



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 1, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#833

#436 (1,2,4)

Opening Prayer

Brendan Carroll

#837

#752 (1,3,4)

The Lord's Supper

Jackie Freeze

Contribution

Jackie Freeze

#66

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#299 (1,3,5)

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#756 (1,4)

Closing Prayer

Dale Gregory

Elder of the Month

Barney Crawford

The Four Assumptions of Unity

In a pluralistic culture, is it in any sense possible to be of the same mind and the same judgment? Where individualism is the spirit of the age, is it realistic to conceive of any setting in which all agree and among whom there are no divisions? If so, would that not be a remarkable thing to witness—or even more, to experience?

That is the very kind of thing urged upon readers of the early chapters of the First Letter to the Corinthians (cf. 1:10). The prospect of a positive response to such a request in the social atmosphere that city had would seem laughable if it were not for four assumptions woven into the fabric of the appeal in 1 Corinthians 1:12-13.

The first is that we follow Christ. He has no peers. He is the one who matters in a way no one else can, even if it were Paul or Peter or Apollos (1:12). He does not belong in a multiple-choice list of owners, teachers, or rulers who may be followed. He is our Lord and we are together because we call upon his name (1:2).

The second is that Christ is one. Not only is there but one Christ, that one Christ is not divided (1:13). As the Son, he possesses the same attributes of divine nature as the Father. One of these qualities that belongs to him is unity of being, such that he may not be split against himself. It is a “given” that “there is no God but one” and that there is “one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist” (8:4, 6).

A third assumption is that Christ did the work that saves. After all, no one else was crucified for us, was he? It’s embarrassing to even hear such a question raised! Christ and him crucified, known to us through the word of the cross, is the means by which the power and wisdom of God has done its work (1:13, 18, 23).

The other thing assumed is having been baptized in the name of Christ. This is certain enough that the Letter can ask, “Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?” and be making an crucial point about why we are one (1:13). These are readers who, upon hearing of Christ, had believed and were baptized (Acts 18:8). By this means they called “upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours” (1:2; Acts 22:16).

It is about Christ. Should these four lines of thought not be sufficient undergirding to cause us to recognize, seek after, and treasure unity among the Lord’s people, even in our time?

—Bill McFarland

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.

For The Record

March 25

Bible Study:	241
Morning:	318
Evening:	181
Wednesday (3/28):	198
Contribution:	\$8,769

- ◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton, Ella Mae Findlay and Paul Bratcher*
- ◆ *Marilyn Lanpher will have surgery Tuesday in Houston; cards can be sent to her c/o St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, 6720 Bertner Ave., Houston, TX 77030*
- ◆ *Allen Harmon and Gene Creson have not been feeling well*
- ◆ *Scheryl Larimore fell last week and hurt her back;*
- ◆ *Pat Harris is in CA for Herman's burial*
- ◆ *Lucille Ford is having some serious health problems.*
- ◆ *Gerri Dickens' brother, Bud Biglieni, is back at the nursing home after spending a few days in the hospital last week*
- ◆ *Romeo Vega is recovering at home from bypass surgery; cards can be sent to 5567 State Highway U, Rogersville, 65742*
- ◆ *George Downing's father is in the hospital in Joplin with health problems*
- ◆ *Jeremiah Hook's mother, Sandra Park, has cancer and is not doing well*
- ◆ *Jo Baggett's mom, Ann Freeze, remains at Life Care Center, PO BOX 210, Sparta, TN 38583.*
- ◆ *Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, is back in Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis; cards can be sent to her at 1 Barnes Jewish Hospital Plaza, 63110.*
- ◆ *Eddie & Donna's daughter, Teresa Connolly, received good test results—the tumors were benign.*

Continue to keep Adam Blaney & his family in your prayers that they will be able to sell their house and join us soon!!



We extend our sympathy to the following families:

Jon Ewing and his family in the loss of his father, Winston Ewing. Visitation is Tuesday night from 6-8 p.m. at Greenlawn South. Graveside service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Morrisville Cemetery. Cards can be sent to Jon's mom, Joan, at 3185 W. Morningside Drive, Springfield, 65807.

Phyllis Gregory and her family in the loss of her aunt.

Debbie Kern and her family in the loss of her brother.

Former member Betty Wallace passed away this past week.

Keep these families in your prayers as they deal with their losses.



DO I MAKE YOU MY ENEMY?

By Dennis R. Smith

One of the classic statements of the New Testament was made by the Apostle Paul when he said: *"Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth"* (Gal. 4:16)? There is a truth revealed in the holy scriptures which often does this very same thing. People do not like to be called a liar, murderer, whoremonger or adulterer even if they are. They just do not like to be reminded of their sins. They like to *"enjoy the pleasures of sin"* (Heb. 11:25) while condemning God for telling them about their sins. They often ignore the reason why God has listed those things in the bible as being sin. What a great truth we have in the following: *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"* (Rom. 5:8). None of us are without sin (Rom. 3:10) but the beauty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that he can and will forgive us of our sins through obedience to his commands and prayer for forgiveness. Scriptural baptism washes our past sins away (Acts 22:16) and makes us children of God (Gal. 3:26-27). After that we can call upon God (in prayer) for forgiveness and he, who is faithful and just, will cleanse us of our sins (1st John 1:9). What a shame it is that so many here in America have cast off their faith in God and have turned their face away from him (Psa. 13:1). Will I make you my enemy if I say as did Isaiah of old, let us *"return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon us and to our God for he will abundantly pardon"* (Isa. 55:7)?

Golden Agers meet TODAY at 4 p.m.
All 55 & over are encouraged to attend.

LTC ♦ LTC presentation to the congregation tonight after PM service.

♦ Puppet/Drama team will be here all day today. Lunch will be provided. Do not bring any electronic devices to play with.
 ♦ April 6-7/LTC Conference in Rogers, AR

- ♦ Tuesday at 10 am is the next quilting and sewing meeting
- ♦ Saturday all who can are urged to attend the **James River Nursing Home Devo** at 2 p.m.
- ♦ Elders/Deacons meet Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m.
- ♦ April 15 is **Youth Night at Rogersville**
- ♦ April 17 at 10 am we will continue to work on **Cancer Caps**
- ♦ April 29 **Fifth Sunday and Preschool Potluck**

We will be starting a New Converts' class next Sunday in Room 122. See Eddie Sanders if you have questions.



If you are graduating this spring (high school, college, trade school, etc.) please turn your name into the office as soon as possible. Junior parents, we need your help with the Graduates' Reception.



I wanted to express my thanks to each of you for your concern during the recent loss of my grandpa. Your thoughts, prayers, cards, calls and acts of kindness meant so much to my family and I. I feel so blessed to be part of such a caring group of the Lord's people! In Christian Love, Megan Glenn

Thank you for all the concern you showed for little Dylan. Shelley & Jeff want to thank you for all the prayers. Also, thank you for the concern you showed for Norman's kidney surgery. Your prayers gave us strength. A special thank you to Blanton Glenn for keeping Lucile company during surgery. Thank you for all the cards we received for our 60th anniversary and all the birthday cards. You are a great congregation and we love you all. Norman & Lucile

Thank you all so much for all the birthday cards and good wishes! You're a wonderful, caring family. Love, Chatty Timmons

Ladies Day April 14

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO SIGN UP FOR OUR LADIES DAY!!

The sign-up sheets for food, prayers, centerpieces, door prizes, etc., are also on the Information Desk. We hope all ladies are able to come because it's been such a fun event the past two years! Any ladies interested are invited to decorate a purse for the spring purse contest we're having this year. The fancier and "springier" the better! Also, we are needing empty soup cans for ladies day, so please bring any cans you have and place them under the giving tree. Thanks in advance.

Ladies Bible Class

Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet April 12 at 10:30 a.m. Debbie Meinsen's lesson will be **"Created For Good Works."** At 11:00 Shawna Stockdale will teach the ladies how to make a bead woven bracelet. She will bring all the supplies and we invite everyone to make a bracelet. Potluck lunch will follow at 12. Scheryl Low is planning to babysit.

Golden Messenger for April is available in the foyer.

Congratulations to Virginia Hayter who became a great aunt for the sixth time with the arrival of Brodie Dunn.

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



Birthdays Next Week
 8 Ola Jean Feeny
 9 Carol Mahon
 Julie Thornton
 10 Isaac Tovar
 13 Mark Breckner
 Julian Penner

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
 Greeters: John & Lisa Stayton
 Van Driver: Jackie Freeze/616-9789
 KYB Phone: Verl & Karen Duncan
 Serve: Aaron Tovar/Don Tracy
 Communion: Kevin Westerman/Daniel Wilson
 Brian York/Jerry Young
 Adam Barton/Randy Blackburn
 Tim Bowling/Jackie Buck

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: LTC
 Opening Prayer: LTC
 Lesson: LTC
 Closing Prayer: LTC
 Communion: Steve Prewitt/Adam Stipp
 Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK (April 8)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	
Opening Prayer:	Verl Duncan	Bill Chilton
Communion:	Blanton Glenn	S. Prewitt/A. Stipp
Closing Prayer:	John Hulett	Fred Lorenz
Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/ Orvella Blackburn	Alice Buckner Jenny Carroll
Greeters:	Scott & Melinda Barton	
Van Driver:	Kirk Tracy/576-4591	

Wednesday, April 4:

Devotional: Jeff Fisher
 Song Leader: Isaac Tovar
 Opening Prayer: John Mahon
 Closing Prayer: Jim Meinsen
 Van Driver: Don Tracy/224-1936

MONTH OF APRIL:

AV Room: Linda Barnett/Luke Lines
 Secure Building: Paul Lines/Tim Buckner

Please see Mike Thurlkill if you are unable to serve.

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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