



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 21, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

Scripture Reading:
I Peter 5-6-11

#400
#798
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Opening Prayer
Scott Barton

#752

The Lord's Supper
Luis Tovar

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Contribution
Luis Tovar

#345

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#380

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

#394

Closing Prayer
Paul Lines

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

About Our Work

With our messages on this Lord's day we are turning our attention back to the great story Acts tells. Its unfolding account of the new people which springs up out of the news that death could not hold Christ, and which then devotes itself to the unceasing announcement of that very news, must be understood as our story, too. Our two themes as we come to chapter six are both meaningful and practical. One has to do with the evil one's efforts to work against us; the other with our efforts to work together. Be here both times if you can—and bring a friend!

Who could have predicted when this past week started what would have happened by the time it was over? In our national life, there have been evil deeds and explosions that have suddenly but completely changed things for families and communities. In our individual lives, there have also been unexpected events, and some have felt personal concerns or losses. Surely we have been reminded that we never know what a day may bring (Prov. 27:1). Hopefully we also noticed what we read from Psalm 102: our days may be as uncertain as an evening shadow, but even if the earth and the heavens wear out like a garment, the unchanging God remains the same (v. 11, 25-27). It is always right to serve him.

Will you please take note of the upcoming activities that are mentioned inside this bulletin? A mission report, a youth retreat, and other opportunities and needs are included. Also, please check the bulletin board for announcements about area gospel meetings, ladies' days, and other events. You may find an occasion for growth or service that you will appreciate.

Perhaps the greatest work we can do together is to offer a sacrifice of praise to God (Heb. 13:15). It's a work which is crucial to our identity: we have been made a holy priesthood, that we may offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 2:5). But what is involved in doing this? The first few verses of Psalm 105 offer a good summary of how to give thanks to the Lord, and thus of what it means to worship him: 1)call upon his name; 2)make known his deeds among the peoples; 3)sing to him, praising him by telling of all his works; 4)glory in his holy name; 5)let your hearts rejoice; 6)seek him and his strength and his presence; and 7)remember what he has done. Let us do so, today, together. It will please the Lord—and it will bless all of us!

—Bill McFarland

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

April 14

Bible Study:	239
Morning:	307
Evening:	203
Wednesday (4/17):	217
Contribution:	\$ 8,987



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

In our prayers ...

♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain

- ♦ Norman High will have surgery to put a port in for the chemo treatments on Wednesday at the Surgery Center.
- ♦ Wanda Wilkinson will have surgery on her esophagus at Mercy Hospital on April 29
- ♦ Dale Harp was in and out of the hospital this past weekend
- ♦ Tom Meeks will have additional spine surgery this week; the family request no visitors
- ♦ Tim Timmons had another procedure on his eye last Thursday.
- ♦ Leona Snider as she deals with her need for hip replacement (which hopefully will be in May)
- ♦ Blanton Glenn as he continues his struggle with prostate cancer

Friends & Family

- ♦ Mary Jo Rookstool's son-in-law, Rick Wall, as he begins radiation treatments in May
- ♦ Teresa Mahon's brother and Thelma's son, Michael Fain, had 2 stints put in last weekend after being on the verge of a heart attack
- ♦ Erika Lininger, cousin of Jan Bowling, will have laser surgery for stage 2 cervical cancer on Monday.
- ♦ Thelma Fain's sister-in-law, Audrey Wilborn, who had breast cancer surgery last week
- ♦ Betty Grabber's niece, Lindy Holley, has serious health issues
- ♦ Nova Crosby, Sue Holt's mother, as she deals with health issues
- ♦ Continue to remember Gene Lund's brother, Bill, and Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw, who are dealing with cancer
- ♦ Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, had surgery for a blood clot last weekend; she is now home and doing better

Please keep in your prayers all the victims from the tragedies in Boston and West, TX this past week



We extend our sympathy to the following families who have lost loved ones this past week:

Chris Wiseman and his family in the loss of his grandmother, Alberta Drake. Please keep the Wiseman family in your prayers as they travel to Nebraska for the funeral service.

Verl Duncan and his family in the loss of his cousin, J.R. Crumley. Funeral service was Saturday in Arkansas.

Family and friends of Steve Leach, former member at North National, who passed away suddenly. Funeral services were held Saturday.

Thank you all for remembering me on my birthday. I received so many beautiful cards. I can't thank you enough for remembering me. You have touched my heart in so many ways since I have been sick so long. I love you all and wish I could be there with you. Thank you for the prayers and your love shown to me. God bless you all. With my love, Ella Mae Findlay



Long Term/ Shut-ins

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



Birthdays

- 28 Porter Barnes
- Ashley Stockdale
- 29 Larry Baggett
- 30 Carson Griffin
- Kirk Tracy
- 5/3 Jo Baggett
- 4 Jim Low
- Byrle Hayter
- John Stayton



JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNING
AT 9 AM & WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7 PM.

News & Activities

Youth

⇒ Youth Night is **TONIGHT** at Rogersville at 5 p.m. Bus will leave at 4:15; please let Adam know this morning if you plan to ride the bus.

⇒ April 26-28—Youth Retreat at Hammons Mill; Willie Franklin will be guest speaker. Cost will be \$25 which covers food, cabin bed and a t-shirt. Please give your money to Johnnie.



Churches of Christ Day at the Springfield Cardinals

**Friday, June 21st.
Price is \$16.50 per**

ticket and includes Ballpark Picnic in the stadium. Final day to sign-up and pay is May 5th. Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk.



Community Involvement
Thank you so much for your generous response to our community

involvement activity. Your response was so great that we have a good start on our next project., which has not yet been identified.

Happy Hollow Work Days

**Saturday, April 27—
and May 4**

**See sign-up sheet on
Information Desk**

Also if you can provide cookies for the Happy Hollow Reunion on May 18th, see Shelia Hansen.

Ladies, Join us for our biweekly Bible Study on **Thursday, May 2 at 7:00pm!** It will be at Brittany Morrison's home. If you need directions or would like to carpool, see Elizabeth or Jill!

Game Night

Water Mill Adult Game Night on May 3rd. We'll be having a battle of the sexes game of "Cranium" at 6pm. There will be pizza and drinks, just bring \$5 and some sweets. Teens are invited to come watch kids and eat free pizza. (There is a trophy on the line!) Any questions ask Travis or JJ.

Mark Your Calendars

- April 28—Paul Kee will speak at the PM service
- May 3—Game Night
- May 7—Quilters meet
- May 9—Ladies Bible Class with Elaine Poland scheduled to bring lesson
- May 10—Hot Pot Dinner
- May 18—Happy Hollow Reunion
- May 19—Graduates' Reception
- June 2—Elizabeth Tieszen Wedding Shower
- June 8—Orville Langford Memorial Service here at the building
- June 22—Tieszen/Meinsen wedding
- June 29 Hayter 50th Anniversary celebration



If you are graduating this spring from high school, college, trade school, etc., **please turn your name into the office as soon as possible.**

SPONTANEITY WORKS WONDERS IN THE CHURCH

By Dennis R. Smith



It has been my experience over the years that in spite of all the good programs introduced by a given congregation, there is none which works so well as plain, simple "spontaneity." Here's what it means: "Something performed or occurring as a result of an unpremeditated impulse and without external stimulus." In simple Bible terms it means taking care of a given situation "as we therefore have opportunity" (Gal. 6:10). Unfortunately - in the church - so often we feel unqualified to take care of our opportunities reassuring ourselves that there are others more capable. There are multiple commandments which God gives to his children concerning being attentive to the needs of others. Such being the case, it is impossible for a few to take care of every situation which presents itself. For this reason - individually in the church - we must respond as "Good Samaritans" without waiting to be directed by our elders. In the language of Galatians 5:23 when it comes to doing good, "against such there is no law." There are so many things in our society which press hard upon us each day. Equally so, this is true in the church. We are surely familiar with the term "first responders." This is what I am talking about! Whatever possible action that you can do as one first on the scene may be the difference in life or death. Think seriously on this thought and be careful not to "pass by on the other side" as did the priest and the Levite in that touching story from Luke 10:30-36.

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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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves
Greeters: Byrle & Virginia Hayter
Van Driver: Lance Griter/350-4646
KYB Phone: Jerry & Pat Milligan
Serve Aaron Morrison/Tom Norrell
Communion: Travis Morrison/Steve Prewitt
 Chris Wiseman/John Stayton
 Aaron Schwartz/Adam Stipp
 James Simons/Jerry Stockdale

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Paul Lines
Opening Prayer: Fred Lorenz
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Gene Lund
Communion: John Dutton/Jackie Freeze
Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho

NEXT WEEK, April 28

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Paul Lines
Opening Prayer:	Randy Blackburn	Tim Bowling
Communion:	Daniel Wilson	John Dutton/J. Freeze
Closing Prayer:	Jason Luna	Adam Barton
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Gin Crumrine	
PM Nursery:	Glenda Thurlkill	
Greeters:	John & Michelle Hulett	
Van Driver:	Travis Morrison/343-7451	

MONTH OF APRIL

AV Scott Barton/
Room: Linda Barnett
Open Tim Timmons
Building
Secure Justin Reaves/
Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, April 24

Devotional: James Simons
Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Prayer: Matt Keener
Van Driver: Jason Luna/
 838-7152