



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 16, 2012

Order of Worship

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#961

Reading:

2 John 1-6

Opening Prayer

Luis Tovar

"Listen to Our Hearts"

#874

#688

The Lord's Supper

Blanton Glenn

#343 (v. 1)

Contribution

Blanton Glenn

#697

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#714

Announcements

Bob Snider

#153

Closing Prayer

Paul Lines

"I WENT WALKING..."

"I went walking." "What did you see?..." So begins one of my little granddaughter's first books. It has occurred to me that these two phrases wouldn't be a bad way to summarize and to evaluate a year of my life—or even the whole thing, for that matter.

"Walking" is often used in the Bible in a figurative sense to signify "the whole round of the activities of the individual life" (Vine). My "walk" is the way I live, my lifestyle. When Scripture uses "walk" as an imperative and attaches a qualifier to it, it is telling me how to go about living well.

Walk WITH...the Lord. Remember that "Enoch walked with God, he was not..." (Gen. 5:24). A pretty good life story, huh? All of us are called to "walk humbly with [our] God" (Mic. 6:8). We can't do that while walking in the counsel of the wicked (Ps. 1:1), thus developing a character opposite of God's (1 Jn. 1:6).

Walk IN...the same way in which he walked. That's what a person who is abiding in him does (1 Jn. 2:6). The manner of life that results from this is characterized by love (Eph. 5:2), light—which is found in all that is good and right and true—(Eph. 5:8, 9), and wisdom (Eph. 5:15).

Walk BY...the Spirit. Live in keeping with what the Word he has revealed says, and let him bear his fruit in your life. "Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16).

Walk BEFORE...God. We must do so, both because he has blessed us so and because we will give an account to him. It was when the singer was gratefully contemplating these truths that he said, "I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living" (Ps. 116:9).

Walk WHILE...you can. The opportunity is not unlimited. Jesus said, "Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you...While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light" (Jn. 12:35, 36).

Walk UNTIL...you finish your course. Stay with it. Paul had a wonderful sense of satisfaction because he had done this (2 Tim. 4:7). It would be great to come to the end still walking.

This year I've been on a walk that is about over. What have I seen?

—Bill McFarland



*You are the
light of the
world. A city
set on a hill cannot be
hidden. (Matt. 5:14)*

Today's Messages:

AM: "... And Truth Came Through Jesus Christ."

PM: Dealing with Doubts

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 December 9

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| Bible Study: | 256 |
| Morning: | 346 |
| Evening: | 208 |
| Wednesday (12/12): | 210 |
| Contribution: | \$ 8,625 |



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider



Prayer List ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Alice Allen

♦ Marilyn Lanpher is recovering from wrist surgery; she would enjoy your visits while she cannot drive

Friends & Family

♦ Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks' father, as he is dealing with some very serious health issues

♦ 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

♦ Jim & Stephanie Phillips and 1-year old son Cashton, who was born prematurely and is near the end of his short life

♦ Betty Grabber's sister, Hazel Cook, as she continues to deal with health problems

♦ Dale Daniels, Alice's son, as he recovers from a heart attack

Prayer Request: Brent Looney responded Sunday asking for our prayers.



Congratulations to Adam and Sara Stipp on the arrival of Reed Jaxon Stipp, born last Monday. He weighed 9 lbs. I'm sure Dane is thrilled to have a baby brother! All are doing well.

Congratulations also to Dennis & Carolyn Smith on the arrival of their 1st great grandchild, Samuel Stephen Burk, born last Thursday to Stephen & Samantha Burk.



Congratulations to Amanda Lilly who graduated from MSU last Friday with a degree in Interior Design. She will be working for the company in Kansas City where she did her internship. We wish you well Amanda! Congratulations Russ & Elizabeth!



If you are interested in checking out the Jule Miller DVDs for teaching purposes, please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk.



Contribution Envelopes for 2013 are available in the office.

Expectant Moms

Leah Prewitt/boy/January
Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February
Tabitha Blaney/girl/March
Brittany Morrison/boy/March



My dear brothers & sisters in Christ, The love and support you continue to show my family is uncomprehendable! I can't tell you what it means to me. And with each act of love, it only makes me long for heaven even more! Thank you. Gaitha & children

Thank you for the cards, calls, flowers, balloon, food, visits, offers of help and especially your prayers while I was in the hospital. It is truly a privilege to be a member of such a caring and loving church. Love you all. Bob Snider

Thank you for your help and concern. The caroling was special. I'm managing, but lonely. Come visit. Love, Marilyn

Thank you so much for remembering us with the lovely poinsettia plant and for the nice visit by Jack and Rose Lynch. It's always nice to meet new friends. We love and appreciate you all and think of you often. Thank you all. Have a good holiday. Clyde & Doris Iorg

Thank you for the telephone calls, birthday cookies, cards and also for our anniversary cards. We love all of you. Denzil & Ruth Raines.

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

News & Activities



⇒ **TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES**—Youth white elephant gift exchange/Ugly Sweater party. Prizes for the ugliest sweater!! Pizza will be provided. Bring chips and drinks.

⇒ **January 4 LOCKIN.** Details to follow.

⇒ **January 18-20—Youth Outreach University (Y.O.U.) youth rally in Conway, AR.** \$30/student plus money for food. **WE NEED A FINAL LIST OF THOSE GOING BY DECEMBER 19.** See Adam if money is a problem.

Bob Evans Community Fundraiser for **Fair Haven Children's Home**
Tuesday, December 18,
7 AM—8 PM
Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales to Fair Haven when you present flyer at time of check out.



There will not be a 5th Sunday potluck but instead it will be on January 6.

Holiday Schedule

December 26—Combined Devotional in the Auditorium/no classes

December 30 PM—Adam will bring the lesson and explain our 2013 Daily Bible Reading

5th Sunday Contribution **December 30**

As has been our custom, the Elders ask that you contribute a little extra on the 5th Sundays and those funds will be used to pay on our building. Thank you for your many generous contributions in the past.



For our next book club meeting we are reading "What Do I Like About the HollyHocks?" by Dennis Smith. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14 here at the building from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Hope you will join us!

Baby Showers

January 6/Stephanie Schwartz

February 3/Tabby Blaney



Mark your calendars and plan to participate in Community Blood Center's blood drive here at the building Wednesday, January 9 from 5—8 p.m.



If you are currently receiving Christian Woman Magazine and would like to renew your subscription, or if you would like to start receiving it, please notify the office by December 31. The cost is \$15.98/yr.

Birthdays

23 Gabby Gellan
24 Linda Tracy
Greg Donoho
27 Lori Fisher
Josiah Downing
28 Eddie Currier
29 John Dutton
30 Lynn Luallin

Chinese hot pot dinner has been rescheduled to January 25.



Beginning in late January, Ruth Essex will be leading a study in the Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Class on the subject of "God's Woman: Feminine or Feminist?" What do the scriptures teach concerning God's wonderful plan for women in the church? Ladies, make your plans now to be a part of this important study.



"STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED"

By Dennis R. Smith

The importance of knowing the Bible is stressed often from the scriptures themselves. You can see this in the five passages below and notice the underlined and bold print which gives a sure lesson in each. (1) "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2nd Tim. 3:14-15). (2) "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1st Pet. 3:15). (3) "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). (4) "It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me" (John 6:45). (5) "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2nd Tim. 2:15). In review - wisdom comes from God - the scriptures make us wise - we will be able to give the correct answer - it is God's way of teaching us about him. Therefore, it is imperative that we search and study the Holy Bible. It is our only hope for eternity, plus it promises us a happier and more complete life while here on earth. You can depend on it!

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/KSRP



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves
Greeters: Fred & Norma Lorenz
Van Driver: Russell Lilly/839-4048
KYB Phone: Mary Jo Rookstool/Ann Thiesen
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: JJ Blevins
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Gene Lund
Communion: T. Jobs/M. Keener
Nursery: Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, December 23

| | MORNING | EVENING |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Song Leader: | Kerry Cole | Larry Baggett |
| Opening Prayer: | Jerry Young | Tim Bowling |
| Communion: | Oran Green | T. Jobs/M. Keener |
| Closing Prayer: | Eddie Sanders | John Mahon |

AM Nursery: Linda Currier
PM Nursery: Glenda Thurlkill
Greeters: Blanton & Betty Glenn
Van Driver: AM: James Simons/PM: Tucker Jobs

MONTH OF DECEMBER

AV Room: Scott Barton/
 Ron Stokes

Secure Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, December 19

Devotional: Adam Barton
Song Leader: Aaron Tovar
Prayer: Todd Kraus
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/
 207-7877