



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 29, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Eddie Sanders

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#820

#492

Opening Prayer

Blanton Glenn

#700

#913

The Lord's Supper

Ted Crabtree

Contribution

Ted Crabtree

#497

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#613 (1,2,5)

Announcements

Eddie Sanders

#297

Closing Prayer

Dale Gregory

Elder of the Month

Eddie Sanders

About Our Work

A ministry is a way of serving. Serving is doing things that are not about yourself. Christian service is doing those things for sake of the Lord, with his attitude and manner, and in keeping with his will. It is when such action occurs in a partnership, with each person doing what he or she can, that we are functioning as a congregation of his people.

That is our focus this Lord's day. One of the purposes is that we may be encouraged in our work by being reminded of what we are doing together. Another, perhaps more important, purpose of the day's activities is that some of us may see some ways to get involved in the partnership and to be of service. The most important purpose of this focus on ministry, though, is to cause us to think on what it means to follow the Christ who made himself the servant of all.

If you serve, certain things are bound to happen. You will have to go first and keep going when it doesn't look like it is doing any good. You will be taken for granted and demands will be placed on you. Your own needs will be overlooked and your feelings will be ignored. Your efforts will be evaluated by those who are not serving and fault will be found with your service. You will be compared unfavorably with someone who is serving in some other way. You will be blamed when things go wrong in the lives of those you try to help.

But something else, something of eternal significance, will also happen. The process of becoming like your Master, who came not to be served but to serve (Mk. 10:45), will be set in motion. In keeping with his character, you will be among your brothers and sisters "as the one who serves" (Lk. 22:27). Greatness of a spiritual kind, not of the worldly variety, develops this way (Matt. 20:26). You will gradually find that this is "enough" (Matt. 10:25), and you will know what it is to be "blessed" (Jn. 13:17). May we all be moved in that direction!

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Please remember that next Lord's day, February 5, we will be hosting another of the families who have an interest in a ministry directed toward the spiritual development of our youth and families. The schedule for the day will be the same as before. There will be a class in the multi-purpose room for young adults and parents. Our guest will be the speaker in the morning assembly. Families with children will host lunch for our guests. While parents are cleaning up, he will have some time with our youth group. Be praying for the best outcome from this process, and plan to participate in these activities.

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On the evening of February 12, we will be hosting the Area Youth Night. The theme this year is "How Deep the Father's Love." Robb Hadley of the Center Street church in Fayetteville will be our guest speaker. Be planning to join us that evening!

– Bill

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.

For The Record

January 22

Bible Study:	252
Morning:	344
Evening:	230
Wednesday (1/25):	190
Contribution:	\$ 9,753

- ◆ **Eula Compton** is at her daughter Shirley's house for a few days
- ◆ **Thelma Fain** fell and cut her head this past week; she is back at the care center
- ◆ **Orvella Blackburn** has long-term health issues
- ◆ Debbie Kern's dad, **Don Hamlin**, has cancer
- ◆ Jo Baggett's mom, **Ann Freeze**, is in 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** and their great grandson **Dylan** still has health issues
- ◆ 17-year old **Jonathan Saterfield**, friend of the Norrells, continues intensive chemo treatments at St. Jude; you can monitor his progress at www.caringbridge.org/visit/jonnysaterfield
- ◆ **Jan Bowling's dad** is doing well after knee replacement surgery
- ◆ Norma Lorenz's great granddaughter **Rachel** is doing well after surgery for scoliosis
- ◆ **Pat Kerr**, Bob & Leona's neighbor, has cancer
- ◆ Continue to remember **Samantha York's dad** and **stepmom**
- ◆ **Shannon & Brandon Redding** as they deal with problems
- ◆ Eddie & Donna's daughter, **Teresa Conley** is awaiting test results
- ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, **Joann McFarland**, was airlifted to St. Louis Friday due to serious health issues
- ◆ Tim & Becky's granddaughter, **Harper Marsolf**, is in the hospital in Baton Rouge

He who angers you, controls you!

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams	Carol Mahon
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	Military
Carol Law	Matthew Patterson

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to friends of Eugene Gilmore (former minister at North Nation) who passed away recently.

We also express our sympathy to Gaylen Jones and his family in the loss of his aunt, Mildred Carroll.

Response: Kirk Tracy responded Sunday asking for prayers and to be restored. Kirk's address is 1116 W. Norton Road, 65803, Phone 576-4591. Offer your encouragement to Kirk.



A CLOSER LOOK AT A GREAT SONG

By Dennis R. Smith

One of the great songs of the church and one with a biblical theme is the song **"I love thy Kingdom, Lord"** by A. B. Everett and Timothy Dwight. The title itself should be enough to open our minds and our hearts with a sense of fairness and cause us to ask why? Do we really love it because it is "the house of Thine abode and is the pillar and ground of the truth" (1st Tim. 3:15)? Do we love it because it is "the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood" (Acts 20:28)? Is she (the church-kingdom) "dear as the apple of Thine eye (meaning the Lord's eye)?" Do we love her enough to "let our tears fall...and...for her our prayers to ascend?" Do we love it enough to confess that "Jesus (is that) friend divine ...and...Our Savior and our King?" Finally, do we fully understand that it (she) is, in fact, "the brighter bliss of heaven?" With these thoughts let us examine ourselves (2nd Cor. 13:5) and seriously consider if there are other reasons why we attend (or not attend) the church regularly. Do we enjoy the fellowship (Acts 2:42) offered by the church? As you can see that's a good scriptural answer also. Do we count it a "win-win" situation because we are spiritually exalted by the opportunity we have to give our Lord time, talents and money as He gives back to us the Blessed Assurance which we vitally need daily? Another thing: do we love her for "Her sweet communion and solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise?" I would hope so!

Today

Our Contribution today will go towards the salary for the new Youth/Family Minister.



We welcome and encourage our visitors to stay for the potluck lunch and enjoy good food and fellowship

Ministry Fair

After enjoying good food and fellowship, please check out the displays for the different ministries and sign up to help in the areas which best suit you and your talents.

1 P.M. Evening Service

Birthdays Next Week

- 5 Todd Kraus
- Luke Lines
- 6 James Simons
- 7 Denzil Raines
- 8 Lauren Allen
- 9 Verl Duncan
- Betty Glenn
- Marti Norrell
- 10 Howard Birdsong
- Kirsten McFarland
- Mary Jo Rookstool
- 11 Elijah Morrison
- Claudia Morrison



February Anniversaries

- 8 Raymond & Alice Daniels—43 yrs.
- 10 Tom & Tiffany Meeks/22 yrs.
- Ron & Lisa Stokes/28 yrs.
- 14 Don & Linda Tracy/43 yrs.
- 15 Kevin & Connie Westerman/26 yrs.
- 22 Jim & Sheryl Low/49 yrs.
- 27 Bob & Betty Stockstill/58 yrs.
- 28 Clint & Betty Holden/54 yrs.

Happy Anniversary!!

Change of Address

Kasey Sekulic
246 E. Willow
Fair Grove, MO 65648

Area-wide Youth Night

Two weeks from tonight, February 12, we will be hosting the area-wide Youth Night. We are again asking for your help in providing bottled water/canned drinks and cookies. You can bring them anytime between now and the morning of the 12th and place in the kitchen or fellowship room. As always, thank you in advance for your help.



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, February 11 at 8 a.m. Please sign up if you can attend. We also encourage you to invite a male friend or neighbor to come with you.

- ♦ **Golden Messenger for February is available at the Information Desk.**
- ♦ **Devotional at James River Nursing Home: All who can are asked to be present for the devotional/singing at the nursing home Saturday at 2 p.m.**
- ♦ **Golden Agers meet next Sunday at 4 p.m.**
- ♦ **Elders meet February 4 at 2 p.m.**

Help yourself to the School Supplies left over from Vacation Bible School. They are on the desk in the East Side of the foyer.

Delight yourself also in the Lord, and he shall give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)



- ♦ **LTC song leaders will meet at 4 p.m. today**
- ♦ **LTC Puppet & Drama will rehearse all day (after AM service/bring sack lunch) on February 5 & 19, March 4 & 18. See Jason or Kay if you have questions.**

Ladies Day

Our 3rd Annual Ladies Day that we're calling "A Spring Picnic" is coming up soon!! The theme will be Renew My Spirit. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 14th and be thinking of friends you would like to invite. Sign-up sheets will be out at the beginning of March.



Golden Agers, please sign up at the Information Desk if you can attend the Valentine Banquet on February 11 at 6 p.m. hosted by our Youth Group.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards and kind expressions of sympathy in the death of Phil Nichols, brother of Gerald and Byron. **Gerald & Ann**

Thank you so much for the roses and donation for my mom and dad. He loved his church so much. Thank you for all your love and support. **The Family of Joy Allen**

Thank you so much for the warm fellowship and hospitality shown to us during our visit. We have grown to love and appreciate this congregation so much. We are in daily prayer for the Water Mill congregation and your search for an addition to the minister team. In Christian Love, **Darrick & Kathryn Shepherd**

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Jan Bowling/Robin Meeks
Greeters: Ann Thiesen/Gerri Dickens
Van Driver: Jackie Freeze/616-9789
KYB Phone: Eddie & Linda Currier
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: Russell Lilly
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Paul Lines
Communion:
Nursery: Linda Barnett/Meredith Reaves

MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

Ushers: Ron Stokes/Tim Timmons
AV Room: Matt Keener/Terry Loveland
Secure Building: Paul Lines/Tim Buckner

NEXT WEEK (February 5)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	Bill McFarland	Tim Stockstill
Communion:	Barney Crawford	Ted Crabtree Blanton Glenn
Closing Prayer:	Scott Nichols	Dustin Stokes
Nursery:	Donna Jordan Michelle Hulett	Lisa Stayton Emily Simons
Greeters:	John & Lisa Stayton	
Van Driver:	Kevin Wunch/833-6134	

Wednesday, February 1:

Devotional: Eddie Currier
Song Leader: J.J. Blevins
Opening Prayer: Bob Stockstill
Closing Prayer: Luis Tovar

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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"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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