



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 22, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome
Eddie Sanders

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

Opening Prayer
Clarence Feeney

The Lord's Supper
Scott Barton

Contribution
Scott Barton

Lesson
Bill McFarland

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

Closing Prayer
Jackie Freeze

Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

THE POWER OF PURPOSE

When the church in Jerusalem heard that people in Antioch had turned to the Lord, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. The Bible says that when Barnabas had arrived and had seen the grace of God, he was glad "and he exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord" (Acts 11:23). Notice that phrase "with purpose of heart." What an important quality it is!

Purpose of heart has always been a key element in the lives of great servants of God. The Lord himself said, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work" (John 4:34) Paul could say, "But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." (Acts 20:24. Notice that they were both saying that they had a purpose to accomplish.

Purpose of heart can be a source of power in our lives, too. For one thing, purpose will put us to work. When one has his heart set on something, he will do his very best to reach his goal. Paul once used the illustration of a runner in the games to show that those of us who seek an incorruptible crown ought to run with purpose (1 Cor. 9:24, 25).

In the next place, purpose will simplify things for us. We all run the risk of being sidetracked so that we don't accomplish anything. Purpose, however, gives us some priorities. Jesus told Martha, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary..." (Luke 10:41,42).

Also, purpose will cause us to sacrifice. Paul, for example, was willing to suffer the loss of all things and to count them as refuse so that he could gain Christ and be found in Him (Phil 3:8,9). No opposition, no disappointment, and no cost could keep him from his purpose.

Purpose of heart gives us the direction and the perseverance we need in Christian living. It is an essential quality, both in our individual lives and in our work as a congregation.

- Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: Righteousness That Is Rewarding

PM: The Brotherhood of the Whole-Hearted

Prayer List

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.

- ◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton*
- ◆ *Orvella Blackburn* has long-term health issues
- ◆ Debbie Kern's dad, *Don Hamlin*, has cancer
- ◆ Jo Baggett's mom, *Ann Freeze*, is in a rehab facility recovering from a stroke; her address is Life Care Center, PO BOX 210, Sparta, TN 38583.
- ◆ Les Malanowski's sister-in-law, *Ellie*, fell & severely injured her back
- ◆ Norman High's cousin *Sue Lavelock* and their great grandson *Dylan* still has health issues
- ◆ 17-year old *Jonathan Saterfield*, friend of the Norrells, continues intensive chemo treatments at St. Jude; you can monitor his progress at www.caringbridge.org/visit/jonnysaterfield
- ◆ Scott Barton's sister, *Stacy Jackson*, has pneumonia in both lungs and will be home bound for about 6 weeks
- ◆ *Jan Bowling's dad* is doing well after knee replacement surgery
- ◆ Norma Lorenz's great granddaughter *Rachel* will have spinal fusion surgery for scoliosis tomorrow in St. Louis
- ◆ *Pat Kerr*, Bob & Leona's neighbor, has cancer

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams	Carol Mahon
Alice Allen	Wilma Melton
Shirley Bartlett	David Nimmo
Paul Bratcher	Jarita Nimmo
Doris Burch	Annie Overstreet
Bonnie Cole	Betty Shaw
Fern Davis	Wilma Spoor
Thelma Fain	Doris Thomason
Milton/Lucille Ford	Doris Tobler
Herman Harris	Judy Todd
Doris Iorg	Pat Woods
Irene Johnson	<u>Military</u>
Carol Law	Matthew Patterson

I would like to thank all of you for my beautiful cards which covered three events of my life—my birthday, get well and sympathy. What wonderful Christians all of you are. [Bonnie Cole](#)



Sympathy

For The Record

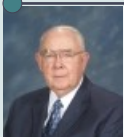
January 15

Bible Study:	272
Morning:	360
Evening:	243
Wednesday (1/18):	208
Contribution:	\$ 9,488

*For those who are hurting:
The day you died our hearts split in two
One side was filled with memories
The other died with you
Remembering you is easy
We do it every day
But missing you is a heartache
That never goes away ...*

*We express our sympathy to **Alice Allen** and her dear family in the loss of Joy this past Tuesday. Funeral services were held last Thursday. **JOY** brought joy to most of us each year on our birthday.*

*We also express our sympathy to **Jim Reaves** in the loss of his younger brother, **Sid Reaves**.*



THE CHRISTIAN'S GOAL THAT PRECEDES ALL OTHERS

By Dennis R. Smith

Perhaps it is first necessary to explain the heading of this article. Be it known that our ultimate goal in becoming a Christian is to make heaven our home when this life is over. However, there is another goal which every Christian should set in this life which could determine his/her reaching that ultimate goal. While there is no way that we can do enough works by themselves to win eternal life, there is one thing which stands at the top of the list for all Christians in regard to things accomplished. In that beautiful 4th chapter of Ephesians, I believe we can find the answer to what that goal is. "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the **bond** of peace" (verse 3). Yes, preceding all other efforts, because nothing really profitable unto the Lord can be accomplished otherwise, is a sense of peace and unification of everyone making up the membership of local congregations. This **bond** can only be reached through one avenue: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity (love)" (1st Cor. 13:13). When Christians have the proper love for the Lord, His word, His church and each other, they can find that goal which precedes all others - the **bond** of peace. It follows the principles which were set in the beginning of "like produces like" (Gen. 1:11). How can the gospel of peace concerning the Prince of Peace be successfully proclaimed without this "bond of peace?" May this always be the goal which precedes all others.

Next Sunday

Our 5th Sunday Contribution will go towards the salary for the new Youth/Family Minister position.



Team No. 1 is scheduled to work next Sunday. Please notify Travis or Jill if you are unable to work.

Kitchen: Leah Freeze, Carolyn Young, Orvella Blackburn, Barbara Barnes, Gerri Dickens, Betty Holden, Sara Stipp, Connie Westerman, Stacy Haddock.

Setup: Jackie Freeze, Clint Holden, Randy Blackburn, Adam Stipp, Kevin Westerman, Shannon Haddock

Cleanup: Jerry Young, Van Barnes, Ted Crabtree, Jeanetta Hardy, Ruth & Gene Lund

Ministry Fair

After enjoying good food and fellowship, you will be able to check out the displays for the different ministries and sign up to help in the areas which best suit you and your talents.

Early Evening Service at 1 p.m.

Be sure to see Matt Keener today if you have additions to the Ministry Fair!



Birthdays Next Week

- 29 Illene Birdsong
Tim Marsolf
Annie Overstreet
- 30 Abigail Thornton
31 Rachel Lilly
Amanda Lilly
- 2/2 Chace Eaves
Don Gaunt
Shaneice Alton
- 2/3 Ashlyn Wuench
- 2/4 Helen Coltrane
Rosalie Cruse



- ♦ LTC song leaders will meet at 4 p.m. today
- ♦ LTC Puppet & Drama will rehearse all day (after AM service/bring sack lunch) on February 5 & 19, March 4 & 18. See Jason or Kay if you have questions.

International Friends Program

Any families who would like to learn more about the International Friends program are welcome to attend an information session this evening at 4:00 in Room 126. We have several new international students this semester and there is always a need for qualified families to befriend them. For more information visit <http://www.ifmo.org/> or speak to Michelle Hulett.

Congratulations to Jason & Jeannie Green on the safe arrival of Liam Kennedy, born January 12 in Texas. Oran & Nadean are still in Texas visiting with Jason and the family.



Food Pantry
We are in need of the following items for the Food Pantry.

- Boxed & Canned Meals
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Soup
- Canned Vegies/Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruit
- Jello/Pudding

We have seen a big increase in the number of people needing help with groceries. So thank you for your continued support of this work. Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
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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Deacons

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

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

Area Events

- ♦ January 27 & 28: The Mt. Vernon Church of Christ if offering the parenting program "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent," a seven module parenting program designed by the Love and Logic Institute. See flyers on Bulletin Board.
- ♦ February 25: Third Annual Young Adult Rally, "Seeing Self Through God's Eyes" at the Mill Street Church of Christ in Cassville with Richard Chambers as the keynote speaker. Flyer is on the bulletin board.

Bro. Dennis is beginning a new study in the auditorium class this morning titled, "Twelve Weeks of Favorite Stories from the Old Testament."

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Eddie & Donna Sanders
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/343-7451
KYB Phone: Mary Jo Rookstool/Shirley Chilton
Serve Oran Green/Dewayne Jackson
Communion: Dale Harp/Tucker Jobs
 Sam Hansen/Gaylen Jones
 Shannon Haddock/Matt Keener
 John Hulett/David Kern

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer: David Kern
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Todd Kraus
Communion:
Nursery: Glenda/Mike Thurlkill

MONTH OF JANUARY:

Ushers: John Stayton/Aaron Schwartz
AV Room: Adam Stipp/
Secure Building: Paul Lines/Tim Buckner

NEXT WEEK (January 29)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Blanton Glenn	Russell Lilly
Communion:	Ted Crabtree	
Closing Prayer:	Dale Gregory	Paul Lines
Nursery:	Jan Bowling Robin Meeks	Linda Barnett Meredith Reaves
Greeters:	Ann Thiesen/Gerri Dickens	
Van Driver:	Jackie Freeze/887-0842	

Wednesday, January 25:

Devotional: J.J. Blevins
Song Leader: Kyle Buckner/Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer: Jim Meinsen
Closing Prayer: Travis Morrison
Van Driver: Todd Kraus

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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CHINESE AGAPE Foundation
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern
 Mariana Islands
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 Charles Renfro, Latin American
 Missions
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 "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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