



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 5, 2014

TO THE CONGREGATION AT WATER MILL,

As we start this New Year 2014 with faith, hope, enthusiasm, and with the grace and knowledge of the love of God, we look back at our past and forward to our future as the Lord's church.

This will be the 75th year of the congregation of North National, now Water Mill Church of Christ. We thank God for all the past members who have labored to make this such a loving and active congregation. We thank God for the vision of the past elders, and for the tireless labor of the ministers who have brought us to this point in time. One of these visions was Fair Haven Children's Home. This will be the 50th year of serving the children at Fair Haven. Another vision was going forward with a new facility in which to worship and serve the Lord and relocating to our present location.

As we look at the present and the future, we thank God for our present members who continue to make Water Mill a loving and active congregation; for the deacons who serve as the Master Servant gave us examples; and for the ministers who are examples and work constantly with this great congregation.

Our pledge as shepherds is to continue to follow God's Word, to hold only to the examples found in the Holy Bible, and to keep watch as Acts 20:28 states.

Our prayer for each member is to have a blessed New Year, and that each of us will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

Elders,
Barney Crawford
Clay Joseph
Eddie Sanders
Bob Snider
Jerry Young

*"It is written,
'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "*
Matthew 4:4



Be sure to pick up your copy of our Daily Bible Reading Schedule for the 1st Quarter of 2014.

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 29

Bible Study:	246
Morning:	321
Evening:	208
Wednesday (1/1):	160
Contribution:	\$27,839



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders



Prayer List

♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Pat Harris, Norman High, Dale Harp, Leon Wake, Jackie Freeze, Cecil Lines

- ♦ Melinda Barton has one more treatment on Tuesday and then reconstruction surgery the end of February/1st of March when they will also remove her port.
- ♦ Kay Adams has been in Cox ICU but is now back at Manor Care.
- ♦ Greg Larimore is back home from Mayo Clinic; will return to Mayo in about 4 months for additional testing
- ♦ Truman Coltrane had a very serious procedure on his heart this past week at Mayo and then had a pacemaker/defibrillator put in last Thursday. They were scheduled to be home yesterday.
- ♦ Blanton Glenn as he continues to be in a lot of pain
- ♦ Donna Jordan had emergency gall bladder surgery over the holidays
- ♦ Little Austin Crabtree, Ted's grandson, has been in the hospital recently and continues to have some problems

Friends & Family

- ♦ Ann Freeze, Jo Baggett's mom, is now at Woodland Manor, Room C10. I'm sure she would love a visit.
- ♦ Betty Glenn's sister has been diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer
- ♦ Jan Bowling's aunt, Peggy Davidson, is doing much better
- ♦ Tim & Becky Marsoff's 2 year old granddaughter, Aviley, will see an infectious disease doctor this week
- ♦ Norman and Lucile High's granddaughter, Sarah Reynolds, who has a torn ligament in her ankle, and her husband Ray Reynolds, who has some ongoing health concerns
- ♦ Ruth Reaves' brother, Jim Hocker, has been diagnosed with cancer; cards of encouragement can be sent to him at 608 Cumberland, Hurst, TX 76054.
- ♦ Tim Stockstill's friend, David Crawford's dad
- ♦ Continue to remember Carolyn Young's sister, Nita; Jean Evans, Lyle Mishler's sister; who are dealing with cancer

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 Mahon
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods

Expectant Moms

Megan Jobs
(girl) (March)
Brittany Morrison
(?) (June)



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Gene Lund and his family in the loss of his brother Bill Lund, who passed away last Sunday. Gene & Ruth are in Arizona for the funeral. Gene's niece's husband also passed away last Sunday in Santa Fe, New Mexico.



We wanted to thank each of you so much for the cards, calls, and most of all the prayers during the loss of Aaron's grandmother. We are thankful for the wonderful church family we have here and appreciate you all! Love, Aaron and Brittany Morrison

To my Church Family, I want to thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards, hugs and best wishes for my birthday. You are all so special to me. Also thanks for the cookies. You made my day extra special. In Christian Love, Linda Tracy

I appreciate so much the many cards and phone calls for my birthday and during my recent illness. I am so blessed to have such a loving and caring Christian family. May God bless each of you.

Pat Harris

(See informative Christmas Letter from Marilyn Lanpher posted on the Bulletin Board.)

News & Activities



There will be a soup and sandwich luncheon today after services.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, especially our visitors.



The next book club meeting, is January 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library Station Panera Bread Company. We will discuss the following books: *The Prayer of Jabez* by Bruce Wilkinson, *A Woman's Call to Prayer* by Elizabeth George, *The Miracle* by Gilbert Morris, and *Epic* by John Eldredge

January Anniversaries

- 1 David & Debbie Kern 38 yrs.
- 2 Tim & Becky Marsolf 33 yrs.
- 5 Lonnie & Wanda Wilkinson 61 yrs.
- 13 Fred & Norma Lorenz 3 yrs.
- 16 Bill & Gail White 4 yrs.
- 17 Dennis & Carolyn Smith 61 yrs.

Congratulations

Upcoming Events

- ☞ Golden Agers meet today at 4 p.m.
- ☞ Secret Sisters will meet next Sunday after AM services to exchange names.
- ☞ Elders meet on January 14th at 1 p.m.
- ☞ Men's Retreat February 28-March 1 at the Wyndham Resort in Branson. Cost is \$40/person plus food costs. It's not too late to sign up.

Golden Messenger for January is available for everyone at the Information Desk.



Thank you for your continued dedication to the Lord's work here at Water Mill as evidenced by your very generous 5th Sunday contribution. You continue to be a blessing and an encouragement to us as we strive together to do the Lord's will. The Elders

New Phone Numbers

Blanton/Betty Glenn/(cell) 417-597-5830
Shaneice Alton/(cell) 417-763-0360

Middle School Area Wide Meeting

There will be a middle school Area Wide at Jackson Street church in Willard on Sunday, January 26 from 5-7 pm. Devotional and dinner included. This is for grades 5-8th. The subject will be "Turning your world upside down", a message from Acts. See Adam if you are interested in attending.



Birthdays

- 5 Gloria Luallin
- 6 Ben Lines
- 7 Bonnie Cole
- Layton Prewitt
- 8 Raymond Daniels
- 9 Megan Hollingsworth
- 11 Bill McFarland
- 14 Gayle Gaunt
- 15 Anita Cobb
- Jackie Freeze
- 17 Kyle Buckner
- 18 Rachel Johnston
- William Morrison

A GOOD THOUGHT FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

By Dennis R. Smith



That we truly can have an abundant life while here on earth is promised by the Lord Himself. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The Apostle Paul makes the same promise: "...godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1st Tim. 4:8). While many are seeking for the abundant life in such things as fame and fortune, the discovery of such begins with finding the real and right priority. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). Some things involved in putting God first are these: Realize that God cannot be found outside the teachings of scripture. Again, Jesus said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). The scriptures and they only constitute the truth about God and His promises. No doubt this is why Jesus spoke the following: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). A simple formula for the abundant life is this: Obedience to God; living for God; walking with God; being a servant of God and depending on the Promises of God until we finish our time here on earth. The abundant life here will be rewarded with Eternal Life in heaven! "If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

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
 Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission
 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: Bill & Gail White
Van Driver: Russell Lilly/839-4048
KYB Phone: John Dutton/Carol Tovar

Serve Matt Keener/Fred Lorenz
Communion: David Kern/Jason Luna
 Todd Kraus/Gene Lund
 Russell Lilly/Andy McFarland
 Luke Lines/Jerry Milligan

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jon Davis
Opening Prayer: Ron Stokes
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Larry Baggett
Communion: Steve Prewitt/James Simons
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, January 12

AM

PM

Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
Opening Prayer:	Luis Tovar	Aaron Tovar
Communion:	Aaron Morrison	S. Prewitt/J. Simons
Closing Prayer:	Jerry Young	Brian Carroll
Greeters:	Jerry & Carolyn Young	
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Van Driver:	Kevin Wuench/833-6134	

MONTH OF JANUARY

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

Wednesday, January 8

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader:
Prayer: Verl Duncan
Van Driver: Jason Luna/
 838-7152