



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 11, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome
Jerry Young

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#134

Opening Prayer
Luis Tovar

#1

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The Lord's Supper
Don Essex

Contribution
Don Essex

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Lesson
Bill McFarland

#23 (1,3,4)

Announcements
Jerry Young

#755

Closing Prayer
Jackie Freeze

Elder of the Month
Jerry Young



The Nature and Value of Spirituality

The concept of spirituality is, or should be, precious to us. The realm of the spiritual is unseen and lasting, as opposed to natural and temporary. Spiritual things are those which have their origin in God, are in harmony with his character, and reflect his purposes. Spirituality has to do with aspiring to the kingdom of God and his righteousness rather than being consumed with appetites and appearances.

There is something we should notice, however, while we are reading First Corinthians. More than half the references to the "spiritual" in the New Testament are in it. Our brothers and sisters in the Lord at Corinth were in pursuit of spirituality, and perhaps even regarded themselves as having achieved it. What is clear from this letter, though, is that they had a mistaken view of the nature of spirituality. In fact, that misunderstanding was at the root of many problems they were experiencing and it is one of the main things Paul addresses in the letter.

First Corinthians reminds us that there must ever be three great marks of Christian spirituality. One is respect for the authority of the Lord's word that can take in the truths it teaches and make proper application to life. A spiritual person will take notice of the things the apostle has written and will acknowledge them as commands of the Lord (14:37). He will understand the life principles these writings teach, and he will be developing an ability to discern the wise application of them (2:14-15).

The second indication of spirituality is upright character. A spiritual person does not behave merely in a human way, and he is not motivated by the ordinary jealousies of the flesh (3:3). In another letter, the apostle points out that if an individual is actually led by the Spirit and is walking by the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit will be found in him. His lifestyle will be dominated by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and such traits as these (Gal. 6:22-23).

A third mark of real spirituality is meeting one's responsibility toward others in a loving manner. The spiritual person is neither preoccupied with his own experiences nor acclaim for his own ability. Instead, he is interested in allowing others to be guided by the Word and to bear the fruit of the Spirit. His is the more excellent way: he loves. "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth" (12:31; 13:4-6).

I have an idea that if we would allow these three guidelines to define spirituality for us, we would have many fewer problems.

—Bill McFarland

Today's Lessons:

AM: *The Crisis of the Kingdom*

PM: *Ruth: Making Family a Bright Spot in a Dark World*

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

March 4

Bible Study: 273
 Morning: 365
 Evening: 240
 Wednesday (3/7): 188
 Contribution: \$11,747

- ◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton & Ella Mae Findlay*
- ◆ *Briley Ewing* will have foot surgery on 3/14
- ◆ *Kaven Mahon* has a concussion after hitting his head in the same spot as the last time
- ◆ *Lance Griter* had surgery this past week for a broken finger
- ◆ *Paul Bratcher* is home after spending a few days in the hospital
- ◆ *Pat & Regina Woods* are having health problems
- ◆ *Marilyn Lanpher* will have surgery April 3 in Houston; remember her as she awaits this surgery
- ◆ *Norman High's* surgery went well
- ◆ Ruth Lund's mother, *Martha Alspaugh*, is in Mercy Hospital, room 4156
- ◆ Sara Stipp's mom, *Bonaga Buck*
- ◆ Ruth Reaves' sister-in-law, *Patsy Hocker*
- ◆ 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
- ◆ *Katelyn Wilson* is in Washington DC with the Willard 8th grade class. Keep her in your prayers as they travel home on Wednesday.

Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to Van Barnes and Chloe Gaddis in the recent loss of their brother, Ruel Barnes.

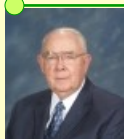
Long Term/Shut-Ins

<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>

Expectant Moms

Kirsten McFarland/boy/April
Megan Jobes

We need YOU in Sunday School each week!



DRAWING A PICTURE OF A MAN - (Part One)

By Dennis R. Smith

Actually, we will be drawing a picture of two men - one this week and another next week. To draw a picture of a man (or woman), we would have to start with a small living bundle that cries and desires to be loved. This man depends on the love of someone else to care for him and in fact is helpless otherwise. Fortunately, this man was born into a family who learned the lesson on love as it comes from God and their utmost desire for the child is for him to learn of this love himself. As time goes on, his loving parents daily consult with God through His Word and their prayers for him to be what he should be rises continually. These efforts, in time, are rewarded by this once helpless babe who now has grown into manhood and has made his response to the gospel call. Now he lives at peace with God and all others of his kind. He is a good neighbor, a good citizen, pays his bills on time, provides for his own family, worships God regularly and in general has developed into a man of God. The ingredient for such a man as this has been love - lots of love. He learned that love is a two-way street. God loved him (John 3:16) and in return he showed his love to God by obedience (John 14:15). This was the one thing that made all the difference in his life - but what a fragile world it is. If this love had ever been removed from his life, the picture would have been completely different as we will see in our next issue. Knowing God does make a difference!

Youth Dinner



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.

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!



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



We recently had a thank you note in the bulletin from Ruth about the Golden Age Valentine Banquet. In an effort to recognize everyone, a couple of very helpful people were left out—Jerry Stockdale and Daniel Wilson. Thank You! We couldn't have done it without you.



The song "THANK YOU" comes to mind when we think of our family at Water Mill. Thank you for all the prayers, Thank you for all the cards, Thank you for all the hugs, Thank you for the kind words, Thank you for the words of encouragement, Thank you for the food when needed, Thank you for being a friend, Thank you for visiting, Thank you for your loving gifts, Thank you for being there in the past, Thank you for knowing you will be there in the future, Thank you, Thank you, and we Thank you Thank you Our Water Mill church of Christ Family. John and Teresa Mahon, Thelma Fain, Carol Mahon

Thank you to all for your love and concern for your visits, cards, letters and prayers for Annie Overstreet while she was a resident of the Ash Grove Care Facility. Thank you for your attendance at her funeral and for your expressions of love and sympathy. Annie Overstreet's Family

- ◆ Visitation Team 2 will meet tonight after services.
- ◆ The Water Mill Book Club will meet tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. at Panera Bread on North Kansas Expressway.
- ◆ Elders meet Tuesday at 2 p.m.
- ◆ Youth Night at Ozark March 18
- ◆ Youth Weekend at Fordland March 24-25 with Willie Franklin (flyer on bulletin board)
- ◆ Elders/Deacons meet April 15 at 3 p.m.

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. See the flyer by the sign-up sheet for more details. Additional sign-up sheets for food, prayers, door prizes, centerpieces, etc., should be out by Sunday, March 25th.

Area Events

Gospel Meeting at Sparta with Bill McFarland March 25-28

Gospel Meeting at Fordland with Willie Franklin March 26-28

Birthdays Next Week

- 18 Erica Dutton
- Chatty Timmons
- Kevin Westerman
- 22 Jackie Buck



CANCER CAPS

On Tuesday, March 20th, people are needed to sew, cut fabric, press and package cancer caps from 10 A.M.—1 P.M. Bring your favorite pair of scissors and a snack if desired. Thanks, Jeanetta

Work Day at Happy Hollow

Saturday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you plan to work all day, bring a sack lunch.

(Please see letter on bulletin board for more information!)

MISSION WORK ...

KYLIE DUTTON is going on a mission trip this summer to the Czech Republic with a group from the Mount Comfort church of Christ in Fayetteville. See letter from Kylie on the bulletin board. If you would like to help her with the costs, make your check payable to Water Mill and we will send one check to the Mount Comfort church.

If you are attending LTC and need a hotel room, please let Jeremy know today.

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: *Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn*
 Greeters: *Fred & Norma Lorenz*
 Van Driver: *Travis Morrison/343-7451*
 KYB Phone: *Jim & Rebekah Meinsen*
 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: *John Mahon*
 Opening Prayer: *Eddie Carrier*
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
 Closing Prayer: *Daniel Wilson*
 Communion: *Tucker Jobs/Justin Reaves*
 Nursery: *Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll*

NEXT WEEK (March 18)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Larry Baggett</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Matt Keener</i>	<i>James Simons</i>
Communion:	<i>Clarence Feeney</i>	<i>T. Jobs/J. Reaves</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Oran Green</i>	<i>Jerry Young</i>
Nursery:	<i>Jill Morrison/ Meredith Reaves</i>	<i>Lee Ann Donoho Karen Duncan</i>
Greeters:	<i>Jerry & Pat Milligan</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Lance Griter/350-4646</i>	

Wednesday, March 14:

Devotional: *Don Essex*
 Song Leader: *Tom Easterly*
 Opening Prayer: *Bob Snider*
 Closing Prayer: *Justin Reaves*
 Van Driver: *Tim Stockstill/849-7678*

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

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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