



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 8, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#220

#726

#874

Opening Prayer

Verl Duncan

"In Christ Alone"

The Lord's Supper

Blanton Glenn

#950

Contribution

Blanton Glenn

***"How Deep The
Father's Love"***

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#125

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#516

Closing Prayer

John Hulett

***Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford***

The Practical Resurrection

Something strikes me as I read James. The writer is believed to be James the Lord's brother—well, half brother. He is also the brother of the writer of Jude, and sometimes you will find him referred to as James the Just. As he writes, he is a pillar of the church in Jerusalem, a man whose wisdom is respected and whose humility is obvious in the reading of his words (cf. 1:1; Acts 15:13f).

But he hasn't always been this way. There was a time when neither he nor his other three brothers believed in Jesus (Jn. 7:5). At one point James, along with the other family members, thought Jesus was beside himself—that he had lost his senses (Mk. 3:20, 21). As he writes this letter, though, he identifies himself simply as "a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ."

What changed everything for James? One important factor would seem to be the "then he appeared to James" in Paul's list of the post-resurrection appearances of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:7). The details of that meeting are not provided for us, but the fact that it happened explains why James came to have a central role in the Jerusalem church (cf. Acts 12:17; 21:18).

And that, to me, is one of the interesting things about the Letter of James. As profound as the impact of his having seen Christ after he was raised up must have been on James, I don't find him making any direct mention of the resurrection in his epistle. Instead, James writes about what the practical impact must be, assuming that Jesus is Lord.

The issue, to James, is how we are now to live every day. He is interested in real-life faith, the actual doing of the word. He calls upon us to control our tongues, to be pure in temptations and patient in trials, to be fair and kind to people, and to be humble and wise before God. He is known for his call for "pure and undefiled religion."

Maybe the reason is that James is clear in his own mind about the "what if Jesus has been raised up" question. He refers to Jesus as "the Lord of glory" (2:1), and points out that "there is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy" (4:12). "The coming of the Lord" is the event worth waiting for, he says, the reality for which all must be prepared (5:7, 8). He wants us to treat each other as if we know that "the Judge is standing at the door" (5:9).

James cannot think of the living Lord without remembering that we are accountable to him in the most practical ways. Neither should we.

—Bill McFarland

Today's Lessons:

AM: Resurrection As a Defense

PM: And He Saw Everything Clearly

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

April 1

Bible Study:	270
Morning:	344
Evening:	201
Wednesday (4/4):	216
Contribution:	\$11,293

- ◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton, Ella Mae Findlay and Paul Bratcher*
- ◆ *Marilyn Lanpher is recovering from surgery; cards can be sent to her c/o St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, 6720 Bertner Ave., Houston, TX 77030*
- ◆ *Allen Harmon is dealing with some serious health problems*
- ◆ *Gene Creson has not been feeling well*
- ◆ *Nancy Snider is having some health problems*
- ◆ *Thelma Fain has had some problems this past week but is some better now*
- ◆ *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*
- ◆ *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 in Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis; cards can be sent to her at 1 Barnes Jewish Hospital Plaza, 63110.*
- ◆ *Jonathan Satterfield, friend of the Norrells, is back in St. Jude's in Memphis to remove a tumor that has not responded to the chemo*

Adam and Tabitha have a contract on their home in WV, and if all goes well, they plan to be in Springfield by June 1. Keep them in your prayers that everything will go smoothly with the closing.

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams	Irene Johnson
Alice Allen	Carol Law
Shirley Bartlett	Carol Mahon
Paul Bratcher	Wilma Melton
Doris Burch	Jarita Nimmo
Bonnie Cole	Betty Shaw
Fern Davis	Wilma Spoor
Thelma Fain	Doris Thomason
Lucille Ford	Doris Tobler
Milton Ford	Judy Todd
Doris Iorg	Pat Woods

Expectant Moms

Kirsten McFarland/boy/April
Sarah Griffin/boy/May
Megan Jobes/boy

We extend our sympathy to the following families:
Bobbie Buell, former member, passed away last week. Memorial service was held yesterday.

Clarence Feeney's sister, Linda Barnett's aunt, Rose Staponk passed away this past week. Funeral service is tomorrow at 10:30 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Front Street, Pierce City.

QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH CONVERSIONS

By Dennis R. Smith



There is a responsibility placed on the shoulders of every Christian connected with increasing the borders of the Kingdom of our Lord. Jesus made that clear when he commanded, "Go teach all nations" (Matt. 28:19-20). The Apostle Peter also makes it plain when he said, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1st Pet. 3:15). Today as it was in the first century, Christianity is a taught religion. However, there are two sides of this coin. In the Book of Acts we get several pictures of conversions. Saul of Tarsus, later to become the beloved Paul the Apostle, asked, "what will you have me do" (Acts 9:6)? Those seeking to be more informed about Christ on Pentecost day asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do" (Acts 2:37)? The Ethiopian of Acts 8:36 asked, "what doeth hinder me to be baptized?" The Philippian jailer of Acts 16:30 asked, "what must I do to be saved?" Going back to 1st Peter 3:15, notice it says every man that asketh you. Christians have their responsibilities but so does the sinner. Herein lies one of our problems. It seems that our world is enjoying their sinful pleasures and are not interested in making a change. Wake up world! Don't be afraid (or ashamed) to ask, "what must I do to be saved?" According to Matthew 7:7 if you ask, seek, and knock, it will then be opened unto you. Try it soon!

Ladies Day April 14

We are starting a **New Converts' class TODAY** in Room 122. See Eddie Sanders if you have questions.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday 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.**

- ◆ **Elders/Deacons meet next Sunday at 3 p.m.**
- ◆ **April 15 is Youth Night at Rogersville**
- ◆ **Sewing/Quilting: April 17 at 10 am. We will continue to work on Cancer Caps**



April 29
Fifth Sunday Potluck combined with Preschool Potluck. Make your plans now to be a part of this time of fellowship!

A little humor ... from kids
How do you decide who to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

We wanted to remind everyone about the Ladies Day this coming Saturday. We appreciate everyone who has signed up to attend and to assist in different areas. We could use a little more help with certain items and if you would like to do so the sign-up sheets are still out on the information desk.

If you have a picnic basket that the ladies could borrow for decorating, please see Jill Morrison today.

Also be sure to bring your cans (soup, vegetable) by Wednesday night.



If you are graduating this spring (high school, college, trade school, etc.) please turn your name into the office as soon as possible. The Graduates' Reception is scheduled for May 20th after evening services..

Birthdays Next Week
 15 **Brigett Breckner**
 16 **Alan McElwain**
 17 **Fern Davis**
 20 **Norman High**
 21 **Alice Buckner**
Teresa Griter
Michelle Hulett



Directory Update for the Morrison

Travis - 417-343-7451
 Jill - 417-631-7928
 (no home phone)

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

- April 15-18** Gospel Meeting at the Center Street church in Fayetteville with Bill McFarland
- April 21** Hollister Ladies Day Retreat at Hollister Church of Christ with Dr. Donna Watson
- April 22-25** Gospel meeting at Mill Street in Cassville with Adam Evans
- April 27-29** Weekend Seminar featuring Eric Lyons from Apologetics Press at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho
- April 29-May 2** Gospel meeting at Strafford
 (See flyers on bulletin board)

Youth Banquet May 4

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: *Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn*
 Greeters: *Bill & Gail White*
 Van Driver: *Kirk Tracy/576-4591*
 KYB Phone: *Norma Lorenz/Ann Thiesen*
 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: *John Mahon*
 Opening Prayer: *Bill Chilton*
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
 Closing Prayer: *Fred Lorenz*
 Communion: *Steve Prewitt/Adam Stipp*
 Nursery: *Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll*

NEXT WEEK (April 15)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Travis Morrison</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Ron Stokes</i>	<i>Gene Lund</i>
Communion:	<i>Matt Keener</i>	<i>S. Prewitt/A. Stipp</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Tom Davis</i>	<i>George Downing</i>
Nursery:	<i>Jill Morrison/ Meredith Reaves</i>	<i>Lee Ann Donoho/ Karen Duncan</i>
Greeters:	<i>Adam & Sara Stipp</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>John Stayton/224-5655</i>	

Wednesday, April 11:

Devotional: *Jon Ewing*
 Song Leader: *Isaac Tovar*
 Opening Prayer: *Oran Green*
 Closing Prayer: *Travis Morrison*
 Van Driver: *Tim Stockstill/849-7678*

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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