



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 8, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Eddie Sanders

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#756 (1,2,4)

#564 (1,2,4)

Opening Prayer

Tom Easterly

#642 (1,2,5)

The Lord's Supper

Jerry Young

Contribution

Jerry Young

#149 (1,2,4)

#643

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#299 (1,2,5)

Announcements

Eddie Sanders

#647 (1,4)

Closing Prayer

Jim Elliff

Elder of the Month

Eddie Sanders

DAILY FAITH

Christianity is the everyday faith. It will not be confined to special days. It cannot be dressed up in special clothing. It is not performed by a special class of people. The faith of Christ calls for personal action from a sincere heart on a continual basis.

“Daily” is the word the New Testament uses to emphasize the constancy that reflects genuineness in pursuit of the Lord’s way. It is used in connection with specific activities in which people are, or should be, engaged because of their interest in him.

One is a renewal of commitment to Christ each new day, a conscious dedication of one’s own self to his rule in every aspect of life throughout that day. Knowing that his own submission to his Father’s will would bring him to the cross, Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross *daily* and follow me” (Lk. 9:23). Loyalty to the Lord means putting him above all else day by day.

Another continual aspect of the faith Christians keep is communication with the Lord by taking his word in and by offering our prayers up. Nobility was on display among the Bereans when they “received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures *daily* to see if these things were so” (Acts 17:11). And we are repeatedly reminded to “be constant in prayer” (Rom. 12:12). Loyalty to the Lord is both nourished and expressed by listening to him and talking to him each day.

Concrete efforts to serve for his sake are a third means by which the faith is to be demonstrated daily. The record we have in Acts indicates *daily* action to make Jesus known as the Christ (5:42) and *daily* action to extend mercy to the helpless (6:1). Everyday faith is about doing what we can for the sake of the kingdom of the Lord.

The other note that is to be sounded day by day is a common concern for encouraging each other in maintaining good and believing hearts. This crucial task is described this way: “But exhort one another *every day*, so long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin” (Heb. 3:13). There is no other way to help each other on the day when it is really needed but doing in daily.

We’ve just begun a year. Let us not forget that it will be made of what we do day by day.

–Bill McFarland

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.

- ◆ **Jim Low** is now home from the hospital
- ◆ **Seldon Essex** will have knee replacement surgery tomorrow at Cox South
- ◆ Debbie Kern's dad, **Don Hamlin**, has terminal cancer
- ◆ Jo Baggett's mom, **Ann Freeze**, has been moved to a rehab facility recovering from a stroke; her address is Life Care Center, PO BOX 210, Sparta, TN 38583.
- ◆ Norman High's cousin **Sue Lavelock** has incurable cancer
- ◆ Norman & Lucile's great grandson **Dylan** still has health issues
- ◆ Noel Green's father-in-law, **Dan Scott**, is some better
- ◆ 17-year old **Jonathan Satterfield**, friend of the Norrells, continues intensive chemo treatments at St. Jude

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams	Carol Mahon
Joy & Alice Allen	Wilma Melton
Shirley Bartlett	David Nimmo
Paul Bratcher	Jarita Nimmo
Doris Burch	Annie Overstreet
Bonnie Cole	Betty Shaw
Fern Davis	Wilma Spoor
Thelma Fain	Doris Thomason
Milton/Lucille Ford	Doris Tobler
Herman Harris	Judy Todd
Doris Iorg	Pat Woods
Irene Johnson	<u>Military</u>
Carol Law	Matthew Patterson

Thank you for the beautiful cards, wonderful gifts and phone calls for Christmas and for my birthday. In Christian Love, Doris Thomason

For The Record

January 1

Bible Study: 262
 Morning: 322
 Evening: 220
 Wednesday (1/4): 202
 Contribution: \$10,014



Sympathy



We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Louis Tandy, long-time member of the Know Your Bible panel, who passed away last Sunday.

We also extend our sympathy to Don and Cornelia Summers (former member) in the loss of Don's dad who passed away last week. Cards can be sent to Don & Cornelia at 958 S. Elm Street, Marshfield, MO 65706.

Bonnie Cole's sister and Kerry's aunt Fonda passed away Thursday night in IL. Memorial service will be later this week. Keep Bonnie and Kerry and their family in your prayers.



YOUR OWN NICHE IN THE LORD

Dennis R. Smith

Book stores, newspaper articles and television programs, all seemingly have the answer to everything that a person might want to do but not knowing where to start. This type of journalism has become so popular that it even has me getting involved. May I then suggest ways in which you can find your "own niche in the Lord." **FIRST**, upon becoming a Christian the confession that you made was, in fact, a life-time commitment. That being the case, you need to then make a good examination of self (2 Cor. 13:5) in regard to your own ability. At that time, make a vow to yourself (Acts 18:18) that you will do whatever the opportunity might call for in your life (Gal. 6:10). Be fair and honest with self and do not sell yourself short as far as ability is concerned. **SECOND**, as these opportunities come up and you know you can do whatever it is that awaits, jump into it with all your might (Eccl. 9:10). Whatever discouragements, ridicule and misconceptions which others might have, must never deter you from making your mighty rounds for the Lord. **THIRDLY**, and probably the most important suggestion, do not ever take your eye off the goal you have set for your own life. You, and only you, know the true purpose of your heart. Oh yes, don't forget that God also knows! Reach out to Him with thanks for helping you find "your own niche in the Lord."

Upcoming Events



Secret Sisters meet today after AM service at the front of the auditorium to discuss revealing.

L If you are in Grades 3-12 and
T interested in participating in
C *puppet/drama* for LTC in April, please meet with Jason and Kay immediately after AM services **TODAY** at the back (east side) of the auditorium.

- ◆ **Deacons, Matt Keener needs to meet with you immediately after AM services TODAY in room 126 to discuss the needs/ set-up for the Ministry Fair!**
- ◆ **Visitation Team 1 will meet tonight after services.**
- ◆ **Elders meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.**



The Women's Book Club will meet tomorrow night at 6:30pm at the Currier's - 2153 E. Farm Road 74. We will be discussing the following:
one thousand gifts by Voskamp, I Stand Amazed by Schott, and I Know Why the Angels Dance by Davis



We are in need of the following items for the Food Pantry.
Boxed & Canned Meals
Jelly Peanut Butter
Cereal Canned Fruit
Soup Jello/Pudding
Canned Vegies/Mac & Cheese
Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support.

January 29



We will have our 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch after which you will have an opportunity to check out the Ministry Fair.

Team No. 1 is scheduled to work that day. Please notify Travis or Jill if you are unable to work.

Kitchen: Leah Freeze, Carolyn Young, Orvella Blackburn, Barbara Barnes, Gerri Dickens, Betty Holden, Sara Stipp, Connie Westerman, Stacy Haddock. **Setup:** Jackie Freeze, Clint Holden, Randy Blackburn, Adam Stipp, Kevin Westerman, Shannon Haddock, **Cleanup:** Jerry Young, Van Barnes, Ted Crabtree, Jeanetta Hardy, Ruth & Gene Lund

Ministry Fair

Our Deacons will have displays around the auditorium outlining their particular ministry and give you an opportunity to talk with them and/or sign up to help in that area of work.

Early Evening Service at 1 p.m.

SPECIAL 5TH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

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	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



Birthdays Next Week

- 15 Anita Cobb
- Jackie Freeze
- 16 Ethan White
- 17 Kyle Buckner
- 18 William Morrison
- Katelyn Emrick
- 19 Jim Elliff
- 20 Jacob Skibo
- Betty Grabber
- 21 Pat Blackburn

We need YOU in Sunday School!

"If ... you seek the Lord your God, you will find Him if you look for Him with all your heart and with all your soul." Deut. 4:29

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Pat Malanowski/Meredith Reaves
 Greeters: Jim & Debbie Meinsen
 Van Driver: Russell Lilly/839-4048
 KYB Phone: John Dutton/Megan Glenn
 Serve: Oran Green/Dewayne Jackson
 Communion: Dale Harp/Tucker Jobs
 Sam Hansen/Gaylen Jones
 Shannon Haddock/Matt Keener
 John Hulett/David Kern

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeremy Thurlkill
 Opening Prayer: Tom Easterly
 Lesson: Bill McFarland
 Closing Prayer: Adam Barton
 Communion:
 Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll
MONTH OF JANUARY:
 Ushers: John Stayton/Aaron Schwartz
 AV Room: Adam Stipp/
 Secure Building: Paul Lines/Tim Buckner

NEXT WEEK

AM

PM

Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Don Essex	Brent Looney
Communion:	Van Barnes	
Closing Prayer:	Jon Ewing	Matt Keener
Nursery:	Jill Morrison	Lee Ann Donoho
	Meredith Reaves	Karen Duncan
Greeters:	Les & Pat Malanowski	
Van Driver:	Lance Griter/833-2818	

Wednesday, January 11:

Devotional:	Jerry Milligan
Song Leader:	Kyle Buckner/Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer:	Gene Lund
Closing Prayer:	John Mahon
Van Driver:	Don Tracy

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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