



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 20, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Verl Duncan

Song Leader

Travis Morrison

#866

#111

#144

Opening Prayer

Clarence Feeney

#757

The Lord's Supper

Larry Baggett

Contribution

Larry Baggett

#627

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#337

Announcements

Bob Snider

#392

Closing Prayer

Jackie Freeze

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

"That Cannot Be Shaken"

Scenes from the aftermath of the earthquake in Japan, as from other earthquakes in the past, have reminded us of the tremendous force which is unleashed by the shaking of the earth. Human beings are helpless in the face of that kind of power.

We can, though, learn some lessons from it. The Bible uses the shaking of the earth to illustrate some important points.

One is that we must listen to God. Remember that at Mt. Sinai the voice of God shook the earth. The mountain quaked as He spoke, so that Moses trembled with fear and the people begged for Him to say no more (Heb. 12:19,21). The Hebrew writer pressed the point home: "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh" (Heb. 12:25). If they could not escape Him who spoke at the mountain, how much less can we escape Him as He speaks through His Son.

A second point is that we need to live in view of judgment. The Hebrew writer noted that God had promised, "Yet once more will I make to tremble not the earth only, but also the heaven" (Heb. 12:26). He explained that this signifies the removal of those things that have been made so that only those things which are not shaken may remain (Heb. 12:27). We then should build our hope upon what is eternal and unchanging.

A third fact is that we are blessed wonderfully in Christ. We are "receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken" (Heb. 12:28). Our citizenship is in a kingdom which can never be defeated nor destroyed. Our Lord will rule triumphantly over it until all enemies are abolished, and He will then deliver up the kingdom to the Father (1 Cor. 15:24). We are secure in His kingdom, with nothing to fear.

"Wherefore ... let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe" (Heb. 12:28).

- Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: What the God Who is Love Hates

PM: "Have a Disaster Plan."

Prayer List & Activities

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 13

Bible Study:	264
Morning:	352
Evening:	230
Wednesday (3/16):	236
Contribution:	\$10,099



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider

Upcoming Events

- ✿ **Scrapbooking, card making, or any other papercrafting** at the building on **March 25th from 5 p.m. until!** Please bring projects that you are working on and your supplies. Snacks and drinks will be provided. **Sign up on the information desk** so we know how many to expect. If you have any questions, contact Debbie or Bekah Meinsen.
- ✿ **Youth Night** tonight at Southside in Ozark
- ✿ **Ladies Book Club** meets tomorrow night from 6-9 p.m. at the Library Station Panera Bread on N. Kansas Expressway.
- ✿ **Kids & Family** will have a get-together on April 3 after AM services. Watch for more info!!!!
- ✿ **Titus 2 class** will meet April 9 at 9 a.m. to make tissue paper flowers for Mother's Day. See Sandy Penner if you have questions.
- ✿ **Titus 2 Summer Program:** there will be a meeting on April 10 after AM services for all those interested in helping with the Titus 2 program this summer. There is a sign-up sheet on the information desk if you are interested in helping or see Angela Morton.
- ✿ **LTC Puppets & Drama** meet next Sunday all day
- ✿ **LTC Meeting for everyone involved** next Sunday after AM service at front of auditorium



The Elders request the presence of all men of the congregation at an important meeting today at 4 p.m. in Room 126.



- ✿ **Debbie Crawford** received good news from her recent tests
- ✿ **Clay** received a good report from his doctor's visit at Vanderbilt
- ✿ **Eula Compton & Annie Overstreet** are not feeling well
- ✿ **Ella Smith** is still having problems associated with the fall she suffered a few weeks ago
- ✿ **Gertrude Hughes'** surgery went well and she is now back at the nursing home in Bolivar
- ✿ **Ann Thiesen** as she prepares for her trip back to Malawi.

Friends and Family:

- ◇ **Dale Cole**, Bonnie's son & Kerry's brother, is in the hospital in Rolla with a trace of pneumonia and some heart concerns
- ◇ Norma Lorenz's great granddaughter, **Shaylynn Duncan** will have surgery on 4/4 for cervical cancer; they feel the cancer is contained
- ◇ Norman & Lucile's great grandson, **Dylan**, in Houston, TX
- ◇ **Mark Best**, 4th grader at Strafford, as he awaits a donor for a bone marrow transplant

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Connie Thompson (Vern's wife) in the loss of her daughter, Jacqueline Lewis. Visitation is tonight from 6-8 p.m. at Greenlawn North; funeral service will be tomorrow at 3 p.m. at Greenlawn North.



Long-Term

- Kay Adams
- Paul Bratcher
- Doris Burch
- Bonnie Cole
- Lucille/Milton Ford
- Donna Harcrow
- Herman Harris
- Clay Joseph
- Marilyn Lanpher
- Jarita Nimmo
- Betty Shaw
- Doris Tobler
- Pat Woods
- Military:**
- Cody Newman
- Elaine Noe

Expectant Moms

- Angela Morton** (??) (May)
- Summer Azeez** (boy) (June)
- Megan Crum Hollingsworth** (Aug)

Activities & Notes



Ladies Spring Tea/April 16th from 10 am to 2 pm



The sign-up sheets for the Spring Tea are on the information desk. Each member is invited to bring one guest, so please sign your name as well as the name of your guest. Also on the information desk will be an information sheet with further details on the event as well as sign-up sheets for the areas we need help in--food, **table decorating**, prayers, and several others.

To help with decorating, Jill Morrison is asking for **white Christmas lights**. You will need to mark your lights with your name on tape or a tag. Let Jill know if you can help with this.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Gene Lund	417-343-5783
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 Minister

Andrew Morton	417-712-4809
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Shannon Haddock
Tim Bowling	Matt Keener
Tim Buckner	Russell Lilly
Tom Davis	Paul Lines
George Downing	Jim Meinsen
Jim Elliff	Travis Morrison
Jon Ewing	James Simons

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



We have just learned recently about the Beach Family from the Strafford area who lost their baby and their mobile home in a fire a few weeks ago. They have 5 children age 6 or under. They are living with different people until the mobile home is repaired. I have posted a sheet on the bulletin board and there is a copy at the information desk of things that are needed. You can bring the items to the church and Anita Cobb will make sure they receive them. If you need more information, you can contact Maria Long at 736-2177. Thanks as always for your caring hearts.



Birthdays Next Week
28 Lucile High
Marlene Matthews
29 Oran Green
Tom Davis
30 Mary Bratcher
Glenda Thurlkill
Brian York
31 Andrew Morton
Happy Birthday



Dear Friends, We appreciate so much your interest and support during the long illness and death of our dear sister Joyce. Thank you for the calls, cards food and prayers. In Christian love, **Ann & Gerald Nichols**

Dear Church Family, I wanted to thank everyone who brought things or donated money to the Haven girls that were burned. It is so awesome to see all that was given. You are such a blessing. I know they really appreciated it too. Still keep them in your prayers. That's the only thing they need the most. Thanks again. **Leah Prewitt**

Dear Water Mill Family, We appreciated all of the cards and prayers when my father passed. A very special thank you to Dennis for a wonderful service and to Kerry for such beautiful singing. In Christian Love, **James, Lori, Scarlett & AJ McCall**



"THAT DAY AND THAT HOUR"

By Dennis R. Smith

What a terrible and tragic disaster it was which hit the country of Japan recently. As we looked at the pictures which were the result of a horrible earthquake followed by a tsunami of giant proportions, it does make us wonder if God is trying to tell us something. Especially is this true when we try to make the following scriptures literal instead of spiritual: "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places" (Matt. 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:10-11). While we focus on past history and find that not only have these natural disasters occurred before, but the same can be said of those who think "the day and the hour of the Lord" is immediately upon us. Please do not think that I am making light of this horrible situation or the Lord's Second Coming, but these things do teach us a lesson that we never know what might happen to us in the next few moments. Life is as a "vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). In view of this, we must be ready to meet our Lord at any time. If the Lord himself does not know when he will come (Mark 13:32), nor do we know when the next natural disaster might occur, let us always then be ready regardless of "the day or the hour" putting our faith and trust in God to deliver us into His Everlasting Arms - WHENEVER!

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

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
 Voice of Truth International
 Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
 World Christian Broadcasting
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
 Lincoln Church of Christ
 Fair Haven Children's Home

"In Search Of The Lord's Way"
 7:00 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"Know Your Bible"
 10:30 A.M. Sundays
 Springfield 33
 KSPR-TV



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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday



Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling
Greeters: Tim & Jan Bowling
Van Driver: James Simons/732-5641
KYB Phone: Eddie & Linda Carrier
Serve Jeff Treat/Kevin Westerman
Communion: Jeremy Thurlkill/Mike Thurlkill
 Tyler Thornton/Aaron Tovar
 Daniel Tovar/Isaac Tovar
 Luis Tovar/Don Tracy

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer: John Hulett
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Clay Joseph
Communion: Kyle/Tim Buckner
Nursery: Lee Donoho/Karen Duncan

NEXT WEEK, March 27

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer:	Oran Green	Matt Keener
Communion:	Tim Bowling	Kyle/Tim Buckner
Closing Prayer:	Dale Gregory	Matt Kelley
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Jackie & Virginia Buck	
Van Driver:	Russell Lilly/839-4048	

MONTH OF MARCH

Ushers: Matt Keener/
John Stayton
AV Room: Ron Stokes/
Scott Barton
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, March 23

Devotional: Adam Barton
Song Leader: Isaac Tovar
Opening Prayer: Jason Luna
Closing Prayer: Gene Lund
Van Driver: Todd Kraus