



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 10, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Clay Joseph

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#833

#446

Opening Prayer

Brian York

#319

#299 (v. 1,4,5)

Communion

Fred Lorenz

#565 (v. 1,3,4)

Contribution

Fred Lorenz

#599 (v. 1,3,4)

#553

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#492

Announcements

Clay Joseph

Closing Prayer

Shannon Haddock

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

Welcome to the New Year!

Bill McFarland

2010 has gotten off to quite a start, hasn't it? We have already experienced blessings which have made us grateful, but we have also been reminded just how fragile our human plans really are. Not only has the weather been something, but several of our families have already been facing some trying circumstances. As we move ahead, we remember that the Lord has promised to go with us, and that our first task is to seek his kingdom and his righteousness, and that we are to love because he first loved us. Life goes on, and faithful service is needed from the people of the Lord.

We had a small, but very warm-hearted, gathering this past Wednesday evening. One of the things that struck me was the long prayer list that was presented by those who were with us, but the good courage with which these requests were made. That is what happens when we together lay our concerns at the throne of grace.

This Lord's Day morning I hope to set before you our plan for the preaching and teaching in our assemblies this year. I tried to describe the "why" last week, and this week we'll turn to the "how." When we have identified the charge which is before us, we will outline the specific areas upon which we will focus in the months ahead. Please be with us if you can, and please keep me in your prayers as we try to meet our responsibilities.

Daily Bible reading will be important for us this year, as it always has been. This year the passages we read through the week will be our guide for our thinking in these newsletter articles and in the Wednesday evening devotionals more than in our preaching. We will do what we can to remind each other that a continual process of listening to the Lord together will enrich our fellowship with each other. It will bless your life if you will join us.

For example, one of the episodes we've read this past week is the account of what happened when our Lord told a fellow who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years to get up, take up his bed, and walk. Do you remember it? It all started when Jesus said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" (Jn. 5:6). That seems like an odd question, doesn't it? But when you think about it, it's intensely practical. So much of what we do find in life actually starts with what we want, with what it is we're looking for.

Answering that question would be a good place for each of us to start this year.



Today's Sermons

Morning: As Brothers of the Son of Man

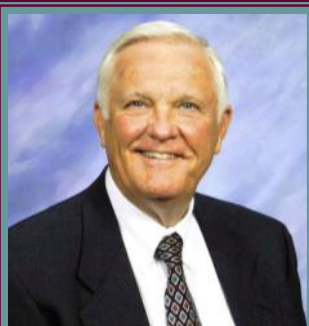
Evening: Seeing The World Through God-Shaped Glasses

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 January 3

Bible Study:	212
Morning:	302
Evening:	—
Wednesday:	209
Contribution:	\$ 9,225



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph

Announcements

- ◆ Pew Packers meet this evening at 4:45
- ◆ LTC Scrapbookers will meet today after the LTC meeting. Bring \$5 for fast food or a sack lunch.
- ◆ LTC Scrapbookers will also meet Jan. 17 after the potluck lunch. If you have questions, see Julie Alexander.
- ◆ SNAC tonight after service – taco night—see sign-up sheet in foyer for what to bring

LTC – There will be an LTC meeting today in the auditorium after AM services



Potluck Lunch January 17

Team 3 is responsible for working:
Kitchen: Alice Buckner, Sandy Cole, Shirley Chilton, Coyeatte Ewing, Carol Tovar
Dining Room: Linda Currier, the Tovars, Jeremy Thurlkill, Brenda Noe
 We hope you can be with us!

- Golden Agers meet today at 4 pm in Room 126
- Golden Messenger for January is available in the foyer
- Elders will meet today at 2 pm.

Ladies, you still have time to renew your subscription to Christian Woman Magazine. See Johnnie or Robin as soon as possible.

Financial Peace University 2010

Have you set your goals for 2010? Why not make 2010 the year to become debt free? Watch the bulletin for news and dates for the Spring 2010 Financial Peace University. Registration will begin soon!! See Matt Keener for details and questions. Owe no debt to anyone except Love



We extend our sympathy to the following families:

Ella Mae Findlay in the loss of her sister, Mabel Irene George. Visitation will be this afternoon from 3-5 pm at Greenlawn North with the funeral service Monday at 1 pm at Greenlawn North.

Verl Duncan in the loss of his brother, Earl Duncan. Funeral service will be Monday at 10 am at Greenlawn North.

Andrew Morton in the loss of his grandfather in Iowa.

Debbie Crawford in the loss of her cousin, Stanley Cooper. He was the security guard killed in the shooting in Las Vegas last week.

The family of Quentin Epperly who passed away last week. Keep these families in your prayers.

If you are using the Contribution Envelopes and wish to have a receipt at the end of the year, it is important that you include your name in addition to the contribution amount on your envelope for the first two/three weeks.



The quilters plan to work on Jan 19th starting at 10:00 AM. We will start making a larger version of the flower quilt now hanging in Room 132. It is an easy quilt to make, so please come if you're interested in learning how to make it. Jeanetta

Prayer List & News

Clint Holden is in St. John's after having heart surgery Thursday
Kerry Cole is ok after being in a car accident Thursday
Lisa Stayton is now at home recovering from surgery
John Mahon is recovering from hand/arm surgery
Seldon Essex is recovering at home from back surgery
Judy Todd is not doing well; hospice has been called in
Russell Lilly's recent scan for cancer was "all clear." Great News!
David and Jarita Nimmo as they struggle with her health issues

Friends and Family:

Luis Tovar's father is seriously ill
Clay & Sharon's daughter-in-law, Lori Joseph, as she goes through tests
Pam Williams' (Fred's daughter) mother-in-law, Faye Williams
Verl & Karen Duncan's granddaughter, Johnna is now home
Little three-year old Isabelle Wells, who has been diagnosed with leukemia; she is a friend of Eula Compton's friend
Teresa Griter's uncle Merl has cancer again on his right side. The left leg & hip were amputated last year.
Tim Marsolf's cousin Carol who has an aneurysm & Becky has a friend whose granddaughter Pearl is gravely ill. She is a little over a year old
Jo Baggett's father, Jerry Freeze, had a stroke last week in FL

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Gene Lund	417-869-6423
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	Matt Keener
Tim Bowling	Russell Lilly
Tim Buckner	Paul Lines
Tom Davis	Jim Meinsen
George Downing	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	Eddie Sanders
Jon Ewing	James Simons
Shannon Haddock	Tim Stockstill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish I had the words to convey the great appreciation we have for all the love, kindness, and generosity we have been shown by you, our family, over the last year. Without you, your kind words, warm hugs, and thoughtful prayers, we would not have had the strength to make it through some very, very rough months. Thank you, whomever you are, for the many gifts throughout the year - for camp and Christmas and The Financial Peace class and so many other occasions. God truly knew what he was doing when he "invented" family. God bless every one of you.

Brent and Brenda and family

Thanks so much for the birthday and get-well cards for Gerald and I and for all the prayers. Also thanks to Betty & Blanton for the fruit basket and candy and cookies. I miss all my Christian friends at Water Mill.

In Christian love, Gerald & June Jean

Thank to Blanton & Betty Glenn for the lovely fruit basket and the large box of Christmas cookies. We have certainly enjoyed it all. Our thanks to our extended church family for being so caring and thoughtful. We love you all.

Clyde and Doris Iorg

LATE FOR THE REHEARSAL?

By Dennis R. Smith



"And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed (KJV) all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles" (Acts 14:27). These words were written by Luke in describing an important gathering of the church in Jerusalem. It was to hear a report of Paul as he returned from his first missionary journey. Other translations may use words like "declared or reported." I especially like the older translation, at least for my purpose here. Its meaning: "engage in a rehearsal of." In other words, Paul was rehearsing what it took to bring salvation to the Gentile world. Gathering together was not uncommon with the first century church (See Heb. 10:15; Acts 20:7, 1st Cor. 16:1-2). If this particular gathering was to rehearse the success of Paul's missionary journey, is it not even more important that we hear for ourselves that same message which could make the difference in our eternal salvation? Then too, we must "gather" in order to worship God here in preparation of worshipping Him in heaven (Rev. 15:4). To that end we might say that our Lord's Day (and other days) of worship are but rehearsals preparing us for the continued worship of God in Heaven which is yet to come. Be careful - don't be late - these important rehearsals will make all the difference in the world - and heaven too!

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

OUR MISSION POINTS

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
 Jeremiah Akamah, Cameroon, Africa
 Voice of Truth International

"The Living Word"
 7:30 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

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

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn
Greeters: Ruth Reaves/Carolyn Smith
Van Driver: Shannon Haddock/732-4203
KYB Phone: Eddie Sanders/Shirley Chilton
Serve
Communion: Gaylen Jones/Brent Looney
 Matt Keener/Fred Lorenz
 Terry Loveland/Jeff Treat
 Todd Kraus/David Kern
 Russell Lilly/Jason Luna

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer: Russell Lilly
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Paul Lines
Communion: Scott/Adam Barton
Nursery: Alice Buckner/J. Carroll

NEXT WEEK, January 17

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer:	Jon Ewing	Brent Looney
Communion:	Jason Luna	Scott/Adam Barton
Closing Prayer:	Sam Hansen	Grant Wheeler
AM Nursery:	Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling	
PM Nursery:	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
Greeters:	Bob & Leona Snider	
Van Driver:	Kristy Sivils/838-1836	

THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Ushers: Daniel Tovar/
 Justin Reaves
AV Room: Daniel Meinsen/
 Adam Stipp
Secure Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, January 13

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Scott Nichols
Closing Prayer: John Penner