



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 15, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

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Opening Prayer

Ron Stokes

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The Lord's Supper

Matt Keener

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Contribution

Matt Keener

#291

Lesson

Dennis Smith

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Announcements

Barney Crawford

#687

Closing Prayer

Tom Davis

Elder of the Month

Barney Crawford

Things That Are Precious

Of all our needs, none is more pressing than our need for a better sense of values. Too many of us neglect the most priceless treasures to seek after worthless trinkets. Rather than pursuing things of eternal value, people are trading life and soul for fleeting goods and pleasures.

We ought to put things that are really precious first! In the Bible the word "precious" means "costly, dear, very expensive, of great value." Think of some of the things the inspired writers described with this important word:

1. **The precious blood of Christ.** It is not with perishable things like silver or gold that we are redeemed from an empty way of life, "but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot" (1 Peter 1:19). No more costly price was ever paid than that by which God redeemed us. We need to be putting Him first and living for His precious Son!

2. **The precious faith of Christ.** Peter wrote "to those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:1). Faith which endures the trials of life is "more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire" (1 Peter 1:7). Money, pleasure and fame will fade away, but faith will be "found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." Don't give up the faith for the useless things of this world!

3. **The precious promises of God.** Through Christ, God "has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire." (2 Peter 1:4). On the day of death nothing will be of more value than the precious promises of God. However, we will not be able to lean upon those great promises unless we have regarded them as precious during our lives. We must lay up treasures in heaven now while we have opportunity!

Nothing tells more about the heart of a man than what he holds to be precious. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Let's make sure our lives are centered upon things that are precious.

—Bill McFarland

***This Morning's Lesson:
Knowing In Whom and What We Believe***

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 8

Bible Study: 228
Morning: 336
Evening: 203
Wednesday (4/11): 202
Contribution: \$10,633

- ◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton, Ella Mae Findlay and Paul Bratcher*
- ◆ *Marilyn Lanpher is recovering from surgery; has been moved out of ICU to a regular room; has started physical therapy; 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 very serious health problems*
- ◆ *Audrey Wuench had an emergency appendectomy this past week*
- ◆ *Debbie Crawford will have gall bladder surgery tomorrow*
- ◆ *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, was moved back to Mountain Home Hospital Friday.*
- ◆ *Jonathan Satterfield is now cancer free; the tumors that were removed were benign. The family wanted to thank you for prayers and cards*
- ◆ *Kerry Cole's cousin, Scott Golden, who has cancer*
- ◆ *Nancy Barnes, sister-in-law of Van Barnes and Chloe Gaddis had heart valve surgery Friday*
- ◆ *Son of a KYB student, Scott Pierson, has liver cancer*

Prayer Request: Suzanne Dabbs responded Sunday evening asking for prayers

Long Term/Shut-Ins

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

Expectant Moms

Sarah Griffin/boy/May
Megan Jobes/boy
Sara Stipp/December

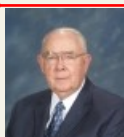
Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Amy Winters and her family in the loss of her father-in-law this past week.

Continue to keep the Blaney family in your prayers. The loan for the buyers of their home did not go through so they are back to square one. They do have lookers so keep praying.

WHAT IS BETTER THAN SMELLING THE ROSES?

By Dennis R. Smith



Surely we have all heard the old expression, "better stop and smell the roses." This, of course, has reference to the thought of slowing down and quit pushing life for things that really are not all that important. That is good advice, but there is something that precedes our doing so which is more important by far in the long run. To answer this question I will refer you to Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God." In the most part the rose is a symbol of love and beauty. Many songs have been written about the rose and then there's the famous quote by Shakespeare, "A Rose by any other name would smell as sweet." As far as I can tell there are only two times in the Bible where the rose is mentioned. They are as follows: "... and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose (Isa. 35:1). ...I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys" (Song of Sol. 2:1). Both of these are metaphors relating either directly or indirectly to Jesus himself or the peace and serenity of his kingdom. Now, what is better than smelling the roses? The answer is to stop and acknowledge that the God of heaven, who is the creator of all things, has brought the rose into being and many other beautiful things which we enjoy. While it might help us to stop and view all these things, it is better that we understand "all things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3). The first order of business then is to "be still and know God."

- ◆ **Elders/Deacons meet TODAY** at 3 p.m.
- ◆ **TONIGHT is Youth Night at Rogersville**
- ◆ **Sewing/Quilting: Meet** Tuesday at 10 a.m. to 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! Team No. 2 is responsible for working that day. Please notify Jill or Travis if you are unable to work.

Kitchen: Sara Keener, Debbie Meinsen, Bekah Meinsen, Jenny Carroll, Megan Glenn, Terry Wilson, Virginia Buck

Setup: Matt Keener, Brendan Carroll, Jim Meinsen, Daniel Wilson, Jackie Buck

Cleanup: Tom & Jammie Davis, Aubrey & Anita Cobb, Tim & Becky Marsolf



Graduates' Reception May 20 after PM service

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards and visits while Romeo was in the hospital and while recovering at home. We were so blessed. You don't realize how a simple note or card can really brighten your day. We appreciate all of you and the thoughtfulness that went with it, especially your prayers. Love, Romeo & Barbara

Thanks for the prayers, cards, food, and for coming to the visitation and graveside services during Dad's recent passing. Thanks to Kerry, Tim, Kay, Jill, Erica, and Briley for singing at Morrisville and to Bill for leading the service. Also, Mom said 'the dinner your special group at Water Mill church of Christ served for our family after graveside services was indeed a blessing to us all. All the excellent cooks are to be commended!!' We are so thankful for your love. The Ewing's

New Converts' Bible class is now meeting Sundays at 9 am in Room 122. See Eddie Sanders if you have questions.



Congratulations to Andy & Kirsten McFarland on the safe arrival of **Madden Andrew**. He was born last Tuesday weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz.. Congrats also to Bill & Kay on their 7th grandchild.



The next book club meeting will be Monday, May 14th. We are reading Constaney's Waltz by Donna H. Parker. Donna is a member of the church and this book is the 1st in a set of four mysteries set here in the Ozarks.

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

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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

- 22 Thresa Hansen
- Lisa Stayton
- 26 Doris Batzel Iorg
- Gail White
- 28 Porter Barnes
- Ashley Stockdale
- 29 Larry Baggett

Youth Banquet May 4

- 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 Stafford
 - April 29-May 2** Gospel meeting at Lebanon with Jim Poland
 - April 29-May 2** Gospel meeting at 26th & Connecticut, Joplin
- (See flyers on bulletin board)

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: *Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves*
 Greeters: *Adam & Sara Stipp*
 Van Driver: *John Stayton/224-5655*
 KYB Phone: *John Dutton/Megan Glenn*
 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: *Travis Morrison*
 Opening Prayer: *Gene Lund*
 Closing Prayer: *George Downing*
 Communion: *Steve Prewitt/Adam Stipp*
 Nursery: *Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan*

NEXT WEEK (April 22)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole</i>	
Opening Prayer:	<i>Ted Crabtree</i>	<i>Eddie Currier</i>
Communion:	<i>Todd Kraus</i>	<i>S. Prewitt/A. Stipp</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Dale Harp</i>	<i>John Dutton</i>
Nursery:	<i>Linda Currier/ Leona Snider</i>	<i>Glenda Thurlkill/ Jeremy Thurlkill</i>
Greeters:	<i>Scott & Melinda Barton</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Daniel Wilson/773-6707</i>	

Wednesday, April 18:

Devotional: *Jackie Freeze*
 Song Leader: *Isaac Tovar*
 Opening Prayer: *James Simons*
 Closing Prayer: *Scott Nichols*
 Van Driver: *Todd Kraus/207-7877*

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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7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10

"KNOW YOUR BIBLE"
10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSPR



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