



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

August 4, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#523
#929
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Opening Prayer
John Stayton

#876

The Lord's Supper
John Mahon

Contribution
John Mahon

"In Christ Alone"
#954

Lesson
Bill McFarland

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Announcements
Bob Snider

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Closing Prayer
Bob Snider

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

Recognizing the New Testament Church

Here is something to be noted while we are working our way through Acts 18-21. These chapters are describing a period that is of great importance and of much interest where "the church of the Lord" is concerned (20:28). By this point in the record, congregations have been around for a while, and Paul stays with the two which are prominent in this section—the ones in Corinth and Ephesus—longer than with any others. There is both "increasing" as the Lord adds those he saves, and "strengthening" as the church settles into faithful living for the long haul (19:20; 18:23). The apostle is beginning to say his farewells, too, so what steadfast love for the Lord by the church will mean going forward is a significant question.

It surely must arrest our attention, then, when we come across the outward, observable examples of faithfulness to truth that are anticipated among the Lord's people in this section of Acts. One thing that is assumed to have occurred with all of them is baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus in believing obedience to the gospel which has been heard (19:5; 18:8). A second practice that is expected is the gathering of those who are in the Lord on the first day of each week to break bread (20:7). In so doing, the church both remembers its Lord and recognizes its own partnership in his body and his blood (cf. 1 Cor. 10:16, 17). The third quality anticipated in this section is congregational organization in which spiritually capable elders oversee by shepherding (20:17, 28). What is noteworthy is that these are at least three of the characteristics of the New Testament church.

We should not fail to observe that there are factors woven through the whole circumstance recounted in this part of Acts that suggest the weightiness of these characteristics. One is the presence of an apostle who is able to authoritatively correct what is amiss (19:4). Another is the attention to accuracy in the way of the Lord, even for very talented and sincere individuals, that is highlighted amidst these unfolding events (18:26). Yet another is the accent on the very personal warnings urging the necessity of alertness against twisted things (20:29-31). We get the definite impression that the kinds of things we are reading about are something more than electives, and that people who love the Lord steadfastly will not trifle with them.

The fact that there are other characteristics of the church that are called for in the New Testament, some of them inward, does not diminish the significance of these three. The church of the Lord baptizes people in his name so that their sins may be forgiven, meets on the first day of the week to partake of his table (cf. 1 Cor. 10:21), and is overseen by a group of spiritually mature men who shepherd it. Anyone can recognize whether these things are happening in any group. All of us are responsible for doing so.

—Bill McFarland

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

July 28

Bible Study:	242
Morning:	427
Evening:	206
Wednesday (7/31):	202
Contribution:	\$ 8,607



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider

- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton (it has been good to see Eula at worship services recently), Thelma Fain, Norman High, Greg Larimore, Wilma Melton
 - ♦ Blanton Glenn is now at home
 - ♦ Dale Harp is in Mercy Hospital
 - ♦ Carol Law (Gerri Dickens' sister) fell this past week and seriously injured her back and neck; she is in Cox South, room 816.
 - ♦ Linda Tracy is recovering from knee replacement surgery
 - ♦ Tim Marsolf is recovering at home from shoulder surgery
 - ♦ Leona Snider as the inflammation in the temporal arteries is worse. Doctors are trying a different way of treating it with weekly shots. Pray it will be successful.
 - ♦ Tim Timmons is still recovering at home from detached retina surgery
 - ♦ Pat and Regina Woods as they are in California
- Friends & Family**
- ♦ Amber Sardeson (Barney & Debbie's daughter) as she deals with some health issues
 - ♦ Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze, is now home with 24 hr. care
 - ♦ Joann McFarland is waiting for a new date for surgery
 - ♦ Continue to remember Gene Lund's brother, Bill Lund; Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, who are dealing with cancer
 - ♦ Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, as she makes decisions about future treatment; her address is P.O. Box 1524, Fulton, MS 38843
 - ♦ Noel Green's father-in-law, Dan Scott, as he continues to deal with serious health issues



- Long Term/
Shut-ins**
- Kay Adams
 - Shirley Bartlett
 - Doris Burch
 - Eula Compton
 - Fern Davis
 - Thelma Fain
 - Ella Mae Findlay
 - Chloe Gaddis
 - Doris Iorg
 - Irene Johnson
 - Carol Law
 - Carol Mahon
 - Wilma Melton
 - Betty Shaw
 - Doris Tobler
 - Judy Todd
 - Pat Woods



There isn't sufficient flow of speech to thank everyone for their prayers on behalf of Rick (son-in-law) while he has been recovering from surgery and illness. His down time has been very stressful. Thanks to all the prayers for him he is back to work and enjoying every minute of it. Water Mill church is a wonderful blessing. Thank you again

Mary Jo Rookstool

There are not adequate words to express our heartfelt appreciation to all of you for your thoughts, hugs, prayers, calls, cards and offers of help in light of the loss in our family. We rejoice that Christin is no longer in pain, but our hearts ache for Karl, Korbin & Alivia, and her family. We ask for continued prayers on their behalf as they struggle to live on without her. Thank you again for your prayers and showing the wonderful blessing this church family truly is! All our love, *Jason, Lora, Josh & Anna Luna*

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls and prayers. It means so much to me. You are a great group of people and I appreciate you all. *Tim Timmons.*

Thank you all for your continued prayers and cards and for the flowers that were delivered. It means so much to know that you care. In Christian Love, *Eula Compton*

Thanks so much for the lovely flower arrangement, cards and visits. I have appreciated your kindness. Good to make some new friends and see some old friends. In Christian love, *Mary Head.*

Thank you for all the concerns and prayers before, during and after my surgery. Thank you for all the cards, flowers, calls, visits and food. Also thanks to Scott & Melinda for bringing the "Smile" bouquet. God has blessed me with wonderful friends and a loving church family. In Christian love, *Linda Tracy*

Thank you for remembering me with the lovely "Smile Bouquet." Thank you Terry for delivering it to me. It really made a "ho-hum" day a brighter one. It's so wonderful to know we are not forgotten in the busy lives of our church family. Thank you so much for "Making My Day." Love you all. *Doris Iorg*

News & Activities

- **Golden Agers** meet today at 4 p.m. in room 126.
- **Next areawide youth night** is August 11 at Marshfield at 6 p.m.
- **Elders** meet August 13 at 1 p.m.



There WILL be a meeting today in room 126 after AM services to draw names for anyone interested in participating in **Prayer/Secret Sisters Program**. Please fill out one of the forms located on the Information Desk and bring to the meeting.



Our next blood drive is Wednesday, August 14, beginning at 4 p.m.

COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER has issued a **CODE YELLOW FOR A POSITIVE BLOOD TYPE**. We need at least 20 donors for us to continue as a donor site. Please sign up if you can help.

Ladies

Our next devotional time is Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Ewings' house. Erica will be giving a study and report on her recent mission trip.

Happy Hollow

There will be a planning meeting for the first annual **George Downing Memorial Golf Tournament** on Saturday, August 17th at 3 p.m. at the **Sunset Church of Christ**. If you are interested in attend this planning meeting, see **Eddie Sanders**.

Also, if you are interested in purchasing a brick to help with the **GEORGE DOWNING MEMORIAL POOL** at Happy Hollow, pick up a form from the Information Desk.

MEALS FOR THE SCHAPERS
IF YOU CAN PROVIDE A MEAL FOR **Grant & Jennifer Schaper** AFTER THE BABY ARRIVES, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET PROVIDED ON THE INFORMATION DESK.



Books for West Africa

Steven Ashcraft is gathering together books and other materials to ship to Africa. See Steven's e-mail posted on the bulletin board for a list of the kinds of books he is interested in. Books must be here at the building on August 18th.



Birthdays

12 Sandy Cole
Jacee Simons
13 Pat Milligan
Debbie Crawford
14 Bobbi Daniels
15 Becky Marsolf
Julie Alexander
17 Jason Trogdon

Remember the banana—when it left the bunch, it got skinned

“Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”
Hebrews 10:25



RETALIATION - NOT OF GOD!

By Dennis R. Smith

The meaning of the word “retaliate” means to make an attack or assault in return for a similar attack. I suppose that as long as this world has stood this attitude seems to prevail in almost all cases. Wars have been fought, businesses have slammed against each other and even husbands and wives have thought that the right thing to do was to retaliate. There is a saying, somewhat current, “I don’t get mad, I just get even.” While we say this in jest, I’m afraid that this is more the norm than the unusual. How sad it is and how wonderful it could have been through the ages if all of us could have acknowledged God’s position on this very animal-like passion. Why is it that we think we must get back at whomever or whatever it is that has cast a shadow on our proper identities? A look at scripture should help us to understand God’s viewpoint on this subject. Surely we have heard of the “turn the other cheek” syndrome (Matt. 5:39). And then there are others. For example Jesus said, “...do good to them that hate you and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you” (Matt. 5:44). Doesn’t sound like retaliation does it? Of course, there are others. “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, said the Lord” (Rom. 12:19). Yes, it could have been a more wonderful world to have lived in had we followed God’s instructions. By the way, this same God has much to say on forgiveness as well!

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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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Scott & Melinda Barton
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/343-7451
KYB Phone: Eddie & Linda Currier
Serve Matt Keener/Paul Lines
Communion: David Kern/Luke Lines
 Todd Kraus/Fred Lorenz
 Trevor Kraus/Jason Luna
 Russell Lilly/Gene Lund

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer: Fred Lorenz
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Dustin Stokes
Communion: T. Morrison/S. Prewitt
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, August 11

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer:	Luis Tovar	James Simons
Communion:	Andy McFarland	T. Morrison/S. Prewitt
Closing Prayer:	Dennis Smith	Tyler Thornton
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	Randy & Orvella Blackburn	
Van Driver:	Lance Griter/833-2818	

MONTH OF AUGUST

AV Scott Barton/
 Room: Bruce Tindall
 Open Tim Timmons
 Building
 Secure Justin Reaves/
 Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, August 7

Devotional: J.J. Blevins
Song Leader: Jeff Fisher
Prayer: Adam Barton
Van Driver: Jason Luna/
 838-7152