



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 2, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome
Bob Snider

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#511

Opening Prayer
Jeremy Thurlkill

Reading: Is. 25:6-9

Jackie Freeze

#982

#943

#916

The Lord's Supper
Jeff Fisher

#500

Contribution
James Simons

#289

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#125

Announcements
Bob Snider

"Father God"

Closing Prayer
Adam Blaney

*You are the light of
the world. A city set
on a hill cannot be
hidden.*

(Matt. 5:14)



About Our "Youth and Family" Work

I am sure you do not need to be reminded that the time of year is upon us in which busyness in life's activities can feel overwhelming. Travels and family get-togethers and school activities and more all seem to pile up during these least months of the year. Let me encourage you, as you are planning your next few months, take note of and plan to support the MANY activities in which our Youth and Families are involved, both church functions and others.

TODAY after evening services - White Elephant gift exchange, hosted by our young wives and ladies. Sign up THIS MORNING.

December 3 - LTC Pre-convention 1 deadline: Several young people have completed their projects for the first round of LTC submissions, and will be sent off tomorrow.

December 8 - MEN'S BREAKFAST: Matt Keener, deacon of Involvement, has planned a fellowship get-together for our men, young and old. Come and share your time with each other!

December 15 - YOUTH HIKE: We will be leaving early Saturday morning, about 7 AM, for the Buffalo River Area of Arkansas. Hikers need to bring a pack with a sack lunch for on the trail, water for the hike, and some money for a fast food supper on the way home. Limit the group *Teenagers Only!*

December 16 - YOUTH WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE: The teenagers have their own annual get-together each year, and more details will be available soon.

January 18-20 - Y.O.U. (YOUTH OUTREACH UNIVERSITY): The Conway, AR, church and others sponsor this youth rally each year on the campus of Arkansas State University, and we will be taking a group. Cost is \$30, and we will be housed by local members. **WE NEED A FINAL LIST OF THOSE GOING BY DECEMBER 19** in order to receive housing. I am also blessed to be one of the speakers.

February 17 - WATER MILL AREA WIDE YOUTH NIGHT: We will be hosting the first Area Wide Youth Night of 2013. Mark your calendars!

Some additional items:

Many of our young people are involved in school holiday concerts, parades, or recitals, as well as many sporting events and other school activities. Make an effort to talk to the families and support our young folks in their outside endeavors!

Keep your eyes open for **College Students**, as well as activities and service projects to help them. It is a great opportunity to serve and be a blessing to those of our number who are away at school, and those who will make their home with us while they are here at school.

You may also notice our **new, enlarged Teen Classroom**. Thanks to the elders for supporting our request! It provides us much more room, and a more inviting atmosphere for learning and activities.

- A. Blaney

Today's Messages:

AM: When We Were Gathered Together to Break Bread

PM: Key Characteristics of the New Testament Church

Prayer List & Notes

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 November 25

Bible Study:	240
Morning:	340
Evening:	210
Wednesday (11/28):	202
Contribution:	\$8,983



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider



- Prayer List**
- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Alice Allen
 - ♦ Marilyn Lanpher fell last weekend and broke her wrist. She will have surgery sometime this week
 - ♦ Debbie Crawford has been in the hospital this past week
 - ♦ It was good to see Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney back with us Sunday.

Friends & Family

- ♦ Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks' father, as he is dealing with some very serious health issues
- ♦ Don McFall's wife, Mona, has been in the hospital this past week
- ♦ Continue to remember Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw (P.O. Box 1524, Fulton, MS 38843) and Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, as they are dealing with cancer
- ♦ Ann Freeze, Jo Baggett's mother

The Elders ask for names of Godly men to be Deacons, as we see in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Please turn the names in to the Elders by December 9th.

Ninety percent of the friction of daily life is caused by the wrong tone of voice.

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome to Steven and Karen Ashcraft who have made known their desire to work and worship with us at Water Mill. Steven is a missionary and will return to Africa in January but Karen will remain in Springfield. Their address is: 5330 S. Michigan, C105, Springfield, 65810, phone 971-270-8535.

Be sure to make them feel welcome.

Birthdays

- 10 Eliza Blaney
- 11 Dennis Smith
- Pat Harris
- Miller Hansen
- 12 Wanda Wilkinson
- Charlyn Lines
- Logan Winters
- 13 Seth Sekulic
- 15 June Jean
- Nichole Stockdale



Long Term/ Shut-ins

- Kay Adams
- Alice Allen
- Shirley Bartlett
- Doris Burch
- Eula Compton
- Fern Davis
- Thelma Fain
- Ella Mae Findlay
- Lucille Ford
- Milton Ford
- Allen Harmon
- Doris Iorg
- Irene Johnson
- Carol Law
- Carol Mahon
- Wilma Melton
- Betty Shaw
- Doris Thomason
- Doris Tobler
- Judy Todd
- Pat Woods

Expectant Moms

- Sara Stipp/boy/SOON
- Leah Prewitt/boy/January
- Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February
- Tabitha Blaney/girl/March
- Brittany Morrison/boy/March

THANK YOU!

Thank you all for the prayers for us during our recent health problems. Keep praying. We appreciate your telephone calls and are anxious to be back in worship soon. Love and prayers, Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney

Thanks for all the birthday cards, calls and Facebook wishes. I am always glad to hear from all my Christian friends. You sure know how to life a person up. Thanks again. In Christian love, Ann Fahr

Dear Sisters in Christ, God bless you, and I thank you so much for all the planning and work involved in our wonderful Ladies Retreat. It was such a spiritual uplifting time and so much fun as well for the ladies of the Water Mill congregation. Love, Leona Snider

I can't thank you enough for making my birthday filled with joy. Thank you one and all who took the time to send me a card. I love you all, Doris Tobler

Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards, the calls and for remembering me. You made my birthday very special. God bless you, Betty Holden

Men's



Saturday, December 8
8:30—9:30 a.m. here

Breakfast at the building. Please sign UP AT THE Information Desk by December 5 if you plan to attend. Please join us as we enjoy the fellowship and prayer time by our Elders.

- **Golden Agers meet TODAY at 4 pm.**
- **Quilters meet TUESDAY at 10 am.**
- **Elders meet Dec. 11 at 1 p.m.**
- **Ladies Bible Class meets Thursday, December 13 at 10:30; Leah Prewitt and Jill Morrison will bring the lesson; bring your favorite holiday dish for potluck lunch; child care will be provided by Sheryl Low**



⇒ **Saturday, December 14—Youth Hike, Buffalo River Trail in AR. Watch for more details.**

⇒ **January 18-20—Youth Outreach University (Y.O.U.) youth rally in Conway, AR. \$30/student, housing with members. Adam needs count of who is going by mid-December. Details to follow.**



We will be holding a congregational **White Elephant Gift exchange TONIGHT**

after Evening Service. Please bring your family and a cheap funny gift. It will be \$5 a family to cover the cost of the pizza. We will have water, tea and lemonade to drink. Please sign up at the sign up sheet in the foyer **THIS MORNING**. If you have any questions you can see Thresa Hansen, Megan Glenn, Jenny Carroll or Tabby Blaney.

Mark your calendars:

- January 9th Blood Drive
- January 14 Book Club Meeting: reading *“What Do I Like About the Holly-Hocks?”* by Dennis Smith
- January 6 Baby Shower for Stephanie Schwartz
- February 3 Baby Shower for Tabby Blaney

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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Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney	304-520-9800
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Matt Keener
Tim Bowling	Russell Lilly
Tim Buckner	Paul Lines
Tom Davis	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	James Simons
Jon Ewing	

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

GOLDEN MESSENGER FOR DECEMBER IS AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER.

THE FREE MORAL ASPECTS OF MANKIND

By Dennis R. Smith



No doubt you have heard the expression “man is a free moral agent.” Of course, this is often used in reference to one’s own preference, especially when it comes to his acceptance or rejection of the spiritual calling of our Lord (2nd Thess. 2:14). There is much to be said in this regard. First, God has given us his word (2nd Tim. 3:16-17) and the instructions of this Holy Book act as a divine invitation from our Lord. However, there is also another way of looking at this thought. While God is not willing that any should perish (2nd Pet. 3:9) and because he loved us “while we are yet sinners” (Rom 5:8), he extends his free invitation to all. Here it is: “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matt. 11:28-30). You see, God has so made us that he does give us a choice of how we are to live. The sad part of this thought is this: How much better off we would be by accepting him at his word instead of trying to futilely direct our own steps in life (Jer. 10:23). History has shown that some want to force their doctrine on others but our Lord says, “...and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Rev. 22:17). No man must try to force his convictions on anyone but out of our love for humanity, we must invite all to “taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psa. 34:8).

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
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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/KSRP



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Truman & Helen Coltrane
Van Driver: Daniel Wilson/773-6707
KYB Phone: Daniel Meinsen/E. Tieszen
Serve
Communion: Aubrey Cobb/Ted Crabtree
 Barney Crawford/Verl Duncan
 Tom Davis/Eddie Currier
 Greg Donoho/William Downing
 John Dutton/Tom Easterly

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer: Adam Barton
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Tim Bowling
Communion: T. Jobs/M. Keener
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, December 9

MORNING

Song Leader: Kerry Cole
Opening Prayer: Tim Timmons
Communion: Jackie Freeze
Closing Prayer: Dale Harp

EVENING

Larry Baggett
 Randy Blackburn
 T. Jobs/M. Keener
 Jason Luna

AM Nursery: Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn
PM Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll
Greeters: Jon & Coyeatte Ewing
Van Driver:

MONTH OF DECEMBER

AV Room: Scott Barton/
 Ron Stokes
**Secure Build-
 ing:** Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, December 5

Devotional: Tom Davis
Song Leader: Aaron Tovar
Prayer: Fred Lorenz
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
 849-7678