



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

May 6, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome
Clay Joseph

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#180
#146

Opening Prayer
Dennis Smith

#345 (1,2,3)
#495

The Lord's Supper
Tom Norrell

#190 (1,3)

Contribution
Tom Norrell

Song: "Create in
Me a Clean Heart"

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#662 (1,3,4)

Announcements
Clay Joseph

#875 (twice)

Closing Prayer
Tim Bowling

Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph

Coping With Life

Responsibilities. Heartbreaks. Anxieties. We all know that life can be overwhelming. Being God's children doesn't shield us from such experiences, nor does it necessarily keep these feelings from arising. Christians do, however, have a way of thinking which enables us to live strong.

"I cannot do everything." No one can. The Lord does not expect me to. Sensible thinking requires that I not consider myself more highly than I ought, but to realize that not everything depends on me (cf. Rom. 12:3). One person can only do so much good.

"I can do nothing apart from the Lord." I am not in this on my own strength alone. The Lord wants me to remember this, for he said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (Jn. 15: 5). My first concern is to abide in Christ.

"I can do something." Paul said, "But one thing I do..." (cf. Phil. 3:13). What if I take one thing at a time and do what I can about it? I am not the whole body but I am one member. There is a place for me. I want to meet my responsibility.

"I can do all things that I really need to do." It may not be all that I wish I could do, or what someone else expects me to do, but I can do what the Lord wants me to do. "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13).

"Whatever I do with this spirit will be enough." I will have done my best, and that's all the Lord expects of me. I can lay it in his hands and let his peace guard my heart.

"Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:13).

-Bill McFarland

Today's Lessons:

AM: *The Song of Restoration*

PM: *Wishing to Satisfy ... Whom?*

Prayer List

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.

- ◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton, Ella Mae Findlay and Paul Bratcher*
- ◆ *Marilyn Lanpher is now home and doing well*
- ◆ *Allen Harmon is at Manorcare, Room 201*
- ◆ *George Downing's father is in the hospital in Joplin with health problems*
- ◆ *Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze, is now at her daughter's home at 41 MacKay Lane, Cookeville, TN 38406.*
- ◆ *Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, has been moved back to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis*
- ◆ *Nancy Barnes, Van Barnes and Chloe Gaddis' sister-in-law, has been moved to Select Specialty Hospital*
- ◆ *Steve Prewitt's granddad is very seriously ill in the hospital in Joplin*
- ◆ *Bonnie Cole's nephew (Kerry's cousin), Scott Golden, who has cancer*
- ◆ *Shawna Stockdale's sister-in-law, Jenn Moore, and her unborn child*

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams	Irene Johnson
Alice Allen	Carol Law
Shirley Bartlett	Carol Mahon
Paul Bratcher	Wilma Melton
Doris Burch	Jarita Nimmo
Bonnie Cole	Betty Shaw
Fern Davis	Wilma Spoor
Thelma Fain	Doris Thomason
Lucille Ford	Doris Tobler
Milton Ford	Judy Todd
Doris Iorg	Pat Woods

Expectant Moms

Megan Jobes/boy/July
Sara Stipp/December

Congratulations to Adam and Sarah Griffin on the safe arrival of Carson James Griffin last Monday. He weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz and is 19 ½ inches long. Congratulations also to grandparents Ron & Lisa Stokes.

For The Record

April 29

Bible Study:	215
Morning:	343
Evening:	227
Wednesday (5/2):	189
Contribution:	\$18,522

Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to the following families:

Wayne Snider and his family in the loss of his 18 year old great grandson Colby Snider;

Jenny Carroll in the loss of her grandmother.

If you can provide a meal for the Griffin Family, please see the sign-up sheet on the Information Desk. You will bring the food to the church on Wednesday or Sunday and Lisa will take it to them.



STRIVING FOR OUR CROWN

By Dennis R. Smith

The meaning of the word "strive" is simply "making the most effort." Those of us who have become children of God are those responding by faith to the commands of our Lord and putting him on in scriptural baptism (Gal. 3:26-27). As we "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" (2nd Pet. 3:18), we learn that effort has to be made on our part to be included in those who will be rewarded the "crown of life" in the day of judgment (Rev. 2:10). The Apostle Paul informs us as Christians to make every effort to Strive for Our Crown (1st Cor. 9:25; 2nd Tim. 2:5). In these two texts he uses the ancient games of the Romans in two separate ways as metaphors to our striving. They are: (1) We must make every effort to insure that we are qualified to even be in the game. (2) After being qualified to enter, we must make every effort to "...exercise ourselves unto godliness" (1st Tim. 4:7). How unfortunate it is when people will claim to be a servant of the Lord on the strength of their faith only but never make any effort to strive for their crown by assisting in the work of the Lord. Perhaps a look at James 2:18 will verify what this article is suggesting. "Yes, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works." The bottom line then is this: If we really want to receive our crown of righteousness, we must make every effort to obtain it.

Diapers/Formula Shower

for Sarah Stokes Griffin and Carson is **today** at 3 p.m. Please bring either diapers or Enfamil/Newborn formula in the light blue can.



Elaine Poland from Carthage, MO is

scheduled to teach the Thursday Ladies Bible Class on May 10 at 10:30. The title of her lesson is "Herbs and Spices of the Bible." She will bring samples and tell how they were used. All the ladies are invited. Potluck lunch will follow.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

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

Minister

Bill McFarland	417-833-0110
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Golden Age Minister

Dennis Smith	417-866-6918
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Deacons

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

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



We appreciate all the prayers and the love and support of the church and the many kind words expressed in the cards

and calls we have received. We also appreciate the visits made. We could not have found a better church home.

Paul & Mary Bratcher

Thanks to everyone who sent us anniversary wishes. We appreciate your thoughtfulness very much. Love you all.

Byrle & Virginia Hayter

Thanks to all for the sweet words and the gifts for Secretary's Week. I love and appreciate you all so much.

Johnnie Elliff

Thanks for all the prayers lifted up on my behalf. Daily, it's becoming easier to see what God wants me to do. God bless you all and best wishes. I love you all.

Take care. In Him, Suzanne Dabbs



You are invited to Jerry and

Pat Milligans's 50th Anniversary Informal Celebration on May 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

Omission of gifts is requested.

Graduates' Reception May 20 after PM Service

- ◆ **Golden Agers meet today at 4 p.m. in Room 126.**
- ◆ **Elders meet Tuesday at 2 p.m.**
- ◆ **May 13 is MOTHERS' DAY!**
- ◆ **Book Club Meeting May 14th at 6:30 p.m. here at the building**
- ◆ **Quilters meet May 15 to work on cancer caps**
- ◆ **Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19, for a WORK DAY.**
- ◆ **Potluck lunch on May 20 after AM services honoring the Haddocks**
- ◆ **July 28 Super Saturday VBS**

Birthdays Next Week

- 13 Elizabeth Lilly
- 14 Jeremy Thurlkill
- 15 Barbara Barnes
- 16 Samantha York
- 17 Coyeatte Ewing
- Mackynzi Sekulic



May 19 Ladies Day at Strafford with Maria Cowden as speaker

May 13-16 Bible Institute of Missouri 2012 Lectureship

Kansas Expressway Church of Christ (See flyers on bulletin board)

Thanks to everyone for your generous 5th Sunday contributions. Your continued love and support of our work here is to be commended.

The Elders

Conscience is God's built-in warning system. Be very happy when it hurts you. Be very worried when it doesn't.

We need YOU in Sunday School each week!

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Blanton & Betty Glenn
Van Driver: AM/James Simons/732-5641
PM/Tucker Jobes/274-3663
KYB Phone: Jack & Rose Lynch
Serve: Brendan Carroll/Greg Donoho
Communion: William Downing/Ted Crabtree
Aubrey Cobb/Tom Davis
Kyle Buckner/J.J. Blevins
Eddie Currier/Aaron Schwartz

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeff Fisher
Opening Prayer: Tim Stockstill
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Tim Timmons
Communion: Scott/Adam Barton
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK (May 13)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Jeff Fisher
Opening Prayer:	Fred Lorenz	Brian York
Communion:	Jason Luna	Scott/Adam Barton
Closing Prayer:	Eddie Sanders	Van Barnes
Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/ Orvella Blackburn	Alice Buckner Jenny Carroll
Greeters:	Randy & Orvella Blackburn	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/839-4048	

Wednesday, May 9:

Devotional: Matt Keener
Song Leader: J.J. Blevins
Opening Prayer: Kyle Buckner
Closing Prayer: Dustin Stokes
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/849-7678

MONTH OF MAY:

AV Room: Larry Baggett/Travis Morrison
Secure Building: Paul Lines/Tim Buckner

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

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CHINESE AGAPE Foundation
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Mariana Islands

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Charles Renfro, Latin American
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7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10

"KNOW YOUR BIBLE"
10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSPR



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