



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 23, 2012

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#943
#568

Opening Prayer
Jerry Young

Reading:
1 Peter 1:3-9

#726
#267

The Lord's Supper
Oran Green

#362

Contribution
Oran Green

#336

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#287

Announcements
Bob Snider

#134

Closing Prayer
Eddie Sanders

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

"And Dwelt Among Us"

The faith of Christ is not like any religion of man. It is not merely adherence to the teachings of a prophet, nor simply acceptance of the philosophy of a teacher, nor even just commitment to the code of a lawgiver. No. Christians believe in what Jesus Christ actually did upon the real stage of life.

The New Testament makes the claim unmistakably. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The One who existed in the form of God took the form of a man. He served. He overcame. He obeyed God, even in the midst of the worst of human experience.

First John is most insistent about it. "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life...By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God...And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world" (1 Jn. 1:1; 4:2, 14).

But the significant thing is not only *that* it happened; the significant thing is that what *had* to happen *has* in fact happened.

God had to be made known where alienation from him had produced ignorance of him, so, by Christ's coming in the flesh, the life "which was with the Father was made manifest to us" (1 Jn. 1:4).

The moral authority to lead had to be gained, so he walked in the light and invited us to walk in the same way (1 Jn. 1:7; 2:6).

Sin had to be judged, so "he appeared to take away sins" (1 Jn. 3:5) by becoming "the propitiation of our sins" (2:2), being righteous himself but bearing our sins in his body.

Death had to be conquered, so the Son of God appeared in the body to destroy the works of the devil (1 Jn. 3:8); he was born to keep the evil one from touching us (5:18).

Fellowship had to be made real, so he became a sharer in what can be seen and heard in order to be able to faithfully represent us with the Father as an advocate (1 Jn. 2:1).

If Jesus is not Christ come in the flesh, not one of these things is possible. The faith of Christ holds that his incarnation to dwell among us is not a story. It's a necessity.

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: Filled With Glory

PM: The Messiah: From Shoot to Standard

Prayer List & Notes

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 December 16

Bible Study:	252
Morning:	343
Evening:	231
Wednesday (12/19):	207
Contribution:	\$ 9,706



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider



◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton and Alice Allen
◆ Thelma Fain has been in and out of the hospital this past week

◆ Marilyn Lanpher continues to recover from wrist surgery; she would enjoy your visits while she cannot drive

Friends & Family

- ◆ Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks' father, as he is dealing with some very serious health issues
- ◆ Travis Morrison's friend Mike Miller is in Mercy Hospital not doing well.
- ◆ Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw and Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, as they are dealing with cancer
- ◆ Ann Freeze, Jo Baggett's mother
- ◆ Betty Grabber's sister, Hazel Cook, as she continues to deal with health problems
- ◆ Dale Daniels, Alice's son, as he recovers from a heart attack
- ◆ The Horton Family would like us to keep their son, Leslie Roy Horton in our prayers as he is going through some serious difficulties.



Mark your calendars and plan to participate in Community Blood Center's blood drive here at the building Wednesday, January 9 from 5—8 p.m. Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk.

Contribution Envelopes for 2013 are available in the office.



2013 Daily Bible Reading Schedules are available in the foyer.

Our Walk Through the Word Together

Be sure to pick up your copy!



Thank you for the cards and visits from Fred & Norma, cookies from Carolyn Young (delicious as usual). June Jean

Just a quick note to thank each of you for all your loving care. To the Tovars for the many chores they did to help me prepare for winter and for the many beautiful cards and phone calls to brighten my days. For the birthday dinner prepared with loving hands and your many kindnesses and delicious cookies.

Pat Harris

Aaron and I would like to say thank you for all the love and support and prayers that you've given to us over this past year. It is such a blessing to be part of the family here at Water Mill. God bless you. Julie & Aaron Alexander

Congratulations to Aaron Alexander who was accepted into the Wind Ensemble for next semester at Central High School.

Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams
Alice Allen
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Lucille Ford
Milton Ford
Allen Harmon
Doris Iorg
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Betty Shaw
Doris Thomason
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods



Expectant Moms

Leah Prewitt/boy/January
Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February
Tabitha Blaney/girl/March
Brittany Morrison/boy/March



If you are interested in checking out the Jule Miller DVDs for teaching purposes, please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk.



Christian Woman Magazine

If you are currently receiving Christian Woman Magazine and would like to renew your subscription, or if you would like to start receiving it, please notify the office by December 31. The cost is \$15.98/yr.

News & Activities



With Our Gratitude and Best Wishes

Throughout this year we have often been recipients of the rare brand of kindness, tender-heartedness, and mercy that is found only among people who are imitators of Christ. Now at the close of the year we have been blessed by so many cards, encouraging notes, and thoughtful acts of generosity. We and our families express to all of you our sincere appreciation for all these favors, and we extend to you and your loved ones our desire that the grace and peace of the Lord be with you during this holiday season and in the new year.

We are most grateful for the partnership in our Lord's work that we have along with you. Thank you for the privilege of serving in our various roles, and for the support which makes it possible, and for the cooperation which makes it enjoyable, and for the prayers which enable it to do any good, and for the understanding that makes up for our weaknesses.

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word" (2 Thes. 2:16, 17).

— Johnnie, Tim, Adam, Dennis, and Bill



⇒ **January 4 LOCKIN.**
Details to follow.

⇒ **January 18-20—Youth Outreach University (Y.O.U.) youth rally in Conway, AR. \$30/ student plus money for food. Turn your \$30 in to the office. See Adam if money is a problem.**

Holiday Schedule

December 26—Combined Devotional in the Auditorium/no classes

December 30 PM—Adam will bring the lesson and explain our 2013 Daily Bible Reading Schedule.

We will not publish a bulletin next week.

Upcoming Events

- **December 30th:** 5th Sunday Contribution with all funds used to pay on building
- **New Year's Eve** Fellowship and Games here at the building
- **January 5** James River Nursing Home at 2 p.m.
- **January 6** Potluck Lunch
- **January 6** Baby Shower for Stephanie Schwartz
- **January 6** Golden Agers meet at 4 p.m.
- **January 8** Elders meet at 1 p.m.
- **January 14** Book Club Meeting at the building at 6:30 p.m.
- **January 25** Chinese hot pot dinner

December Anniversaries

- 1 David/Debbie Kern 37 yrs.
- 2 Tim/Becky Marsolf 32 yrs.
- 5 Lonnie/Wanda Wilkinson 60 yrs.
- 13 Fred/Norma Lorenz 2 yrs.
- 16 Bill/Gail White 3 yrs.
- 17 Dennis/Carolyn Smith 60 yrs.

Congratulations



Birthdays

- 1 Alice Daniels
- Teresa Mahon
- 2 Doris Thomason
- 4 Kenna Taylor
- Olivia Downing
- 5 Gloria Luallin



Powerful, Thought-provoking, Frightening and Wonderful Words

(Selected from Scripture by Dennis R. Smith)

John 3:17-18: "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **18** He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." **Matthew 10:33:** "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." **John 8:24:** "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." **Acts 17:30:** "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent." **Mark 16:15-16:** "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." **2nd Thess. 1:7-8:** "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." **Psalms 9:17:** "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." **Titus 3:4-5:** "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

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

WORKS WE SUPPORT

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
 Voice of Truth International
 Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
 World Christian Broadcasting
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
 Fair Haven Children's Home

“In Search of the Lord's Way”
 7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10

‘KNOW YOUR BIBLE’
 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSRP



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Merry
 Christmas
 &
 Happy
 New Year!

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier
Greeters: Blanton & Betty Glenn
Van Driver: AM: J. Simons/PM: T. Jobs
KYB Phone: Jackie & Leah Freeze
Serve
Communion: Aubrey Cobb/Ted Crabtree
 Barney Crawford/Verl Duncan
 Tom Davis/Eddie Currier
 Greg Donoho/William Downing
 John Dutton/Tom Easterly

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer: Tim Bowling
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: John Mahon
Communion: T. Jobs/M. Keener
Nursery: Glenda Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, December 30

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Larry Baggett
Opening Prayer:	Van Barnes	Kyle Buckner
Communion:	Dale Gregory	T. Jobs/M. Keener
Closing Prayer:	Luke Lines	Andy McFarland

AM Nursery: Meredith Reaves
PM Nursery: Linda Barnett
Greeters: John & Michelle Hulett
Van Driver: Lance Griter/350-4646

MONTH OF DECEMBER

AV Room: Scott Barton/
 Ron Stokes

Secure Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, December 26

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Aaron Tovar
Prayer: Russell Lilly
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
 849-7678