



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 13, 2014

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#982

#137

#951

Opening Prayer
Tyler Thornton

#876

#352

The Lord's Supper
Oran Green

Contribution
Oran Green

#968

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#29

Announcements
Barney Crawford

#663 (1,4)

Closing Prayer
Mike Thurlkill

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



The Jesus of the People

You don't need a theology degree to understand the teachings of Jesus. You don't have to be an elite intellectual to discuss the spiritual principles of the Master's words. In fact, if you lived during the days of Jesus, and you *were* an "elite, intellectual theologian," you most likely would have taken the brunt of His many rebukes. Please don't misunderstand – it is not correct to say formal education is bad. How could one be wrong in seeking more knowledge? Yet even if we have a degree from every prestigious institution in the world, it does absolutely nothing in making me more qualified, by comparison, for heaven than the poor widow who didn't finish 2nd grade.

I love to be reminded of the passage from our upcoming reading this week in the book of Mark, where we are told, "[T]he common people heard Him gladly" (12:37). Did you catch that? It wasn't the elite, educated, held-up-on-a-pedestal-holy religious leaders that were overjoyed by Jesus' words. No—it was the common people—the you's and me's of the world—who received His teachings with joy. How enormously comforting is that!?

Though He was God in flesh, knower of all things, He had the amazing ability to not talk over the heads of, nor down His nose at, His listeners. Rather, He was completely relatable to them, helping them understand incredibly enormous spiritual truths using words of gentleness and simplicity. Lessons of inheriting eternal spiritual life were illustrated by such things as bread, water, light, trees, growing seeds, building a house, etc. How simple it is! Do we hear His word with such gladness?

Maybe we should also ask ourselves if the message of our Lord that *we* present to those around us is one which the "common" people would receive with joy. Is our message relatable and understandable to our neighbors? Is it spoken in humility and gentleness? Is it delivered with evident, sincere love? Does it communicate spiritual truths about Him and what He is able to do for us?

I am going to guess that most who read this are like me: a common folk. Likely, most people around us will be the same: common folk. Make time today to pick up your Bible to read the words of the Jesus, and be amazed at what Paul calls the "simplicity in Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:3). Enjoy and be "glad" to hear Him, and by sharing the same message, make others "glad" to experience Him through us. How much joy He can bring lives!! Truly, "No man ever spoke like this Man" (John 7:46).

- Adam

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

Prayer List & Notes

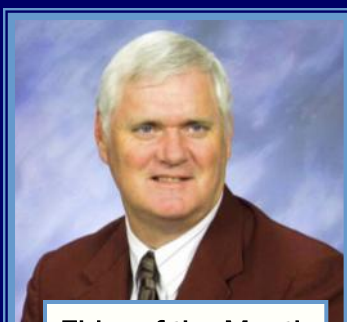
Welcome Visitors

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 6

Bible Study:	255
Morning:	323
Evening:	205
Wednesday (4/9):	217
Contribution:	\$ 8,727



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
- ◆ Sherry Sherman has not been feeling well

Friends & Family

- ◆ Jon Ewing's brother, Mike Ewing, is at Mercy Hospital following surgery last Tuesday to remove a cancerous tumor from his brain; they are in the process of consulting with the oncologist and making decisions about treatment and care
- ◆ Matthew Patterson, Mary Jo Rookstool's grandson, who is now in Afghanistan
- ◆ Rosie Williams, wife of Wayne Williams (who was instrumental in our involvement with KYB), is in Mercy Hospital
- ◆ 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

Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to the family of Wayne Snider, who passed away last Wednesday. His funeral service will be Tuesday here at the building at 11 a.m. with visitation from 10—11. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Cemetery.

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We also extend our sympathy to Gene Lund in the loss of yet another family member, his Aunt Ester Jones from Mansfield. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this writing.

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)

Thank you!

It is so comforting to have a church family who supports and prays for us. We really appreciate the calls, hospital visits, and cards we have received. The get well wishes, anniversary cards, birthdays cards and the chocolate chip cookies from Carolyn are greatly appreciated. A special thank you to all the children in Megan and Thresa's 2nd grade class for our anniversary card. It was so nice of you to remember us. Please keep praying for us. May God bless you all. Norman and Lucile High



Birthdays

20 Norman High
21 Alice Buckner
Teresa Griter
Michelle Hulett
22 Thresa Hansen
Lisa Stayton
26 Doris Batzel Iorg
Gail White

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 opportunity.



Gospel Meeting with Ron Stough
April 20-23 at the Bolivar Church of Christ
Ladies Day Mt. Hope Church of Christ in Webb City, April 26th
Gospel Meeting with Bill McFarland/Sparta Church of Christ/April 27-30
See Flyers on the Bulletin Board

Some of you wanted the address for Freeman Weger:
109 N. Hickory, Denison, TX 75020

News & Activities



This Sunday evening will be our LTC Preview Night, in which we will stay and see all of our students perform their event for us. Please plan to stay and support our young people and their coaches!

Please keep our group in your prayers as they travel to Rogers, AR on Friday for their competition and then return home late Saturday.

Next Sunday night we will have the awards ceremony after services.

Good luck to everyone!

Incoming Events



Our Graduates' Reception is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, after the evening service. **If you are graduating this spring or graduated last semester, please contact Carrie Lines or Adam as soon as possible so they can get pictures and graduation information.**

There will be a short planning meeting after services this morning in room 130 for Junior Parents.

⇒ Due to the funeral and funeral dinner, Quilters WILL NOT meet Tuesday BUT WILL MEET ON APRIL 22 AT 10 AM.

⇒ Book Club Meeting is May 12 at Linda Currier's home.

⇒ Our next BLOOD DRIVE is June 4. Watch for more information!



Photography Dates:

June 5, 6, 7

June 19, 20, 21

Watch for more info!!

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



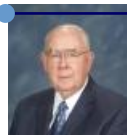
⇒ April 25-27

Hammond Mill

Retreat. Deadline is

Wednesday, April 16 so we can have t-shirt orders in. Leave Friday ~4:30-5:00ish. Returning Sunday ~1:30-2:00ish. Cost:\$25

⇒ May 31—AWY Summer Kickoff Event



TRUTH MUST OVERRIDE PREJUDICE

By Dennis R. Smith

In the holy scriptures the Apostle Paul used a phrase quite often which went like this: *"I would not have you to be ignorant."* (See 1st Cor. 10:1; 1st Thess. 4:13; Rom. 1:13; 2nd Cor. 1:8). While all of these passages come from the King James Version, I will hasten to say that I prefer the wording of the newer translations in which words like "unaware or uninformed" are often used. Personally, since Christianity is a taught religion, I prefer the more scriptural term of "unlearned." This matches up with the words of Jesus, *"Every man therefore that hath heard and learned of the Father, cometh unto me"* (John 6:45). There are many areas where the word prejudice would apply, but none is any more so than in the area of Christianity. Perhaps our Lord knew this and therefore gave instructions to us of great value which, if we become "learned" in his statements, will help in our overriding our prejudice. Look at more words from the Master. *"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"* (John 8:32). *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth"* (John 17:17). God's truth is not only something to be learned, it is something to be obeyed. (See 1st Peter 1:22). Since his word is also his truth, my suggestion is that we take it just the way it is! In other words in full assurance and confidence - even to the overriding of our prejudices which otherwise just might cause us to miss heaven when this life is over.

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: P. Malanowski/O. Blackburn
Greeters: Tom & Marti Norrell
Van Driver: Jerry Stockdale/693-7505
KYB Phone: Norma Lorenz/Ann Thiesen
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: Randy Blackburn
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Tim Bowling
Communion: Fred Lorenz/Jason Luna
Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

NEXT WEEK, April 20

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
Opening Prayer:	Luis Tovar	Jack Lynch
Communion:	Dale Gregory	F. Lorenz/J. Luna
Closing Prayer:	Jerry Young	Matt Keener
Greeters:	Eddie & Donna Sanders	
AM Nursery:	Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves	
PM Nursery:	Lee Ann Donoho	
Van Driver:	Sam Hansen/818-2077	

MONTH OF APRIL

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

Wednesday, April 16

Devotional: Jon Davis
Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Prayer: Aaron Morrison
Van Driver: Jason Luna/
 838-7152