



Weekly Newsletter

February 22, 2015

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Davis

#844 (twice)
#866
#215

Opening Prayer
Jerry Young

#730 (1,2)
#299 (1,2,4)

The Lord's Supper
David Kern

Contribution
David Kern

#883

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#499 (1,4)

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

#680 (1,3)

Closing Prayer
Fred Lorenz

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



From the Elders to the Water Mill congregation

We know that Clay and Sharon's suddenly necessary move away from us has made one thing apparent to all of us: the need for our congregation to have spiritual leadership in place that will serve us well both now and in the future. This is something that has been on our minds as your elders for some time now. We would like to move toward adding to our eldership, if possible, and we want to ask for your help and support in the process.

This will be, of course, a very important time in our life together. Elders are responsible in serving the spiritual needs of the church, in unifying the body so it can function, and in watching for souls. We know we can only take a step like this if we can do it according to the will of the Lord, and if we can do it together.

We propose about a three-month process. First, let's pray it through, both individually and as a congregation. These next few weeks, we will have some studies on the place prayer has in things like this. We ask that you pray fervently every day that the Lord will provide, and that his will may be done in his church. During this time, please just pray—do it without forming any lists of names that you think should be considered. Simply pray.

After that, we will spend a few weeks in the Scriptures together to refresh our thinking about what kind of tasks overseers have, and how shepherds are to go about their work, and what kind of men the Lord says it takes. This would be good for us anyhow, but it is especially necessary in allowing the Lord's word to be our guide through this process.

Then after that, Lord willing, we will take a few weeks to see if we, together, can identify some brothers who are ready to be appointed to this role. Though we who are your current elders recognize our ultimate responsibility, we envision this process as a partnership between all of you, our preachers, and ourselves.

If we can all handle it wisely and well, this will be a time of possibility and promise for us as a congregation. Let's give our thoughts, our words, and our actions to making it so.

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

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

February 15

Bible Study:	239
Morning:	303
Evening:	133
Wednesday (2/18):	60
Contribution:	\$7,291



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders



- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Greg Larimore, Estel Pendergrass, Mary Head and Dale Harp. Dale is now under hospice care
- ◆ Fred Lorenz will have outpatient surgery Friday to put in a pacemaker
- ◆ Clarence and Ola Jean Feeney are experiencing health issues
- ◆ Shawna Stockdale is now at home recovering from back surgery
- ◆ Rachel Lilly is now home with Russell & Elizabeth
- ◆ Amanda Lilly will see the neurosurgeon 2/24.
- ◆ Betty Stockstill is having some health problems
- ◆ Becky Marsolf is recovering from surgery
- ◆ Continue to remember Clay and Sharon in your prayers and send cards as often as you can. Sharon is still holding her own.

Friends & Family

- ◆ Jon Ewing's brother, Mike, is at Mercy Villa, Room 318.
- Carolyn Young's sister, Nita along with her husband George
- Gaitha's mother-in-law, Joyce Harmon, who is dealing with breast cancer, has now finished chemo and will start radiation soon

**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
Sherry Sherman
Nancy Snider
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods



Expectant Moms

Sara Keener/girl/Tuesday
Leah Prewitt/boy/March



Congratulations to Aaron & Stephanie Schwartz on the arrival of Carter James who was born Sunday evening. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. All are doing well. He arrived just in time to celebrate his brother Aiden's 2nd birthday today. Congratulations.

Also, Tim and Becky Marsolf are in New Orleans to welcome their 11th grandchild, Haddox Eugene, born Wednesday to Jed and Erin. His 4 sisters welcomed him.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal	Boxed Meals
Canned Meals	Peanut Butter
Jelly	Canned Corn
Jell-O	Pudding

Place items in the can in the fellowship room. Thanks.



New phone # for Julie Alexander:
417-450-2807



Birthdays
1 Devin Carroll
4 Levi Nichols
Gabe Young-Brown
5 Bill White
6 Haddy Blaney
Paul Lines

Check our web site, www.watermillchurchofchrist.org, for weekly sermons. Also available are Bill's Sunday AM Bible class lessons AND Wednesday evening Bible class lessons (audio), current and older bulletins, the monthly calendar and NOW A LINK TO OUR DAILY BIBLE READING, both audio (being read by Bill and Adam) and text. Thanks John Hulett for all your extra work to get our audio daily Bible reading up and running.

News & Activities

Upcoming Events

- [Golden Agers](#) meet next Sunday at 4 p.m.
- [March 7—James River Nursing Home Devo](#) at 2 p.m.
- [Daylight savings time](#) begins March 8
- [Singing Class](#) March 8 at 4:30 p.m.
- [Book club meeting](#) Monday, March 9th. We are reading books by Melanie Dickerson
- March 29—[5th Sunday Potluck](#)
- March 29—[5th Sunday Contribution](#)
- [LTC Convention](#) April 3-4

Fordland Church of Christ

Marriage Retreat in Branson
March 14-15 (Register by 3/1)

Guest Speaker: Eric Owens
(See brochure on bulletin board)



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

“Beyond The Masquerade”

Each Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Books are available in the office for you to purchase for \$10.

Here’s the schedule:

*Feb. 26th - “Spotting a Fraud”
- Ruth Essex*

March 5 - “Dodging the Snob Mob” - Jill Morrison

**COME JOIN US FOR THIS
EXCITING STUDY!!**

Members & Visitors, please fill out an attendance card.

Adam was unable to reschedule the areawide Youth Night at Water Mill. If you brought cookies last Sunday, they are now in the freezer. If you choose to leave them here, they can be used for the 5th Sunday Potluck (if Bill and Adam don't eat them all before March 29).

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
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



“...and the Younger as Sisters”

By Dennis R. Smith

In 1st Timothy 5, the Apostle Paul leads off by informing Timothy how he should act with certain ones in the church. His words are worthy of our attention today. *“Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. Honour widows that are widows indeed.”* These words let us see that our relationship to each must be as close as our own father, mother, brother or sister. Notice especially the emphasis on the later which states *“with all purity.”* David Lipscomb and J. W. Shepherd in their comments on the younger sisters are as follows, *“The younger women must be treated by him (Timothy) in all purity. Let no impure thought or practice be cherished in your association with them. (What miserable scandals would have been avoided in all ages if this had been constantly remembered).”* Those of us who have been blessed with dear and precious sisters can most assuredly relate to these instructions. The church has been blessed with beautiful and godly women in every congregation. Some of the most wonderful works of the Lord - both then and now - have been accomplished by faithful Christian women. Men, let’s take Paul’s advice here in our relationship to them all. Perhaps we should also include the words of John who often referred to both men and women as *“little children.”* (See all of 1st John). Nothing deserves more respect than our daughters and granddaughters - unless in the church - they be the daughters and granddaughters of someone else. Think on this!

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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Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Donna Jordan/Meredith Reaves
Greeters: Byrle & Virginia Hayter
Van Driver: Adam Stipp/844-6564
KYB: Verl Duncan/John Dutton
Serve Jackie Buck/Brendan Carroll
Communion: Aubrey Cobb/Barney Crawford
Eddie Currier/Tom Davis
William Downing/John Dutton
Tom Easterly/Briley Ewing

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Van Barnes
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Andy McFarland
Communion: Jack Lynch/John Mahon
Nursery: Linda Currier

NEXT WEEK, March 1

AM

Song Leader: Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing
Opening Prayer: Andy McFarland
Communion: Russell Lilly
Closing Prayer: Aaron Morrison

PM

Greeters: Jerry & Pat Milligan
Van Driver: Team Hulett/889-5344
AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
PM Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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

Wednesday, February 25

Devotional: Jon Ewing
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Prayer: Jon Davis
Van Driver: Ethan Mather/
521-8834