



Weekly Newsletter

January 24, 2010

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Barney Crawford

### Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#888

#950

#898

### Opening Prayer

Oran Green

#268

### Communion

Brent Looney

#163 (1,2)

### Contribution

Brent Looney

#53 (1,2,4)

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#255 (1,2,4)

### Announcements

Barney Crawford

#197

### Closing Prayer

Andy McFarland

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

## ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

*By Aubrey Johnson*

When Lisa and I kept the grandkids over New Year's weekend, I wasn't sure what to expect. Sure, we had done a little babysitting on occasion, but this was our first time to bring them to our house - on our own - for three whole days (I thought you had to get security clearance for that.) Our children are all transitioning to their 30's now, so it has been over a decade since we had done much parenting and nearly a century since we had little ones. Reflecting back over our years of child rearing, I prepared myself mentally for the rigors of the weekend. Stiffening my resolve, I was determined to uphold strict discipline, the kind that builds strong character and good habits. Firm bedtimes should be observed. Healthy diets were a must. Before a child can get out another toy, he or she must neatly store the current one. One by one, I assembled my to-do list (or to-don't list, depending on your perspective) and summoned all the fortitude I could muster to enforce it.

Then reality set in. Before we could walk in the house, Luke and Abby asked if we could make Easter eggs. I chortled at the request. Of course we could not dye eggs in December! But I had hardly unloaded the car before Grammie (alias Lisa) had the water boiling on the stove. And that was only the beginning of her efforts to undermine my grand plans. You might not believe this, but she let them get out Pirate Pop Up *before* putting up Pizza Pile Up. The very idea. At bedtime she thought it was a good idea to pull out Chutes and Ladders for one more game. And after hugs, prayers, and Bible stories, she had the brazenness to plug in a Jungle Book video as they drifted off to sleep. How could a woman certified in compliance - whose job it is to make sure doctors, nurses, and medical staff follow rules - behave in such a manner?? I thought about reporting this incident to her accrediting agency but I wasn't sure they had a confidentiality policy regarding whistle-blowers.

I was fully prepared to withstand the pleading eyes and impish grins of a 2 and 5 year old, but nothing prepared me for dealing with a 52 year-old grandmother. Maybe her behavior could be explained by the blue moon that appeared in the night sky that weekend. Or perhaps it was just the loving heart of a wise grandmother who knew the preciousness of the memories we were making. Training up children in the way they should go is about more than respect for authority and a good work ethic. It is also about grounding them in the joy of family love. Grandparents rejoice that the same man who wrote Proverbs 22:6 also wrote Ecclesiastes 3:1: *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven* (ESV). Maybe it is okay to break a few rules, once in a while. (via Peachtree City Church of Christ bulletin)

### Today's Sermons

Morning: God's Most Meaningful Gift

Evening: Not on My Own Authority

# 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 17

Bible Study:	283
Morning:	412
Evening:	246
Wednesday (1/13):	196
Contribution:	\$ 9,071



Elder of the Month  
Clay Joseph

# Announcements

*The Malawi Group will have a luncheon meeting in the fellowship room today after A.M services.*

Note to Parents:  
If your child is involved in an LTC event this evening after worship, you are welcome to come to the Barton's home to wait for your children. Please let Scott or Melinda know today if you plan to come. *Bring finger food.*

### YOUTH EVENTS

- ◆ Pew Packers meet today at 4:45
- ◆ LTC Puppets/Drama meet tonight from 6-8 p.m.—bring sack supper
- ◆ February 7 is our next SNAC
- ◆ February 21 will be the next Youth Night



*Valentine Banquet for Golden Agers*  
The Youth Group will again be hosting a Valentine Banquet for the Golden Agers on Saturday, February 13 at 5 p.m. in the fellowship room. *If you can attend, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer by February 7.*

### Haiti Relief Fund

If you are able to help with the Haiti relief effort, give your checks made payable to the *Water Mill Church of Christ (with Haiti Relief Fund in the memo line)* to Barney or George Downing. Our plan is for these funds to go directly to help the *Son Light Children's Home in Port au Prince, Haiti.* For more information regarding this ministry please see the article posted on the bulletin board in the west hallway.

### Titus 2 Ladies

The objective of the group is to mentor the young ladies (6-12 grades) of the congregation in service work for the Lord. I am asking all women whether you are single, married, widow, old, young or middle age, who would like to be part of the group, or if you are willing to be responsible for one month's lesson or activity, please contact me. We plan to start in April  
-Angela Morton



In an effort to help Fair Haven restock their Food Pantry, Water Mill has been asked to help with:

Pancake mix   Syrup   Trash bags

If you can help, please bring to the building by **February 14** and place in the barrels just inside the fellowship room.



## Financial Peace University

Classes begin 1st week in March  
Registration Deadline is Feb. 15th (Sign Up sheets at Welcome Center)  
Cost per family: \$93—1st 10 families to sign up get \$20 off price of class!!  
Free preview dates: Jan 31, Feb. 7, 14

The 09 Graduating Class of FPU invites you to a Special Financial Sneak peak and viewing of FPU Lesson 13 on *The Great Misunderstanding* and a bonus video *My God and His Money* (AP Press—Kyle Butt). This event will be Friday, February 5th, starting at 6 p.m. Please RSVP by Wednesday the 3rd at the Welcome Center. See Matt Keener for additional details and/or questions (234-2113/ [matt@longboatoutfitters.com](mailto:matt@longboatoutfitters.com)).

# Prayer List & News

## Prayer List

Clint Holden is now at home recovering from heart surgery

It was good to see Seldon Essex with us Sunday  
Judy Todd is not doing well

David and Jarita Nimmo as they struggle with her health issues  
Monty & Lucy Lewis and Dale and his children

Remember Clay and Sharon as they are in Nashville for Clay's checkup; pray that he will get a good report, and they will have a safe trip.

### Friends and Family:

Martha Davis, former member and Jill Morrison's aunt, has cancer  
Luis Tovar's father is seriously ill

Samantha York's mom, Mary Lind, is now at home and much better  
Clay & Sharon's daughter-in-law, Lori Joseph

Teresa Griter's uncle Merl who has cancer again

Jo Baggett's father, Jerry Freeze, is in critical condition; Jo is in Florida with her family. Cards can be sent to Jerry & Ann Freeze, 9951 SW 40th Terrace, Okoochobee, FL 34974.

Some of you might remember Eugene and Wilma Gilmore. Eugene was National & High's preacher from 1955-58. Wilma has been diagnosed with a latter stage of cancer

Kristy Sivils' grandpa, Gary Fulp, has some health problems

## Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen  
Paul Bratcher  
Doris Burch  
Bonnie Cole  
Thelma Fain  
Lucille/Milton Ford  
Gerald/June Jean  
Clay Joseph  
Carol Mahon  
Jarita Nimmo  
Doris Tobler  
Judy Todd  
Pat Woods  
Military:  
Cody Newman

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Debbi Ratterree** and her family in the tragic and sudden loss of her mother, **Flo Williamson**.  
Funeral services were held last Thursday in Gainesville.

## Thank You

To the Young People at Water Mill, We enjoyed the visit from the 26 young people who came and sang carols during the holidays, also for Andrew and Larry who brought them. They are truly a fine group of young people, and their parents and the church should be very proud of them.

With love, Paul & Mary Bratcher  
God's love touched us in a special way through your kindness. Thank you so much for cards, prayers, visits and food during the time we spent in the hospital and recovery.

Milton & Lucille Ford

**Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday. As Clay mentioned, all 5th Sunday funds will continue to go into our Building Fund! Thank you for your always generous contributions!**



Thanks to Eddie & Donna and all the workers on Team 3 for a great appreciation luncheon honoring Bill, Dennis & Andrew for their service at Water Mill!



## "The Proof Of The Pudding"

By Dennis R. Smith

Over the years I have learned that there is merit in many of the old sayings. Such is true with "the proof of the pudding is in the eating." Be aware that our Lord seeks to see the **PROOF** of our love for him. Consider the following scriptures: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may **PROVE** what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2). "**PROVE** the sincerity of your love" (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 8:8). "**PROVE** your own selves" (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 13:5). "Let every man **PROVE** his own work" (Gal. 6:4). "**PROVE** all things" (1<sup>st</sup> Thes.5:21). These scriptures indicate that the Lord sees us and while we may say that we are his disciples, the **PROOF** can be seen by him in our actions. In the day of judgment the Lord will not accept us on the basis of our saying, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils, etc. (Matt. 7:22)? Many will be tragically disappointed when the Lord answers "You have not proved to me your love and allegiance? You have not obeyed my commandments? You have not **PROVED** your love to me because you have not learned the importance of loving others." Need I say more? Oh yes, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. We need to know this - God does!

### Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study ....9:00 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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## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Linda Currier/Leona Snider  
**Greeters:** John & Lisa Stayton  
**Van Driver:** James Simons/732-5641  
**KYB Phone:** M. Rookstool/G. Dickens  
**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:** Jim Meinsen  
**Speaker:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Andy McFarland  
**Communion:** Scott/Adam Barton  
**Nursery:** Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

### NEXT WEEK, January 31

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Andrew Morton
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Matt Keener	Jason Luna
<b>Communion:</b>	Russell Lilly	Scott/Adam Barton
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Briley Ewing	Jerry Milligan
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Jill Morrison/Linda Barnett	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Jammie Davis/Meredith Reaves	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Byrle & Virginia Hayter	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Russell Lilly/839-4048	

### THE MONTH OF JANUARY

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

### Wednesday, January 27

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** Tom Easterly  
**Opening Prayer:** James Simons  
**Closing Prayer:** Jeff Treat