



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 21, 2016

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

Greeting

Opening Prayer
Paul Lines

The Lord's Supper
Jon Davis

Contribution
Jon Davis

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Bill McFarland

Announcements
Bob Snider

Closing Prayer
Russell Lilly

Elder of the Month
Bob Snider

ARE WE TRUTHFUL IN OUR SINGING?

By Dennis R. Smith

The Apostle Paul, in his instructions concerning the public worship, made the following statement: “.. *I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also*” (1st Cor. 14:15b). The purpose of this article is to focus on the word “understanding” in the above text. Do we really understand its full meaning? As we sing many of the beautiful hymns of the church and call out the wording which relates great lessons to us, are we truthful to the song and more especially are we truthful with ourselves and to God?

Taking a break here we will go back to the word “understand.” In the King James version of the Bible this word and its derivatives appear over 300 times. Let’s take a look at some of these: “*Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is*” (Eph. 5:17). “*That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend (know- understand) with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God*” (Eph. 3:17-19). Even the basic principles of salvation are based on the understanding of what is taught from the scriptures. “*No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 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 6:44-45).

Making application to the above and the title of this article, let’s take the beautiful and informative song “**I Love Thy Kingdom Lord.**” I wonder sometimes if we fully understand what the kingdom is and if we do, are we actually truthful in singing “I love thy Kingdom, Lord?” Based on Matthew 3:2 as well and 4:17, both John the baptist and Jesus declare “...*for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!*” The meaning here is that the kingdom was yet to come. After the beginning of the church (Acts 2) the kingdom is spoken of in the present tense (Colossians 1:13). In short, the bible teaches that the kingdom and the church are one and the same. Since this is true, we must go a few steps further and understand that Christ’s church and Christ’s kingdom is composed of people. **Point of Fact!** In keeping with 1st John 4:20, how can we sing “**I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord**” and at the same time have no love for some of the people in the church? “*If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?*” This scripture calls that man a “liar!” One final question: Which is worse to CALL a man a liar or to SING a lie in the presence of God as we attempt to offer our worship to Him “..*in spirit and in TRUTH*” (John 4:24)?

Prayer List and 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 14

Bible Study:	NA
Morning:	NA
Evening:	309
Wednesday (2/17):	212
Contribution:	\$ 5,472
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(2,295)

THANK YOU to all who helped make Youth Night at Water Mill a great success. Thanks to all who provided drinks & cookies; to the youth parents for the sandwiches & serving everyone; to those who conducted the service; and thanks to you who attended to show your encouragement and support to our great Youth Group.

Thank you!



Hillcrest High School

Here's a note from a counselor at Hillcrest after backpacks were delivered last week: "Wow. I am blown away at the generosity of your church family. God's timing is always perfect. Andy and I were just chatting about the need for backpacks recently and like manna from above...we have backpacks! Thank you, thank you! Please express our gratitude to those who have shined Jesus to our students at Hillcrest."

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Marsha Bower, Dale Harp, Thelma Pendergrass, Jackie Buck, Bill Culley
- ◆ Denzil Raines is recovering from foot surgery
- ◆ Connie Fortner has been in Cox South this past week with blood pressure issues
- ◆ Tim Timmons will have another biopsy tomorrow; results of biopsy will dictate further treatment
- ◆ Ruth Essex will have carotid artery surgery but does not have a date yet.
- ◆ Seldon Essex and his ongoing health issues

Friends & Family

- ◆ Leah Freeze's mom, Glynda Gardner, as she becomes weaker due to her continuing battle with cancer
- ◆ Darren Wake and Tina Orum's dad, Leon Wake, who has made slow progress but is still very ill
- ◆ Carol Tovar's mom, Patricia Washburn, will have a lumpectomy tomorrow; her address is P.O. Box 1355, Forsyth, MO 65653.
- ◆ Barry Hannah's sister-in-law, Claudeen Hannah, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Marla Wuench's cousin in NC, Gretchen Harrell.
- ◆ Jim Elliff's mom, Lorene, is progressing in rehab. Her current address is "The Meadows, P.O. Drawer 126, Fulton, MS 38843."
- ◆ Bill White's niece, Linda West, has cancer in one of her kidneys; will make decisions after PET scan
- ◆ Coyeatte Ewing's dad, Jim Hammond, and his ongoing health concerns
- ◆ Ruth Reaves' brother, Jimmie Hocker, as he deals with cancer
- ◆ Debra Davis' 19-year old great-niece, Courtney Price, as she deals with leukemia
- ◆ Nadean Green's friend, Sandy Mavernik, is in Cox Meyer Rehab and needs our prayers.
- ◆ Dylan Lewis, grandson of former members Monty & Lucy Lewis, is recovering from a dirt bike accident

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams
Marsha Bower
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Ella Mae Findlay
Ann Freeze
Chloe Gaddis
Jerry Gillespie
Dale Harp
Doris Iorg
Thelma Pendergrass
Sandra Pengenot
Nancy Snider
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd

Expectant Mom

Sara Stipp/July

Are you keeping up with your "Be a Blessing" work? Hopefully you have been blessed yourself by being there for others. There are additional forms for you to keep up with your contacts located at the Information Desk. Watch next week's bulletin for our next meeting time!

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.

—Smile—

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

News and Activities

New Sunday Evening Series Begins

If someone were to experience death, see what's on the other side, and come back from it, what would he talk about? Interesting to think about, isn't it? We can't help but think such conversations would reassure us about what is real, rearrange our mixed up priorities, and reorder our everyday conduct.

But wait. Jesus *did* pass through the valley of the shadow, enter the realm of death, and return, having been loosed from its pangs. During a period of forty days, at different times and places, he appeared to individuals and groups to prove it. He talked with them, ate and drank with them, and invited their stares and touches.

So what did he teach during that time? What did he talk about? How did it impact the life and the spirit of the church in its formation and its work? And what should it mean in our own experience while we are finishing our journey through this world and awaiting our departure from it?

That will be the theme of our studies these next few Sunday evenings, starting this evening. Be with us if you can. This is a series that will both challenge us and comfort us. —Bill

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Scott Barton	417-234-2679
Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Jon Ewing	417-569-8698
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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Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney	304-520-9800
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Deacons

Tim Buckner	Aaron Morrison
Tom Davis	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	James Simons
Matt Keener	John Stayton
Russell Lilly	Mike Thurkill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

Ladies Bible Class

Thursday Ladies Class will meet on **Thursday at 10:30 a.m.** The topic will be **"Beyond Road Rage"** taught by Jill Morrison. All ladies who can are encouraged to attend.

- **Quilters** meet March 1 at 10 a.m.
- **James River Nursing Home devo** on March 5 at 2 p.m.
- **Elders** meet March 8 at 5 p.m.

Navigating the Seas of Life Hillcrest Church of Christ March 5

Sign up at the Information Desk if you are interested in attending the Saturday session. Melinda Barton will be taking a group but you need to sign up by the 28th if you plan to go so she can notify the Hillcrest church.



Women Walking With God conference, The Greatest of these is Love, at the Hartman Arena, Park City, KS, April 15-16
See Brochure on the Bulletin Board.



- ◆ 5/28 Ultimate AWY day
- ◆ 6/7-16—West Virginia Mission Trip

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

LTC Dates

- ◆ Puppets/Drama meet after services (all day) on 2/21, March 6, 13, 20
- ◆ 2/16 Pre-convention 2 deadline
- ◆ 2/29 Registration deadline
- ◆ 3/20 Presentation night after evening services
- ◆ 3/25-27 Convention

Birthdays

3/1 Devin Carroll
3 Ted Crabtree
4 Levi Nichols
Gabe Young-Brown
5 Bill White (93)



The next book club meeting will be March 14th. We will be reading the following three Biblical Historical Fiction books:

The Death of Abel by Solomon Gessner,
Ninth Witness by Bodie & Brock Thone,
Unafraid by Francine Rivers
See Linda Currier if you have questions.



Our library in room 134 is open and ready for you to check out a good book. Just fill in the information on the Book Check Out sheet on the clip board provided and return the book when you are finished.

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Brendan & Jenny Carroll*
Van Driver: *Dustin Stokes/840-8160*
Serve Communion: *Dustin Stokes/Randy Blackburn
Kevin Westerman/Brock Snitker
Patrick Springer/JJ Blevins
Ron Stokes/William Downing
Jackie Buck/Brian Carroll*

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Adam Blaney*
Opening Prayer: *Byron Nichols*
Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
Closing Prayer: *Jerry Milligan*
Communion: *Jason Luna/Gene Lund*

NEXT WEEK (February 28)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	<i>J. Ewing/K. Cole</i>	<i>Adam Blaney</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Aaron Morrison</i>	<i>Patrick Springer</i>
Communion:	<i>Tom Davis</i>	<i>J. Luna/G. Lund</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Andy McFarland</i>	<i>Scott Nichols</i>
Greeters:	<i>Barney & Debbie Crawford</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Brock Snitker/405-694-9774</i>	

Wednesday, February 24:

Devotional: *Aaron Morrison*
Song Leader: *John Mahon*
Prayer: *James Simons*
Van Driver: *Travis Morrison/343-7451*

MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

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

We need YOU in Sunday School each week!

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

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



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