



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 6, 2014

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#532

#618

Opening Prayer
Ron Stokes

#647 (1,2,3)

#12 (1,2,5)

The Lord's Supper
Don Essex

Contribution
Don Essex

#523 (1,2,4)

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#382

Announcements
Barney Crawford

#583

Closing Prayer
Van Barnes

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



"I Will."

This may be the most wonderful thing the Lord ever said.

He spoke the word in response to an immediate problem. A man with a dreaded skin disease was kneeling there before him expressing his hopeful dependence: "If you will, you can make me clean." It was a maintain-your-personal-comfort or run-the-risk-of-compassion moment. Without hesitation, Jesus took the latter course. He stretched out his hand, touched the hurting man, and removed his only doubt: "I will..." (Mk. 1:40, 41).

Heard in a broader sense, this one saying is profound commentary on the scenes of his earthly ministry as Mark begins to describe them. If we are listening, we surely hear something of the heart of our Lord.

"I will participate in the human condition." Jesus meets us at a real time and place in history. Repentance is needed. People are looking for something. They are trying to make a living. There is suffering of all sorts. Loneliness and suspicion and littleness exists.

"I will be who the Father wants me to be." Jesus comes all the way to the Jordan to be baptized by John to please heaven, goes out while it is still dark and prays so that he can attend to his purpose, and owns his role as Lord of the Sabbath.

"I will face the pressures of evil and overcome." Jesus is tempted by Satan in the wilderness, distressed by unclean spirits among people, and dogged by malevolent motives in the synagogue. He remained faithful. He gained both moral authority and sympathy for people.

"I will work with imperfect people to inject the good news into the world." Jesus begins to proclaim the gospel of God and he enlists four fishermen in the task. He understands their weaknesses. He works with them and depends on them. He teaches with authority. He proclaims the word. He makes them fishers of men.

"I will care enough to help, see enough to forgive, and accompany enough to enjoy." Jesus attends oppressed people, whether crowded at the door at sundown, or packed in the room, or pushing him to the edge of the sea. He sees the faith it takes to let a man down through the roof, and gives what he really needs—forgiveness. He accepts the hospitality of the excluded who are willing to welcome him.

"I will endure the criticism that comes with the territory." Jesus meets faultfinders. Why does he speak like that? Why does he eat with them? Why do his disciples not do that? Why do they do this? Why now? The questions do not always come from individuals who have a right to criticize him. He still serves.

He will. Will I?

—Bill McFarland

Prayer List & Notes

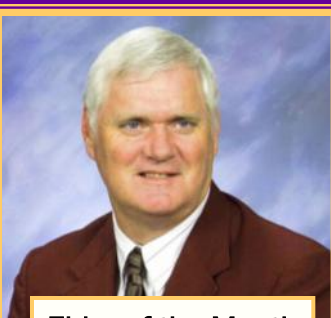
Welcome Visitors

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

March 30

Bible Study:	251
Morning:	363
Evening:	201
Wednesday (4/2):	216
Contribution:	\$20,230



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford



♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Greg Larimore, Dale Harp

♦ Norman High as he deals with cancer and chemo
♦ Kay Adams is still at Specialty Hospital

Friends & Family

- ♦ Continue to remember Mary Bratcher's son, Bruce, who is recovering from very serious heart surgery
- ♦ Stacy Huett, Earl & Reba's daughter-in-law, has been diagnosed with breast cancer; she will be taking chemo and then surgery
- ♦ Robb Hadley, a minister with the Center Street Church in Fayetteville, is now home from the hospital
- ♦ Connie Fortner's father has been moved to a nursing home
- ♦ 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

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
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods

Expectant Mom

Brittany Morrison
(girl) (June)



Congratulations to Aiden Davis who qualified to represent Willard School District at the State Geography Bee at Moberly, MO this past Friday.



Gospel Meeting with Randy Carr
April 13-16/Lincoln Church of Christ
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Gospel Meeting with Bill McFarland/
April 27-30/Sparta Church of Christ
See Flyers on the Bulletin Board

PROMOTION DAY FOR
OUR KIDS' BIBLE
CLASSES HAS BEEN
MOVED TO AUGUST 3RD.



We are in need of a Sunday school teacher for our current 2nd grade class. Please see Tom Davis if you are interested in this service.



We would like to "once again" thank you so much for your generous contributions on another 5th Sunday. We realize that you make sacrifices in order to "give extra" to the Lord each 5th Sunday that we have, and you are to be commended for your faithfulness and love for the Lord and the Lord's church. Thank you.
The Elders

Thrift Haven needs your used furniture. Call them at 882-3392 and they will pick it up.



Daily Bible Reading Schedules for the Second Quarter are available at the Information Desk. Be sure to pick up a copy and get started.



Birthdays
13 Mark Breckner
15 Brigett Breckner
Grant Schaper
16 Alan McElwain
17 Fern Davis

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
(Matthew 6:21)

Family Bible Time
Tonight at 5 p.m.

News & Activities

Ladies Day April 12, 9:30 a.m.

Singing in the Rain

1 Peter 1: 6 & 7



Our Speaker will be Donna Watson from the Hollister congregation.

Our Contest is Rain Attire, so break out the cute rain coats & matching rain boots with your umbrella! Be creative because everyone will be voting on this.

If you are bringing food we need you to be at the building by 9:00 so that we can get it prepped & ready to eat. Big THANKS to all of you who are bringing food!!! We still have some spots left open for food, clean up & tea cups.

A big thanks to our committee for all their hard work in putting this special day together: Sara Keener, Lisa Stayton, Lora Luna, Gaitha Downing, Brittany Morrison.

Leah Prewitt

LTC Puppets & Drama teams meet TODAY after AM service. Bring your own lunch.

Upcoming Events

⇒ Golden Agers meet today at 4 p.m.

⇒ Elders meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.

⇒ Quilters meet April 15 at 10 a.m.



⇒ April 13 LTC Preview after evening service

⇒ April 18-19 LTC

Convention

⇒ April 20 Awards Ceremony after PM service

⇒ April 25-27 Hammond Mill Retreat

⇒ May 31—AWY Summer Kickoff Event



We have scheduled photography dates with Lifetouch Photography to begin the process of a new pictorial directory.

Mark these dates on your calendar and watch for more information about scheduling.

June 5, 6, 7

June 19, 20, 21

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



The Church of Christ and the Function of Its Members

By Dennis R. Smith

The church of Christ is a body of believers in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. They are convinced that the "seed of the kingdom" (Luke 8:11) is the word of God and that a reproduction of the New Testament church can be accomplished in modern times simply by planting the "seed" of the kingdom. This is done through a careful and sustained examination of the holy scriptures and an application of its glorious passages to the lives of the members. To that end consider the few listed below as a starter:

- (1) What was the church called in the first century? (See Romans 16:16).
- (2) How was it organized? (See 1st Tim. 3, Titus 1, 1st Cor. 12:28).
- (3) What kind of worship did they participate in? (See Acts 20:7, 1st Cor. 16:1-2, Eph.5:19, Col. 3:16, 1st Thess. 5:17-18).
- (4) How important did they consider the word of God? (See John 12:48, Rev. 22:18-19).
- (5) To whom did their first love belong? (See Matt. 22:37; 6:33).
- (6) What was their purpose on earth? (See Matt. 28:19-20, Rom. 12:1-2, 1st Peter 1:16).
- (7) What was their hope after death? (See John 14:1-2).

Naturally there are many other things which must also be considered, but surely these are enough to suggest that the Bible has been given to us by God and that he expects us to follow it as our guide book to heaven.

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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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Jerry & Pat Milligan
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/343-7451
KYB Phone: Gerri Dickens/Carolyn Young
Serve: Kyle Buckner/Brendan Carroll
Communion: Aubrey Cobb/Tom Davis
 William Downing/John Dutton
 Chris Wiseman/Verl Duncan
 Briley Ewing/Jackie Freeze

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jon Davis
Opening Prayer: Tim Stockstill
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Adam Barton
Communion: Fred Lorenz/Jason Luna
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, April 13

AM

PM

Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
Opening Prayer:	Tyler Thornton	Randy Blackburn
Communion:	Oran Green	F. Lorenz/J. Luna
Closing Prayer:	Mike Thurlkill	Tim Bowling
Greeters:	Tom & Marti Norrell	
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Van Driver:	Jerry Stockdale/693-7505	

MONTH OF APRIL

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

Wednesday, April 9

Devotional: Jackie Freeze
Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Prayer: John Mahon
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/
 207-7877