



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 30, 2014

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#833
#345 (1,3,4)

Opening Prayer
Adam Blaney

#391
#568 (1,2,3)

The Lord's Supper
John Dutton

Contribution
John Dutton

#929

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#800

Announcements
Jerry Young

#93 (1,2,4)

Closing Prayer
Adam Eilenstein

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



What Happens Through A Congregation

We have been reading Paul's brief but beautiful letter to Titus, his fellow worker and true child in a common faith. The epistle is preoccupied with amazing grace, a people for the Lord's own possession, and threats to the good works that belong in their lives. One fascinating way to think through it is to pause and reflect on the purpose phrases the apostle employs. These clauses underline the necessity of what he is instructing Titus and the church in Crete to do. They are also valuable reminders to us about what happens as a congregation functions as it should.

"...that you might put what remained into order..." (1:5). This is how Titus is to understand his own ministry: not pointing out the weaknesses, not quitting over them, but helping to fix them. As near as I can tell, it's a task that is never finished.

"...that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it" (1:9). This is the purpose for the stewardship of elders who hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught. Serving in this way, they are the answer to many needs.

"...that they may be sound in the faith..." (1:13). This is why low character, unhealthy interest devotion to myths, and the commands of those who turn away from the truth are to be rebuked sharply. The point is not comfort but wholeness.

"...that the word of God may not be reviled" (2:5). Here is the reason for upright living in Christian households. It is hard for the world to find fault with faith that produces healthy, happy, holy families.

"...that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us" (2:8). In this line, attention is placed on the crucial necessity of integrity and dignity in Titus' own way of living and speaking. Failures here would bring delight to enemies of the cause of Christ.

"...so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior" (2:10). What makes the gospel look beautiful? That is the purpose of good faith, honest dealing, and unselfishness in all areas of everyday Christian living.

"...so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works" (3:8). This is the aim of the discipline of bringing the most common habits and interactions of life into line with the highest and holiest doctrines of our faith. We are neither what we once were nor what we are going to become, but heirs of the hope of life.

Our life together is important. Some things happen through it that can't be accomplished in some other way.

—Bill McFarland

Join Us For Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 PM!

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

March 23

Bible Study:	276
Morning:	347
Evening:	214
Wednesday (3/26):	197
Contribution:	\$10,226



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Greg Larimore, Dale Harp (good to see Dale with us last Sunday)
 - ◆ Norman High will be taking chemo every week now
 - ◆ Kay Adams is doing better and has been moved to Specialty Hospital
- Friends & Family**
- ◆ Mary Bratcher's son, Bruce, is now at home
 - ◆ Stacy Huett, Earl & Reba's daughter-in-law, has been diagnosed with breast cancer
 - ◆ Robb Hadley, a minister with the Center Street Church in Fayetteville, is in the hospital in Fayetteville with a blood clot in his liver
 - ◆ Connie Fortner's father is in Mercy Hospital
 - ◆ Continue to remember Carolyn Young's sister, Nita; Jean Evans, Lyle Mishler's sister; and Ruth Reaves' brother, Jim Hocker, who are dealing with cancer



Congratulations to Tucker and Megan Jobs on the safe arrival of McKenna Laine born Tuesday evening weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. All are doing well.

Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Chloe Gaddis
Mary Head
Doris Iorg
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods

Expectant Mom

Brittany Morrison
(girl) (June)



We have scheduled photography dates with Lifetouch Photography to begin the process of a new pictorial directory.

Mark these dates on your calendar and watch for more information about scheduling.

June 5, 6, 7
June 19, 20, 21

Congratulations to Rylee Simons who finished 2nd in the All Around at the State Gymnastics Competition. Good job Rylee!



April Anniversaries

3 Travis/Jill Morrison 15 yrs.
6 John/Lisa Stayton 18 yrs.
7 Gaylen/Dedra Jones 24 yrs.
11 Carl/Yvonne Tindall 60 yrs.
13 Mark/Deniece Breckner 20 yrs.
18 Jeff/Elaina Treat 27 yrs.
23 Chris/Regina Wiseman 15 yrs.
26 Byrle/Virginia Hayter 51 yrs.
Congratulations

Area Events

Gospel Meeting with Lance Cordle, "Would you Believe?" at the Hillcrest Church of Christ/March 30—April 2

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Ladies Retreat with Becky Blackmon at the Fordland Church of Christ April 11-12

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Gospel Meeting with Randy Carr April 13-16/Lincoln Church of Christ

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Gospel Meeting with Bill McFarland/April 27-30/Sparta Church of Christ
See Flyers on the Bulletin Board

New Address

Lucille Ford
2712 Cottonwood Lane
Balch Springs, TX
75180
(with her son)



Daily Bible Reading Schedules for the Second Quarter are available at the Information Desk. Be sure to pick up a copy and get started on the new quarter this week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthdays
6 Jon Davis
Devin Nimmo
Carl Tindall
8 Ola Jean Feeney
9 Julie Thornton
10 Isaac Tovar

News & Activities

Upcoming Events



⇒ *Anyone interested in working on cancer caps meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. Please bring your scissors and come help out. We will be cutting, packaging and sewing the caps.*

- ⇒ April 5 Happy Hollow Cleanup day
- ⇒ April 5 Devo at James River Nursing Home at 2 p.m. All who can are encouraged to attend.
- ⇒ April 6 Golden Agers meet at 4 p.m.
- ⇒ April 8 Elders meet at 1 p.m.
- ⇒ April 15 Quilters meet at 10



- ⇒ April 13 LTC Preview after evening service
- ⇒ April 18-19 LTC Convention
- ⇒ April 20 Awards Ceremony after PM service
- ⇒ April 25-27 Hammond Mill Retreat
- ⇒ May 31—AWY Summer Kickoff Event

LTC Puppets & Drama teams meet TODAY after Potluck.

POTLUCK

Today after AM services.

Team No. 2 is responsible for working: Megan Glenn, Keener, Crawford, Carroll, Wilson, Buck, Blaney, Marsolf, Cobb, Low Families
We encourage all to stay for lunch and *we especially invite our visitors to stay and enjoy a good meal and let us get to know you better.*

Ladies Day

April 12



Our contest this year for Ladies Day will be best/cutest Rain Attire. Also we need ladies to bring any & all umbrellas for decor. Bring them to anyone on the committee or



leave them in the office. Sign up sheets are on the Information Desk for food, cleanup, etc.

Thrift Haven needs your used furniture. Call them at 882-3392 and they will be happy to pick it up.

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	Russell Lilly
Tim Bowling	Aaron Morrison
Tim Buckner	Travis Morrison
Tom Davis	James Simons
Jim Elliff	John Stayton
Jon Ewing	Mike Thurlkill
Matt Keener	

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



MORE THAN CONQUERORS

By Dennis R. Smith

Victory and defeat are at opposite ends of a pole. None of us like to be defeated. We all enjoy a victory. When our favorite teams are playing and we have picked them to win only to see them go down in defeat, there is a certain sadness which is felt. There is always a degree of sadness with all our losses. In the course of our individual lives there will be times of victory, but also there will be times of defeat even though we might have worked so hard on a given project. When we are not victorious (successful), it is not the end of the world. What we must do is to pick ourselves up and start all over again. There are many things in this life that will defeat us. Disappointments rank high on that list. But, whatever it is, we have been promised by God that if we remain faithful to him in all things we can become *"more than conquerors through him that loved us"* (Rom. 8:37). First, may I say, that we have won a great victory each day just to be alive and for this we must be most thankful. Life can be a beautiful thing but only if we have learned to put God first in our lives and seek his will even when defeats occur. If we would be fair - and only if we knew - probably those of whom we think are so successful had their share of defeat also. I offer the following as my advice: *"...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day"* (2nd Tim. 1:12).

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: Jan Bowling
Greeters: Gene & Ruth Lund
Van Driver: Tyler Thornton/840-6303

KYB Phone: Megan Glenn/Mary J. Rookstool

Serve Ron Stokes/Van Barnes
Communion: Carl Tindall/Adam Barton
 Luis Tovar/Randy Blackburn
 Kevin Westerman/Tim Bowling
 Aaron Alexander/Jackie Buck

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Scott Nichols
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Dennis Smith
Communion: Briley Ewing/Luke Lines
Nursery: Linda Barnett

NEXT WEEK, April 6

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
Opening Prayer:	Ron Stokes	Tim Stockstill
Communion:	Don Essex	F. Lorenz/J. Luna
Closing Prayer:	Van Barnes	Adam Barton
Greeters:	Jerry & Pat Milligan	
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Van Driver:	Travis Morrison/343-7451	

MONTH OF MARCH

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

Wednesday, April 2

Devotional: Dale Gregory
Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Prayer: Gene Lund
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
 849-7678