



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 5, 2012

## Order of Worship

### *Welcome*

Fred Lorenz

### *Song Leader*

Jon Ewing

#647

#392

#146

### *Opening Prayer*

Bill McFarland

#621

### *The Lord's Supper*

Barney Crawford

### *Contribution*

Barney Crawford

#1

### *"The Greatest Commandment"*

### *Lesson*

*Adam Blaney*

#495

### *Announcements*

Bob Snider

#497

### *Closing Prayer*

Scott Nichols

### *Elder of the Month*

*Bob Snider*

## About Our Work

This Lord's day we will have as our guests another of the families who have an interest in a ministry directed toward the spiritual development of our young people and their families. Please extend a welcome to Adam and Tabitha and their children Mason, Eliza, and Lindy, and help us see that we put them at ease (cf. 1 Cor. 16:10). We want their visit with us to be a blessing to them.

The schedule for the class, noontime, and after lunch activities will be the same as before. Our young adults and families with children will be the hosts, but this time the lunch is a "brown bag" event, so families need to plan accordingly.

Thank you for taking an interest in this process. I want to point out again that all our plans and choices must be fashioned according to what the Lord has already said about the work and character of his people. The church exists to glorify God through Christ. The work of the church is to value people by doing good to them, to teach people the gospel and help them obey it, to train those who have obeyed it to do all that the Lord has commanded, and to urge them to fill their own place in that chain of service. The character of the church is to treat others the way we would want to be treated.

In all these efforts, let us continue to pray that the Lord may bless as he can in keeping with his will.

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"Fellow workers." Have you ever considered this wonderful little phrase that Paul liked to use? There is a sense of honor and affection and respect in it. I think it would do us good to think of each other in this way more often.

The apostle thought of himself and Apollos as "God's fellow workers"—that is, not competitors in a talent contest, but servants through whom people believed in the Lord (1 Cor. 3:9). He referred to Aquila and Priscilla, who had risked their lives for his and to whom the church owed a debt of gratitude, as "my fellow workers in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 16:3). He could bestow no greater honor on Epaphroditus than to call him "my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier" (Phil. 2:25).

Here is one crucial source of the sense of belonging and brotherly love that we all want. It is the "fellow-worker relationship" that we experience when each of us is working properly as a member of the body in a cooperative effort to build it up. There are no shortcuts to the closeness and trust that this alone can establish.

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Next Lord's day evening it will again be our privilege to host the area youth night gathering. Robb Hadley of the Center Street congregation in Fayetteville will be our guest speaker. The theme will be "How Deep the Father's Love." Invite someone to share the evening with us, and don't miss it yourself!

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This coming Saturday will be a full day, too. We look forward to being together with the men for the breakfast that morning. I know the activity that evening will be a blessing, too. Thanks to you who are making these activities possible.

—Bill

***AM Message: Won't You Be a Neighbor  
PM: Overwhelming Victory?***

# 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 29

Bible Study: 250  
 Morning: 363  
 Evening: 227  
 Wednesday (2/1): 234  
 Contribution: \$18,638

- ◆ Continue to remember **Eula Compton, Herman Harris, Thelma Fain, Orvella Blackburn**
  - ◆ **Marilyn Lanpher** as she makes decisions regarding her health
  - ◆ **Thelma Pendergrass**, Kay's mom, has been in Mercy Hospital this past week
  - ◆ Debbie Kern's dad, **Don Hamlin**, is very ill
  - ◆ 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.
  - ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, **Joann McFarland**, was remains in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis with serious health issues
  - ◆ **Margie Logston** is recovering from hip surgery following a fall; cards can be sent to Salem Community Hospital, Room 240, 1995 E. State Street, Salem, OH 44460-2400.
  - ◆ Norman & Lucile High's 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](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jonnysaterfield)
  - ◆ Continue to remember **Samantha York's dad** and **stepmom**
  - ◆ Eddie & Donna's daughter, **Teresa Conley** is awaiting further tests
  - ◆ **Jose Polson's sister-in-law** is stabilized
  - ◆ Tiffany Meeks' sister, **Larrie White**, continues to have health problems
- Prayer Request: **Wayne Harmon** responded Wednesday evening asking for prayers.

### 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	<b>Military</b>
Carol Law	Matthew Patterson

## Sympathy

*We extend our sympathy to Norman High and his family in the loss of his cousin, Sue Lovelock, this past week*

Alice Allen has been moved to room A5 at Woodland Manor.

## Thank You

Thank you so very much for your expressions of sympathy at the death of my brother. We love you with all our hearts. Jim & Ruth Reaves



### What Can be Said about "Vain Repetitions"

Dennis Smith

The words "vain repetitions" were used by our Lord prior to giving what so often has been called "The Lord's Prayer" (Matt. 6:7-13). We must not ever condemn anyone for the way they pray or the amount of times in the prayer that they might repeat themselves. Jesus repeated himself three times in his prayer of Matthew 26:44. This being the case may I suggest some things about how to pray. First of all, understand that just saying certain words however eloquently (or long) they may flow does not constitute a better chance of our Lord's hearing that prayer. The condition of one's heart as he approaches the throne of God should be the prime prerequisite to all our prayers. Keep in mind that God's ears are always open to the petitions of the righteous (1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 3:12). It's only natural that when we pray the "public prayer" that we are concerned with what our audience thinks or might say. Remember they so listen in order to say "Amen" or not (1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 14:16). This being the case, especially when we know in advance of this privilege, one needs to give much thought to what is needed to be said in that prayer. Current events which might come to bear upon the church at the present time are always in order. The sick and bereaved are also in order as well as the overall service in which we are engaged. Most assuredly the prayer for the speaker should be included. But most of all, the seriousness and solemnity of the occasion is most important. Amen?

- ♦ Golden Agers meet TODAY at 4 p.m. in room 126.
- ♦ Visitation Team 1 will meet tonight after services
- ♦ Elders meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.

**LTC** ♦ LTC song leaders will meet at 4 p.m. today

**Puppet & Drama** ♦ LTC Puppet & Drama will rehearse all day (after AM service/bring sack lunch) TODAY and February 19, March 4 & 18. See Jason or Kay if you have questions.

**Area-wide Youth Night**  
 Next Sunday night 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.



**Saturday at 8 a.m.** the Elders are hosting a Men's Breakfast. Please sign up if you can attend. We also encourage you to invite a male friend or neighbor to come with you.

**Birthdays Next Week**

- 13 Clarence Feeny
- Don Lewis
- Brent Looney
- 14 Jammie Davis
- Gaylen Jones
- 16 Gerri Dickens
- Karen Duncan
- Jon Ewing
- 17 Barney Crawford
- 18 Wilma Melton
- Sara Stipp



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

**We are in need of a 5th grade male teacher for either Sunday morning or Wednesday evening class. If you are interested in helping with this work, please see Tom Davis.**

**Ladies Day**

*Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 14th, our 3rd Annual Ladies Day that we're calling "A Spring Picnic."*

*There are still some School Supplies left over from VBS on the desk in the East Side of the foyer. Help yourself!*

**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

**Area Events**

*February 25: Third Annual Young Adult Rally, "Seeing Self Through God's Eyes" at the Mill Street Church of Christ in Cassville with Richard Chambers as the keynote speaker. Flyer is on the bulletin board.*

**"Now Is the Day"**

*You who are letting miserable misunderstandings run from year to year, meaning to clear them up someday; you who are keeping wretched quarrels alive because you cannot quite make up your minds that now is the day to sacrifice your pride and kill them; you who are passing men sullenly upon the street, not speaking to them out of some silly spite, and yet knowing that it would fill you with shame and remorse if you heard that one of them were dead tomorrow morning; you who are letting your neighbor starve, till you heard that he is dying of starvation; or letting your friend's heart ache for a word of appreciation or sympathy, which you mean to give him someday; if you could only know and see and feel, all of a sudden, that "the time is short," how it would break the spell! How you would go instantly and do the thing which you might never have another chance to do! - Phillips Brooks*

**We need YOU in Sunday School each week!**

## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
 Greeters: John & Lisa Stayton  
 Van Driver: Kevin Wuench/833-6134  
 KYB Phone: Jackie & Leah Freeze  
 Serve: Todd Kraus/Jason Luna  
 Communion: Russell Lilly/Gene Lund  
 Paul Lines/Jack Lynch  
 Brent Looney/John Mahon  
 Terry Loveland/Les Malanowski

### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison  
 Opening Prayer: Tim Stockstill  
 Lesson: Bill McFarland  
 Closing Prayer: Dustin Stokes  
 Communion: Ted Crabtree/Blanton Glenn  
 Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

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

### NEXT WEEK (February 12)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	Tom Norrell	Youth Night
Communion:	Eddie Currier	Ted Crabtree/ Blanton Glenn
Closing Prayer:	Aaron Morrison	Youth Night
Nursery:	Pat Malanowski	Alice Buckner
	Orvella Blackburn	Jenny Carroll
Greeters:	Adam & Sara Stipp	
Van Driver:	John Stayton/833-9497	

### Wednesday, February 8:

Devotional: Jerry Young  
 Song Leader: J.J. Blevins  
 Opening Prayer: Jerry Young  
 Closing Prayer: Aaron Tovar  
 Van Driver: Don Tracy/368-9218

#### 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

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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