



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 2, 2014

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#19 (1,2,4)
#765

Opening Prayer
Ron Stokes

#350
#951

The Lord's Supper
Luis Tovar

Contribution
Luis Tovar

#647 (1,2,4)

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#800

Announcements
Bob Snider

#717 (!,3)

Closing Prayer
Tyler Thornton

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



It's Not Hard, Daddy

I hope it is ok, and I ask that you please indulge me a moment while I share a story about the lesson I learned from my children this past week. All of us have likely had those times where, in the presence of kids, we are reminded and are keenly aware of Jesus' words: "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3-4). I am not immune.

I had one of those moments last week while we were doing our daily evening devotional from our Bible Reading schedule. We read from John 18:15-27, the story of Peter's denial of Jesus in the first stages of His trial. We read the story and talked about Peter's actions, and why he may have said the things he did when asked about his relationship to the Lord. I noticed as we were talking about the situation that both of my older children had a puzzled look.

In our Bible Reading devotional guide, there are several questions designed for children to cause them to think about the story and respond. We came to the question, "*Why is it sometimes hard to talk to other people about Jesus, just like in Peter's story?*" and the next one, "*What can you do to help overcome your fear about talking to others about God?*" I asked the question as a reality, as a given, as a fact of our lives as Christians. But I was humbled by the response of the kids.

They were puzzled, almost *offended* that I would make such an assumption. "It's not hard, Daddy. We talk about Jesus every day." Taken off guard, I then proceeded to tell them that, actually, when they get older, there *will* be times and relationships in which trying to tell someone about Jesus may be a hard thing. At which point I was met with even *more* vehement response, "It is *not* hard! And It *will not* be hard! We are *not* afraid to talk about God!"

I then realized that I—not my children—was supposed to be the one learning that night... to be humble, to turn, and to be like a little child.

I am not so naïve as to think that my 5 year old is the champion evangelist at Tuesday/Thursday school, nor that she has had many (if any) conversations about Jesus with her school classmates. But in the midst of my telling them how *extremely hard* it can be to communicate the message of our Savior to others, I was reminded how difficult it *shouldn't* be. "How dare I make such a foolish statement!" could have very well been the message communicated by the look on their faces.

In the mind of a child, a mind that, according to Jesus, we should be learning to imitate, it was a ridiculous idea to think that talking about Jesus should be hard. Why should I try to convince them otherwise? And why have I allowed myself to be convinced of the same?

- Adam

Prayer List & Notes

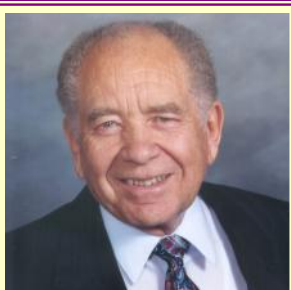
Welcome Visitors

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

January 26

Bible Study:	266
Morning:	347
Evening:	207
Wednesday (1/29):	204
Contribution:	\$ 9,373



Elder of the Month

Bob Snider



◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Jackie Freeze, Greg Larimore, Truman Coltrane, Donna Sanders

- ◆ Dale Harp has been in and out of the hospital this past week.
- ◆ Tim Bowling has been really sick this past week; thanks to all who have pitched in to help clean the building in his absence.
- ◆ Kay Adams is not doing well
- ◆ Diana Compton's back surgery is on hold.
- ◆ Melinda Barton will have reconstruction surgery on Monday, February 24th
- ◆ Norman High as he deals with cancer

Friends & Family

- ◆ Matt Seats, youth minister at Brookline, is in ICU at Mercy Hospital with a strep A infection; he has had 2 surgeries to insert tubes in his neck for the infection to drain; he is responding to treatment
- ◆ Lanae Gillespie's first cousin's wife, Holly Treat, has been diagnosed with melanoma. They are waiting on further testing to see if it has spread.
- ◆ Tim & Becky Marsolf's 2 year old granddaughter, Aviley, who continues to have some health concerns
- ◆ Continue to remember Carolyn Young's sister, Nita; Jean Evans, Lyle Mishler's sister; and Ruth Reaves' brother, Jim Hocker, who are dealing with cancer



We extend our sympathy to the friends and family of Don Starkey (former member at North National and son of former member Yvonne Starkey) who passed away last week. Thanks to all of you who helped to provide a meal for their family last Thursday. The family was very appreciative of the way this congregation has supported them during the recent loss of Wanda and now during the loss of Don.

Baptism

We rejoice with Brooke Baker on her decision to put on Christ in baptism last Sunday night. Please continue to be an encouragement to Brooke as she grows as a new Christian. Brooke is the granddaughter of former member Phil Baker. (Address to follow)



Thank you for all the lovely cards, phone calls and most of all your prayers. I am doing much better. I love and appreciate all of you. In Christian love, Donna Sanders

Thank you for the birthday cards, well wishes, and of course the cookies from "The Cookie Sister". Knowing that my Brothers and Sisters are thinking of me makes each day the Lord has given me more special. Teresa Mahon

P.S. Kaven has appreciated the cards and words of encouragement since his baptism.



We are in need of cereal for the food pantry.

Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Chloe Gaddis
Mary Head
Doris Iorg
Irene Johnson
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods

Expectant Moms

Megan Jobs
(girl) (March)
Brittany Morrison
(girl) (June)

*The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.
"Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense." (Proverbs 19:11)*

News & Activities



Adult Valentine Party (Casual dress) (all ages)

February 8th @ 5:30 p.m.

Men bring a dish of their choosing that THEY have prepared. Sign-up sheet is at the Information Desk

(see flyer)

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1st—4th Grades

Valentine Party February 9th

Upcoming Events

⇒ **Golden Agers** meet this afternoon at 4 p.m. in room 126

⇒ **Elders** meet February 11 at 1 p.m.

⇒ **Men's Retreat February 28-March 1 at the Wyndham Resort in Branson**



We will be hosting the Area Wide Youth Night on February 23. We

again ask for your help in providing canned drinks and bottled water for approximately 250 young people. Thank you in advance for your help.

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. Proverbs 11:25



Book club meeting will be March 10th. We will be discussing the following books: Si-cology by Si Robertson; The God-shaped Brain by Timothy R. Jennings, M.D.; Epic by John Eldredge; or Divergent by Veronica Roth.

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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Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney	304-520-9800
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Russell Lilly
Tim Bowling	Aaron Morrison
Tim Buckner	Travis Morrison
Tom Davis	James Simons
Jim Elliff	John Stayton
Jon Ewing	Mike Thurlkill
Matt Keener	

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

Birthdays

**9 Verl Duncan
Betty Glenn
Marti Norrell**

**10 Howard Birdsong
Kirsten McFarland
Mary Jo Rookstool**

**11 Claudia Morrison
Elijah Morrison**

**13 Clarence Feeney
Brent Looney**

**14 Jammie Davis
Gaylen Jones**



JESUS CALLS US O'RE THE TUMULT

By Dennis R. Smith

The title of this article is from the first few words of an informative song by C.F. Alexander and W. H. Jude dating back to 1887. The Holy Scriptures inform us that *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever"* (Heb. 13:8). We must then accept that Jesus still calls to the weary and heavy laden (Matt. 11:28-30). The problem today for so much difficulty in the lives of many is that they do not listen for the call nor do they understand how he calls. In 2nd Thessalonians 2:14 we are reminded of these words: *"Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Sadly but true, other things today take precedence over the necessity of our *"Searching the Scriptures"* (John 5:39) in order to have our eyes and ears open unto Jesus. (See Matthew 13:15). The gospel preached has the same power and source of our salvation as it did in the first century (Rom. 1:16). Going back to the title of this article and looking at the word "tumult" may further explain the reason why so many have not heard the call of the gospel. It means, "confusion of loud noises - violent agitation of mind or feelings." With all the different pleas in the religious world coupled with the lack of "practicing what we preach," it is no wonder God's call through Christ has become difficult to hear. Jesus said in Luke 19:10 that his purpose in coming was to *"seek and save that which was lost."* But he cannot be found if we fail to listen for his call and his call comes to the world only through the preaching and teaching of his gospel. (Rom.10:13-17).

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
 Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission
 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/KSPR



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Join Us At
 Sunday School

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Ann Thiesen/Gerri Dickens
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/343-7451
KYB Phone: Adam & Sara Stipp

Serve Aaron Morrison/Eddie Sanders
Communion: Travis Morrison/Scott Nichols
 Tom Norrell/Aaron Schwartz
 Steve Prewitt/John Stayton
 Trevor Kraus/James Simons

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer: Adam Barton
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Tim Stockstill
Communion: Adam Stipp/Carl Tindall
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, February 9

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer:	Randy Blackburn	Jackie Buck
Communion:	Jerry Young	A. Stipp/C. Tindall
Closing Prayer:	Kyle Buckner	John Dutton
Greeters:	Brendan & Jenny Carroll	
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Van Driver:	Tyler Thornton/840-6303	

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

AV Scott Barton/
 Room: Bruce Tindall
 Open Tim Timmons
 Building
 Secure Justin Reaves/
 Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, February 5

Devotional: Larry Baggett
Song Leader: Luke Lines
Prayer: Matt Keener
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/
 207-7877