheet at the information desk. To do this you definitely need to already have a Greene County Library Card and number. A laptop computer with Wifi capabilities would also be helpful but not required. A definite day and time will be given later.



### HELP NEEDED

The quilters meet at church on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 to make quilts which are donated to a worthy cause. Right now we are making simple baby quilts and blankets for places like Newborns in Need and Rare Breed. We sew the blocks together using a sewing machine. If you can sew a straight line, or can press blocks or tack quilts we could really use your help. We have 4 sewing machines available for your use. The supplies needed are provided. Beginners are welcome. Our next sewing day is September 2nd. (Jeanetta)



- Show-Me Youth Conference @ The Conway, MO Church September 12-14
- Show-Me-Christ Youth Rally, Southside in Ozark September 27th

## THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A TIME OF THE HARVEST

By Dennis R. Smith



The parable of the tares mentioned in Matthew 13 holds many striking and somber thoughts. Our Lord used a simple earthly story to teach a lesson in regard to godliness as well as ungodliness. In brief, here is the story: "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares (a wild grass of no value) among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also." This of course created a problem for the sower and his servants wanted to know what to do. The answer was: "Let them both grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." The main lesson here is that there will always be a TIME OF THE HARVEST. In other words, there will always be a DAY OF RECKONING. In this parable the wheat represents the godly and the tares represent the ungodly. Equally so, there will always be a DAY OF JUDGMENT (Psalm 1:5; Matt. 10:15; 11:22). Our eternal destiny will well be determined on how the Lord will find us "in the time of the harvest." More thought provoking are these words: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20). What a somber thought especially knowing that we each have the ability to make corrections in our lives NOW!



### 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

**CHINESE AGAPE Foundation**  
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands  
 Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission  
 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

**Nursery:** Linda Currier  
**Greeters:** John & Lisa Stayton  
**Van Driver:** Gene Lund/343-5783  
**KYB:** Jack & Rose Lynch  
  
**Serve** Carl Tindall/Randy Blackburn  
**Communion:** Chris Wiseman/Tim Bowling  
 Aaron Alexander/Jackie Buck  
 Van Barnes/Kyle Buckner  
 Adam Barton/Brendan Carroll

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Briley Ewing  
**Opening Prayer:** Jason Luna  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Tim Stockstill  
**Communion:** Todd/Trevor Kraus  
**Nursery:** Donna Jordan/M. Reaves

### NEXT WEEK, August 31

#### AM

#### PM

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Briley Ewing
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Adam Blaney	John Mahon
<b>Communion:</b>	Jeff Fisher	Todd/Trevor Kraus
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Clarence Feeny	Gene Lund
<b>Nursery AM:</b>	Meredith Reaves	
<b>Nursery PM:</b>		
<b>Greeters:</b>	Johnnie Elliff/Norma Lorenz	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Kevin Wuench/833-6134	

### MONTH OF AUGUST

AV Scott Barton/  
 Room: Bruce Tindall  
 Open Building Tim Timmons  
 Secure Building Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, August 27

**Devotional:** Jason Luna  
**Song Leader:** Jon Davis  
**Prayer:** Travis Morrison  
**Van Driver:** Tim Stockstill/  
 849-7678