



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 4, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Jerry Young

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

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Opening Prayer

Tim Bowling

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John Dutton

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Contribution

John Dutton

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Bill McFarland

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Jerry Young

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Closing Prayer

Barney Crawford

Elder of the Month

Jerry Young

About Our Work

How thoughtfully do you read your bulletin?

A couple of things will be noticeable as you read through this one. The first is the number of activities, ranging from those for youth to married couples to seniors, some to help those within the congregation and some to help those outside of it, and all providing opportunities for involvement. The other is the long prayer list, again involving those who are here and those who are in other places, and concerning everything from illness to grief to loneliness. Service and prayer, taking an interest and being a part. These are basic to the life of the church.

There are couple of other things your won't read about here that are also the real life of a congregation. These deserve our awareness, too. One is the personal burdens brothers or sisters alongside us are quietly bearing, their own problems or pressures that are unspoken: health concerns, financial stresses, relationship difficulties, and other troubles. The other is the unannounced personal doing of good in which our fellow members of the body are engaged. It involves no organization or fanfare; it is simply faith working through love. These two realities may be unwritten, but I assure you they are always present.

Consider what happens when the lines of thought in these two paragraphs come in contact (as they do in a congregation). It seems to me that, nearly always, some healthy things come of it. One is thank you notes. A second is a sense of understanding. And yet another is encouragement in further service.

That explains the content of this newsletter.

Read it regularly, thoughtfully, and with the intention of being a vessel for honorable use in the Lord's house, a blessing to your brothers and sisters in his family.

– Bill McFarland

Today's Lessons:

AM: Come Home Singing

PM: The Overlooked Miracle

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

February 26

Bible Study: 261
 Morning: 345
 Evening: 230
 Wednesday (2/29): 202
 Contribution: \$ 9,125



◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton, Paul Bratcher, Ella Mae Findlay*

◆ *Dale Harp* spent most of last week in the hospital but is home now

◆ *Briley Ewing* will have foot surgery on 3/14

◆ *Pat & Regina Woods* are having health problems

◆ *Marilyn Lanpher* will have surgery April 3 in Houston; keep her in your prayers as she awaits this surgery

◆ *Norman High* will have surgery tomorrow on his kidney.

◆ Ruth Lund's mother, *Martha Alspaugh*, is in Mercy Hospital, room 4170

◆ Sara Stipp's mom, *Bonaga Buck*, has been in the hospital this past week fighting an infection

◆ Ruth Reaves' sister-in-law, *Patsy Hocker*, has been diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma

◆ Continue to remember Jo Baggett's mom, *Ann Freeze*; her address is Life Care Center, PO BOX 210, Sparta, TN 38583.

◆ Bill's sister-in-law, *Joann McFarland*, is in the Baxter Regional Hospital, Room 3314, 624 Hospital Dr., Mountain Home, AR, 72653.

◆ 17-year old *Jonathan Saterfield*, friend of the Norrells, will soon finish his chemo treatments at St. Jude; his prognosis is good

◆ Eddie & Donna's daughter, *Teresa Connolly*, will see a thyroid doctor on March 14 to see if surgery is needed

◆ Tiffany Meeks' sister, *Larrie White*, continues to have serious health problems

Long Term/Shut-Ins

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

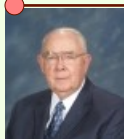
Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to Pat Harris and family in the loss of our dear brother,

Herman Harris. Visitation will be tonight (Sunday) from 7-8 p.m. at Fraker Funeral Home in Marshfield with the funeral service tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We would also like to extend our sympathy to Tom Davis in the loss of his father, Lee Davis. Keep Tom & his family in your prayers as they travel to Michigan for the funeral.



DO WE LET OUR EYES BECOME OUR KING?

Dennis R. Smith

One of the saddest times in the history of ancient Israel was that interlude of 300 years known as the time of the Judges. In the Book that bears that name is a statement made twice which tells the reason for this sadness. "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6; 21:25). Because of this attitude their spiritual lives were weakened and evil prevailed throughout the land (Judges 6:1). The problem was that their "king" became whatever was right in their own eyes. What God had set forth for them earlier was completely ignored. Like any and all generations when this happens it often brings our enemies down hard against us. Homes are shattered and unhappiness prevails. There is another inspired statement made in Jeremiah 10:23 that must be considered in light of this subject: "It is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps." As we must have rule in all things, it is for sure that this applies to our personal lives as well. God has always known what is best for us and as such he has given us the greatest of instructions in his Book. By using it as our guide to happiness, it will prove to be that which is best for us - - not the current trends which plague so many but one that has proved itself to be successful in all generations. May we ever keep our eyes upon God and let him be our King and his Word our guide - not just what may seem right in our own eyes!

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies, our first class for 2012 will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Leona's lesson will be "Spiritual Clothing - a new spiritual spring wardrobe." For beautiful skin, Ruth will demonstrate a complete makeover on a "surprise model." All the class will be involved. Potluck lunch will follow. Hope you will make your plans now to participate.

Water Mill Book Club

Just a reminder ...

Monday, March 12th at 6:30pm at Panera Bread on North Kansas Expressway

We will be discussing how recognizing and being thankful for our Father's unmerited favor to us every minute of our lives enables us to be strong and joyful even through the rough times. This is the overall connecting theme of the 3 books that were suggested for our reading over the last 4 months.

Whether you have time to read one or more of these books -

One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp,
I Know Why the Angels Dance by Bryan Davis,
 or *I Stand Amazed!* by Linda G. Schott,
 ... we would love to have you join us. Everyone will benefit by being encouraged to see all of life with grace, thanksgiving, and joy. See Linda Currier if you have questions.



The adults of Water Mill want to reciprocate our youth with a celebration for them on Friday night, May 4th. We are planning a formal dinner and entertainment and need everyone to sign up who would like to help. There is a sign-up sheet at the Information Desk.



To My Church Family, Thank you all for the prayers, cards and notes and food delivered to me during my illness and after I broke my wrist/arm. It has meant so much to me. I miss being with you all and hope to be able to be back with you soon. Special thanks to Greg & Nancy for the beautiful flowers and for Blanton for cleaning up limbs in my yard. I appreciate all that has been done for me. God bless you, **Ella Mae Findlay**

A big thank you to my church family for the birthday cards and sentiments that meant so much. And chocolate chip cookies too! I feel very special being cared for so much. Also want to brag about my new great granddaughter in Alaska. Thank you again. **Mary Jo Rookstool**

- ◆ Golden Agers meet today at 4 p.m.
- ◆ Golden Messenger for March is available in the foyer.
- ◆ SNAC tonight after service. Bring finger food.
- ◆ Quilters will meet Tuesday at 10 am. Beginners are welcome.
- ◆ Elders meet March 13 at 2 p.m.
- ◆ Youth Night at Ozark March 18
- ◆ Elders/Deacons meet April 15 at 3 p.m.



- ◆ LTC Puppet & Drama will rehearse after AM service (bring sack lunch) TODAY and on March 11 & 18.
- ◆ April 1 after PM service — LTC presentation to the congregation
- ◆ April 6-7/LTC Conference in Rogers, AR

2012 Ladies Day

A sign-up sheet for our 2012 Ladies Day is now on the information desk. Our theme this year is "Restore My Soul." We would like to encourage everyone to invite friends, and please make sure you sign up everyone you are bringing with you. We are having a couple new contests this year—a centerpiece contest and a spring purse contest. See the flyer by the sign-up sheet for details. Additional sign-up sheets for food, prayers, door prizes, centerpieces, etc., should be out by Sunday, March 25th.

Married Couples Retreat



March 9-10
 Ramada Inn, Branson
 Check in Friday evening
 Saturday 9 till noon or after;
 make check payable to Water Mill Church of Christ;
 Sign-up sheet and more info at the Information Desk.

If you have Direct TV, tune in to the Gospel Broadcasting Network, channel 376, Sunday morning at 6:30 A.M.

ATTENTION YOUTH 5TH GRADE THRU COLLEGE:
 If you plan to attend the May 4th Dinner and entertainment being planned to honor and thank you, please sign up at the Information Desk!



Birthdays Next Week

- 11 Ella Mae Findlay
- Pat Harp
- Tom Meeks
- Bob Snider
- 13 Anthony Kraus
- 14 Allen Harmon
- Hannah Meeks
- Emily Simons
- 17 Pat Malanowski

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
 Greeters: Jim & Debbie Meinsen
 Van Driver: James Simons/988-8873
 KYB Phone: Van & Barbara Barnes
 Serve: Tom Meeks/James Simons
 Communion: Aaron Morrison/John Stayton
 Scott Nichols/Luis Tovar
 Tom Norrell/Tyler Thornton
 Steve Prewitt/Adam Stipp

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Larry Baggett
 Opening Prayer: Dale Gregory
 Lesson: Bill McFarland
 Closing Prayer: David Kern
 Communion: Tucker Jobs/Justin Reaves
 Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK (March 11)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer:	Eddie Currier	Luis Tovar
Communion:	Kelley Epperly	T. Jobs/J. Reaves
Closing Prayer:	Jackie Freeze	Daniel Wilson
Nursery:	Pat Malanowski	Alice Buckner
	Orvella Blackburn	Jenny Carroll
Greeters:	Fred & Norma Lorenz	
Van Driver:	Kirk Tracy/576-4591	

Wednesday, March 7:

Devotional: John Dutton
 Song Leader: Tom Easterly
 Opening Prayer: Jim Meinsen
 Closing Prayer: Terry Loveland
 Van Driver: Don Tracy/224-1936

MONTH OF MARCH:

AV Room: Scott Barton/Ron Stokes
 Secure Building: Paul Lines/Tim Buckner

Please see Mike Thurlkill if you are unable to serve.

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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 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSPR



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