

# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 3, 2011

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Jerry Young

### Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#833

#122 (1,2,4)

### Opening Prayer

Travis Morrison

#237

#299 (1,2,4,5)

### The Lord's Supper

Matt Kelley

### Contribution

Matt Kelley

#213

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#653

### Announcements

Jerry Young

#36 (1,2)

### Closing Prayer

Aaron Morrison

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

## THE BEST THAT CAN BE SAID OF A PERSON

As I have been reading through Joshua this time, I have been struck by how frequently the phrase “Moses the servant of the LORD” occurs. By my count, Moses is spoken of this way thirteen times in the book. That description of him is further emphasized by at least five more references to Moses as either “his servant” or, when God himself is speaking, “my servant.” In the immediate shadow of his life, it seems clear that we are to understand this as the most honorable thing that could be said of Moses.

It is noteworthy that a similar impression is gained as we read the things said about Jesus in the wake of his death and life. Peter said God had “glorified his servant Jesus” (Acts 3:13). In prayer to God, the apostles recalled the city gathered together against “your holy servant Jesus” and recognized the signs being performed through “your holy servant Jesus” (Acts 4:27, 30). The term they used for “servant” can also mean “child,” but it is the word for the chosen servant whom Isaiah had promised (cf. Matt. 12:18). One of the most beautiful passages in the New Testament describes the exalted place he has for having taken “the form of a servant” (Phil. 2:7).

The connection between Moses and Jesus as, above all else, servants of God may help us understand why this is the best that can be said of a person. In his amazing defense of the faith as we have it in Acts 7, our beloved brother Stephen reminded his countrymen that when Moses had seen one of them being wronged and had defended the oppressed man, he supposed they would understand God was saving them by his hand, but they did not (v. 24-25). It turned out, though, that forty years later God sent the same Moses they had rejected to be their ruler and redeemer (v. 35). Stephen saw that pattern repeated in the costly but triumphant service of the Christ (v. 52).

Servants of God love him. They have come to do his will. They do not see themselves as being too good to attend to the lowliest tasks, or to bear with the most frustrating of people, or to endure the worst hardships. There is a meekness about servants that is not found in other persons (cf. Num. 12:3; Matt. 11:29). Humility and courage and loyalty through the whole journey are characteristic of them.

New Testament writers—including James and Jude, the Lord’s half brothers—seem glad to refer to themselves as servants of Jesus Christ (James 1:1; Jude 1:1). It was their honor and privilege to be servants of the Servant God. That is our fondest dream, too. Our hope is in the day when he will say, “Well done, good and faithful servant...” (Matt. 25:21, 23).

Whose servant a person is will be the only thing about his life that will last.

– Bill McFarland

## Today's Messages:

**AM: The Concept of Forgiveness**

**PM: Choice: A Reality Check**

# Prayer List & Activities

## 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 March 27

Bible Study: 269  
Morning: 367  
Evening: 240  
Wednesday (3/30): 247  
Contribution: \$ 9,154



Elder of the Month  
Jerry Young

## Today:

 **Kids & Family:** All families with kids in K-6th grade will meet after AM service today in the fellowship room. We will be ordering pizza for lunch. Each family needs to bring \$1 per person for the pizza. After eating we will have games for the kids to play. We look forward to this good fellowship opportunity.

≈ **Golden Agers** meet today at 4 p.m. in room 126.

≈ **SNAC** tonight after PM services

## Upcoming:

≈ **Titus 2 class** will meet **Saturday at 9:30 a.m.** to make tissue paper flowers for Mother's Day. See Sandy Penner if you have questions.

≈ **Titus 2 Summer Program:** There will be a meeting **next Sunday after AM services** for all those interested in helping with the Titus 2 program this summer. See Angela Morton if you are interested in helping.

≈ **Prayer Group** meets April 10 at 4 p.m.

≈ **Elders** meet April 12 at 2 p.m.

≈ The Ladies Book Club will be reading **Latter-day Cipher** by Latayne C. Scott for their next meeting on 5/9



Ladies Spring Tea  
April 16th—10 am to 2 pm

- ≈ **Kay Adams** is back at The Maples
- ≈ **Dale Harp** is home after a hospital stay this past week
- ≈ **Ella Smith** has pneumonia
- ≈ **Ella Mae Findlay** is recovering from dental work
- ≈ **Alice Daniels** is recovering from recent surgery
- ≈ **Illene Birdsong** is recovering from eye surgery
- ≈ **Nancy Snider** is having some health problems

### Friends and Family:

- ◇ **Erica Hawkins**, Randy Blackburn's daughter, has been back in the hospital
- ◇ Norma Lorenz's great granddaughter, **Shaylynn Duncan** will have surgery tomorrow for cervical cancer; and her nephew, **John Bradley**, has incurable melanoma cancer of the stomach
- ◇ Norman & Lucile's great grandson, **Dylan**
- ◇ **Mark Best**, 4th grader at Strafford, as he awaits a bone marrow transplant
- ◇ Mary Jo Rookstool's brother, John Key in Ft. Worth, is back in the hospital with a collapsed lung
- ◇ Pat Milligan's sister had surgery last week
- ◇ 1st grader, Sierra, at Sherwood School where Jan Bowling teaches, has a brain tumor & will have surgery this summer

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**Larry Baggett** responded Sunday asking for prayers and to rededicate himself to be a better person.



≈ **LTC Puppets & Drama** meet today after AM service

≈ **LTC Preview** April 10 after PM service

≈ **Conference** in Rogers, AR 4/22-23

≈ **Awards Presentation** April 24 after PM service

## Quilters

Quilters meet **Tuesday at 10 a.m.** We will be learning how to serge around the edge of baby blankets. The blankets will be donated to a needy cause. One yard of flannel will make one blanket. If you have unused flannel, please consider donating it. If you are interested in learning to use a serger, please be here **Tuesday at 10.**

### Long-Term

Kay Adams  
Paul Bratcher  
Doris Burch  
Bonnie Cole  
Lucille/Milton Ford  
Donna Harcrow  
Herman Harris  
Clay Joseph  
Marilyn Lanpher  
Jarita Nimmo  
Betty Shaw  
Doris Tobler  
Pat Woods

### Military:

Cody Newman  
Elaine Noe

### Expectant Moms

**Angela Morton**  
(?) (May)  
**Summer Azeez**  
(boy) (June)  
**Megan Crum**  
**Hollingsworth**  
(Aug)



### Shut-ins:

Joy/Alice Allen  
Shirley Bartlett  
Doris Iorg  
Fern Davis  
Thelma Fain  
Irene Johnson  
Carol Law  
John Luallin  
Carol Mahon  
Wilma Melton  
Annie Overstreet  
Ella Smith  
Wilma Spoor  
Doris Thomason  
Judy Todd  
Cathy White

# Activities & Notes

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome to:

José Polson  
2803 E. Bennett St.  
Springfield, MO 65804  
314-614-9663

And

Stacey McCurry & son Caleb  
2610 N. Cresthaven  
Bldg. K, Apt. 402  
Springfield, MO 65803  
417-207-2345

We are thrilled that they have decided to work and worship with us here at Water Mill.



The next Ladies Bible Class will be **April 14 at 10:30**. Ruth Essex will present a lesson on

**GOD's Makeover Plan: Transforming Our Attitudes About Inner & Outer Beauty.**

At the same time, Sheryl Low will be conducting a

**Bible Class for the kids** with Bible story, crafts and activities.

Potluck lunch will follow.

## New e-mail addresses:

Sandy Penner: [sandypenner8@gmail.com](mailto:sandypenner8@gmail.com)  
Jeremy Thurlkill: [swiftspiriteagle@yahoo.com](mailto:swiftspiriteagle@yahoo.com)  
Ann Thiesen: [ann@broadbandmw.com](mailto:ann@broadbandmw.com)

## Area Events

### Gospel Meetings:

- 4/3-6 Carthage Church of Christ with Tim Kidwell
- 4/3-6 Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho/ David Deffenbaugh
- 17-20 S. Hwy 5 Church of Christ in Lebanon with Joe Bright

**Ladies Day at  
Strafford Church of Christ  
April 9 from 8:30—12**  
See Flyers on Bulletin Board



## Birthdays

- 10 Isaac Tovar
  - 13 Mark Breckner  
Julian Penner
  - 14 Elliot Morton
  - 15 Brigett Breckner  
Marcy Noe
  - 16 Alan McElwain
- Happy Birthday



Thank you to all the ladies who worked so hard making gifts for us. I have a beautiful scarf. Thanks also to Linda Barnett who visited with me. I enjoyed that very much. *Carol Law*

**The Golden Messenger for April is ready for pickup at various stations in the foyer. Be sure and read Dalton Key's article.**

## Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

### Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Gene Lund	417-343-5783
Eddie Sanders	417-833-5712
Bob Snider	417-833-3498
Jerry Young	417-724-0324

### Minister

Bill McFarland 417-833-0110

### Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith 417-866-6918

### Youth Minister

Andrew Morton 417-712-4809

### Deacons

Scott Barton	Shannon Haddock
Tim Bowling	Matt Keener
Tim Buckner	Russell Lilly
Tom Davis	Paul Lines
George Downing	Jim Meinsen
Jim Elliff	Travis Morrison
Jon Ewing	James Simons

### Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



## "TAKE MY HAND, PRECIOUS LORD"

By Dennis R. Smith

One of the most beautiful, promising and consoling songs is the one entitled "Take my Hand, Precious Lord" by Thomas Dorsey. The chorus goes like this: "*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand. I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*" It is the underlined part now to which I draw your attention. There are times in all our lives when we feel "tired, weak and worn." The human body is like a delicate machine and even though we are "wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14), nonetheless it is physical and subject to weariness, wear and even death. Sometimes we feel perhaps like the whole world has tumbled down around us. I have been told that to some degree we each go through cycles in which these things are rather normal. However, our God understands our weaknesses and even gives us instructions on how to handle such if and when this might heavily occur with us. One of the most beautiful and inviting are the following words of Jesus: "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light*" (Matt. 11:28-30. Just remember, the Lord's hand is always extended to those who will reach out to Him.

### 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

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa  
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands  
 Voice of Truth International  
 Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions  
 World Christian Broadcasting  
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief  
 Lincoln Church of Christ  
 Fair Haven Children's Home

"In Search Of The Lord's Way"  
 7:00 A.M. Sundays  
 KOLR TV 10

"Know Your Bible"  
 10:30 A.M. Sundays  
 Springfield 33  
 KSPR-TV



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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday



## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
**Greeters:** Mark & Cheryl Friend  
**Van Driver:** Steve Prewitt/872-6849  
**KYB Phone:** Megan Glenn/Gerri Dickens  
**Serve** Daniel Wilson/Barney Crawford  
**Communion:** Van Barnes/Randy Blackburn  
 Adam Barton/Scott Barton  
 Tim Bowling/Jackie Buck  
 Kyle Buckner/Tim Buckner

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Eddie Sanders  
**Opening Prayer:** Dennis Smith  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Bob Snider  
**Communion:** Jon/Briley Ewing  
**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### NEXT WEEK, April 10

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Eddie Sanders
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	John Penner	John Stayton
<b>Communion:</b>	Eddie Currier	Jon/Briley Ewing
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Scott Nichols	Tim Stockstill
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Blanton & Betty Glenn	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Shannon Haddock/732-4203	

### MONTH OF APRIL

**Ushers:** Daniel Tovar  
 Isaac Tovar  
**AV Room:** Jeremy Thurlkill/  
 Linda Barnett  
**Secure Building:** Paul Lines/  
 Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, April 6

**Devotional:** Daniel Meinsen  
**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison  
**Opening Prayer:** Tyler Thornton  
**Closing Prayer:** Aaron Tovar  
**Van Driver:** Don Tracy