



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

3020 North Barnes Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803; 417-866-0915

July 3, 2016

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Adam Blaney

#982

"Lord, Reign in Me"
#71

Opening Prayer
Todd Kraus

**"Had It Not Been
the Lord"**
#197
#876

The Lord's Supper
Adam Stipp

Contribution
Adam Stipp

#216

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#961

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

**"I Will Bless the Lord
at All Times"**

Closing Prayer
Jerry Young

Serve Communion

Aaron Alexander
Adam Barton
Jared Duncan
William Downing
John Dutton
Tom Easterly
Briley Ewing
Don Gaunt
Oran Green
Barry Hannah

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.

A CHRISTIAN AND HIS COUNTRY

This is the Lord's Day in all of creation and tomorrow is Independence Day in the United States of America. As Christians who also have the privilege of living in this country, let's consider how the one must impact the other.

What should a Christian's place in a country like this be? According to the scriptures, we have three basic obligations.

Be loyal to the Lord. No matter where he lives, a Christian is a Christian because he belongs to Christ and not because of his nationality. Patriotism and Christianity may both be noble, but they are not the same because one involves loyalty to a country while the other involves loyalty to the Lord. Every Christian bears in mind at all times that his citizenship is in heaven, even while he has his residence here (Phil. 3:20), and that he is thus bound to obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29). People can be Christians anywhere, whether in a Roman prison or in a Malawian village or in an American community.

Be a good citizen of the community. A man who lives with the conviction that God rules in the kingdom of men will be the best citizen in the kingdom of men. The beloved apostle wrote, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God" (Rom. 13:1). In every way consistent with God's commands, Christians are to obey the laws of the land, pay their taxes, and honor their country. One who brings a Christian conscience into the community will be living in a manner which elevates that community.

Be praying for the responsible authorities. Christians are not only to help their country with their honorable conduct, but also with their intercessory prayers. The scriptures teach that we are to pray "for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way" (1 Tim. 2:2). Notice that this is not a selfish prayer for ease, but a petition for a setting in which people can "be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4). We who have the blessing of being in Christ and also living in this country ought to be deeply grateful for the freedom to serve our Lord in peace and quietness. This wonderful privilege, however, brings with it great responsibility.

Take joy in a land where the ideal is the right to the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness with which each of us has been endowed by our Creator. More than that, it is a day in which to face the fact that these pursuits will not be fulfilled apart from our Lord.

— Bill McFarland





Together with their parents

**Laurel Elaine Barton and
Jonathan Pendergraft**

invite you to share in their happiness
Saturday, July 9 at 2 p.m.
Water Mill Church of Christ
Reception to follow

- ◆ **QUILTERS WILL NOT MEET TUESDAY!**
- ◆ **Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday.** The topic is "The Real Enemy" taught by Jan Bowling.
- ◆ **Book club meeting is July 11th.**
- ◆ **Elders meet July 12 at 5 p.m.**
- ◆ **August 3 BLOOD DRIVE**

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUMMER SERIES

Thanks to Danny Boggs for bringing us another great lesson in our Wednesday night summer series. Our guest speaker this Wednesday night will be **Robb Hadley** from Center Street in Fayetteville. If you have not been attending on Wednesday evening, this would be a great time to get started and invite a friend to come be with us this week.

**Needed for Green Valley Bible Camp:
Vegetable/soup cans washed and labels removed. Place in basket at Giving Tree by July 10. Thanks for your help.**

In our prayers ...

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Tim Timmons, Bill Culley, June Jean, Rachel Lilly, Evelyn Hagewood, Ola Jean Feeney
- ◆ Dale Harp is getting weaker each day but still hanging on
- ◆ Jerry Gillespie has been moved to t North Park Village in Ozark, Room D3, 4449 State Hwy NN, Ozark, 65721
- ◆ Jim Reaves is in Mercy Villa, Rom 308, 1100 E Montclair St, 65804
- ◆ John Mahon is recovering from surgery on his arm
- ◆ Nadean Green has a fracture in her back
- ◆ Donna Sanders has a mass in her lung and will have a biopsy Thursday at the Mercy Endoscopy Center.
- ◆ Kelly Snider is home and improving; will go back in mid July for more chemo.
- ◆ Frank Cunningham, Elizabeth Lilly's dad, recovering from surgery
- ◆ Seldon Essex is having tests to better diagnose his health problems
- ◆ Nadean Green's friend, Sandy Mayernik, will have surgery in Jeff City on the 15th

BAPTISM: We rejoice with the Downing Family as Olivia was baptized into Christ at Happy Hollow last week. Be sure to encourage Olivia as she begins her new walk in Him.



Thank you to all who blessed our family with your encouragements this past week with the death of Coyeatte's dad. Many of you sent cards with prayers for peace and strength. Many of you drove to West Plains for the visitation and/or the funeral. You touched our hearts and we want you to know that your love was noticed by our whole family.

The Ewing Family



Birthdays

- 10 Alexis Davis
- Mike Thurlkill
- 11 Landon Nichols
- 13 Carrie Lines
- Leland Marsh
- Brandt Snitker
- 15 Judy Kirby
- 16 Orvella Blackburn
- Jennifer Franklin
- Jagger Trogdon

Promotion day for
our Bible Classes is
**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 7!**



Bible Classes (7th Grade thru Adult)

Sunday AM

Adult	Nuts & Bolts of Christian Living & Contemporary Culture	Fellowship Rm	David Grimm
Adult	Knowing God	Room 126	Bill McFarland
Adult	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	Auditorium	Byron Nichols
Adult	Portrait of God	Room 129	Jon Ewing
Adult	Chronological Study of the Bible	Room 130	Paul Lines
College	Scorched and Choked	Room 119	Patrick Springer
Grades 7-12	The Story	Room 122	Adam Blaney

Wednesday PM

Adult	SUMMER SERIES	Auditorium	
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SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: Jerry & Pat Milligan
Van Driver: Brock Snitker/405-694-9774

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer: Travis Morrison
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: James Simons
Communion: Luke/Paul Lines

NEXT WEEK (July 10)

AM PM

Song Leader: Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing Briley Ewing
Van Driver: Adam Stipp/844-6564

Wednesday, July 6:

Devotional: Jon Ewing
Song Leader: Jon Davis
Prayer: Byron Nichols
Van Driver: Charles Crum/840-2632

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.