



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 5, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Fred Lorenz

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#647

#392

#146

Opening Prayer

Bill McFarland

#621

The Lord's Supper

Barney Crawford

Contribution

Barney Crawford

#1

"The Greatest Commandment"

Lesson

Adam Blaney

#495

Announcements

Bob Snider

#497

Closing Prayer

Scott Nichols

Elder of the Month

Bob Snider

About Our Work

This Lord's day we will have as our guests another of the families who have an interest in a ministry directed toward the spiritual development of our young people and their families. Please extend a welcome to Adam and Tabitha and their children Mason, Eliza, and Lindy, and help us see that we put them at ease (cf. 1 Cor. 16:10). We want their visit with us to be a blessing to them.

The schedule for the class, noontime, and after lunch activities will be the same as before. Our young adults and families with children will be the hosts, but this time the lunch is a "brown bag" event, so families need to plan accordingly.

Thank you for taking an interest in this process. I want to point out again that all our plans and choices must be fashioned according to what the Lord has already said about the work and character of his people. The church exists to glorify God through Christ. The work of the church is to value people by doing good to them, to teach people the gospel and help them obey it, to train those who have obeyed it to do all that the Lord has commanded, and to urge them to fill their own place in that chain of service. The character of the church is to treat others the way we would want to be treated.

In all these efforts, let us continue to pray that the Lord may bless as he can in keeping with his will.

"Fellow workers." Have you ever considered this wonderful little phrase that Paul liked to use? There is a sense of honor and affection and respect in it. I think it would do us good to think of each other in this way more often.

The apostle thought of himself and Apollos as "God's fellow workers"—that is, not competitors in a talent contest, but servants through whom people believed in the Lord (1 Cor. 3:9). He referred to Aquila and Priscilla, who had risked their lives for his and to whom the church owed a debt of gratitude, as "my fellow workers in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 16:3). He could bestow no greater honor on Epaphroditus than to call him "my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier" (Phil. 2:25).

Here is one crucial source of the sense of belonging and brotherly love that we all want. It is the "fellow-worker relationship" that we experience when each of us is working properly as a member of the body in a cooperative effort to build it up. There are no shortcuts to the closeness and trust that this alone can establish.

Next Lord's day evening it will again be our privilege to host the area youth night gathering. Robb Hadley of the Center Street congregation in Fayetteville will be our guest speaker. The theme will be "How Deep the Father's Love." Invite someone to share the evening with us, and don't miss it yourself!

This coming Saturday will be a full day, too. We look forward to being together with the men for the breakfast that morning. I know the activity that evening will be a blessing, too. Thanks to you who are making these activities possible.

—Bill

***AM Message: Won't You Be a Neighbor
PM: Overwhelming Victory?***

Prayer List

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 29

Bible Study: 250
 Morning: 363
 Evening: 227
 Wednesday (2/1): 234
 Contribution: \$18,638

- ◆ Continue to remember **Eula Compton, Herman Harris, Thelma Fain, Orvella Blackburn**
 - ◆ **Marilyn Lanpher** as she makes decisions regarding her health
 - ◆ **Thelma Pendergrass**, Kay's mom, has been in Mercy Hospital this past week
 - ◆ Debbie Kern's dad, **Don Hamlin**, is very ill
 - ◆ Jo Baggett's mom, **Ann Freeze**, is in a rehab facility recovering from a stroke; her address is Life Care Center, PO BOX 210, Sparta, TN 38583.
 - ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, **Joann McFarland**, remains in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis with serious health issues
 - ◆ **Margie Logston** is recovering from hip surgery following a fall; cards can be sent to Salem Community Hospital, Room 240, 1995 E. State Street, Salem, OH 44460-2400.
 - ◆ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson **Dylan** still has health issues
 - ◆ 17-year old **Jonathan Saterfield**, friend of the Norrells, continues intensive chemo treatments at St. Jude; you can monitor his progress at www.caringbridge.org/visit/jonnysaterfield
 - ◆ Continue to remember **Samantha York's dad** and **stepmom**
 - ◆ Eddie & Donna's daughter, **Teresa Conley** is awaiting further tests
 - ◆ **Jose Polson's sister-in-law** is stabilized
 - ◆ Tiffany Meeks' sister, **Larrie White**, continues to have health problems
- Prayer Request: **Wayne Harmon** responded Wednesday evening asking for prayers.

Long Term/Shut-Ins

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| Kay Adams | Carol Mahon |
| Alice Allen | Wilma Melton |
| Shirley Bartlett | David Nimmo |
| Paul Bratcher | Jarita Nimmo |
| Doris Burch | Annie Overstreet |
| Bonnie Cole | Betty Shaw |
| Fern Davis | Wilma Spoor |
| Thelma Fain | Doris Thomason |
| Milton/Lucille Ford | Doris Tobler |
| Herman Harris | Judy Todd |
| Doris Iorg | Pat Woods |
| Irene Johnson | Military |
| Carol Law | Matthew Patterson |

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Norman High and his family in the loss of his cousin, Sue Lovelock, this past week

Alice Allen has been moved to room A5 at Woodland Manor.

Thank You

Thank you so very much for your expressions of sympathy at the death of my brother. We love you with all our hearts. Jim & Ruth Reaves



What Can be Said about "Vain Repetitions"

Dennis Smith

The words "vain repetitions" were used by our Lord prior to giving what so often has been called "The Lord's Prayer" (Matt. 6:7-13). We must not ever condemn anyone for the way they pray or the amount of times in the prayer that they might repeat themselves. Jesus repeated himself three times in his prayer of Matthew 26:44. This being the case may I suggest some things about how to pray. First of all, understand that just saying certain words however eloquently (or long) they may flow does not constitute a better chance of our Lord's hearing that prayer. The condition of one's heart as he approaches the throne of God should be the prime prerequisite to all our prayers. Keep in mind that God's ears are always open to the petitions of the righteous (1st Pet. 3:12). It's only natural that when we pray the "public prayer" that we are concerned with what our audience thinks or might say. Remember they so listen in order to say "Amen" or not (1st Cor. 14:16). This being the case, especially when we know in advance of this privilege, one needs to give much thought to what is needed to be said in that prayer. Current events which might come to bear upon the church at the present time are always in order. The sick and bereaved are also in order as well as the overall service in which we are engaged. Most assuredly the prayer for the speaker should be included. But most of all, the seriousness and solemnity of the occasion is most important. Amen?

- ♦ Golden Agers meet TODAY at 4 p.m. in room 126.
- ♦ Visitation Team 1 will meet tonight after services
- ♦ Elders meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.

LTC ♦ LTC song leaders will meet at 4 p.m. today

Puppet & Drama ♦ LTC Puppet & Drama will rehearse all day (after AM service/bring sack lunch) TODAY and February 19, March 4 & 18. See Jason or Kay if you have questions.

Area-wide Youth Night
Next Sunday night we will be hosting the area-wide Youth Night. We are again asking for your help in providing bottled water/canned drinks and cookies. You can bring them anytime between now and the morning of the 12th and place in the kitchen or fellowship room. As always, thank you in advance for your help.



Saturday at 8 a.m. the Elders are hosting a Men's Breakfast. Please sign up if you can attend. We also encourage you to invite a male friend or neighbor to come with you.

Birthdays Next Week

- 13 Clarence Feeny
- Don Lewis
- Brent Looney
- 14 Jammie Davis
- Gaylen Jones
- 16 Gerri Dickens
- Karen Duncan
- Jon Ewing
- 17 Barney Crawford
- 18 Wilma Melton
- Sara Stipp



 Golden Agers, please sign up TODAY at the Information Desk if you can attend the Valentine Banquet on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. hosted by our Youth Group.

We are in need of a 5th grade male teacher for either Sunday morning or Wednesday evening class. If you are interested in helping with this work, please see Tom Davis.

There are still some School Supplies left over from VBS on the desk in the East Side of the foyer. Help yourself!

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

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| 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

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| Bill McFarland | 417-833-0110 |
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Golden Age Minister

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| Dennis Smith | 417-866-6918 |
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Deacons

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| Scott Barton | Matt Keener |
| Tim Bowling | Russell Lilly |
| Tim Buckner | Paul Lines |
| Tom Davis | Jim Meinsen |
| George Downing | Travis Morrison |
| Jim Elliff | James Simons |
| Jon Ewing | |

Staff

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| Johnnie Elliff | Secretary |
| Tim Bowling | Custodian |

Area Events

February 25: Third Annual Young Adult Rally, "Seeing Self Through God's Eyes" at the Mill Street Church of Christ in Cassville with Richard Chambers as the keynote speaker. Flyer is on the bulletin board.

Ladies Day

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 14th, our 3rd Annual Ladies Day that we're calling "A Spring Picnic."

"Now Is the Day"

You who are letting miserable misunderstandings run from year to year, meaning to clear them up someday; you who are keeping wretched quarrels alive because you cannot quite make up your minds that now is the day to sacrifice your pride and kill them; you who are passing men sullenly upon the street, not speaking to them out of some silly spite, and yet knowing that it would fill you with shame and remorse if you heard that one of them were dead tomorrow morning; you who are letting your neighbor starve, till you heard that he is dying of starvation; or letting your friend's heart ache for a word of appreciation or sympathy, which you mean to give him someday; if you could only know and see and feel, all of a sudden, that "the time is short," how it would break the spell! How you would go instantly and do the thing which you might never have another chance to do! - Phillips Brooks

We need YOU in Sunday School each week!

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
 Greeters: John & Lisa Stayton
 Van Driver: Kevin Wuench/833-6134
 KYB Phone: Jackie & Leah Freeze
 Serve: Todd Kraus/Jason Luna
 Communion: Russell Lilly/Gene Lund
 Paul Lines/Jack Lynch
 Brent Looney/John Mahon
 Terry Loveland/Les Malanowski

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
 Opening Prayer: Tim Stockstill
 Lesson: Bill McFarland
 Closing Prayer: Dustin Stokes
 Communion: Ted Crabtree/Blanton Glenn
 Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

Ushers: Ron Stokes/Tim Timmons
 AV Room: Terry Loveland/
 Secure Building: Paul Lines/Tim Buckner

NEXT WEEK (February 12)

| | <i>AM</i> | <i>PM</i> |
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| Song Leader: | Jon Ewing | Travis Morrison |
| Opening Prayer: | Tom Norrell | Youth Night |
| Communion: | Eddie Currier | Ted Crabtree/ Blanton Glenn |
| Closing Prayer: | Aaron Morrison | Youth Night |
| Nursery: | Pat Malanowski | Alice Buckner |
| | Orvella Blackburn | Jenny Carroll |
| Greeters: | Adam & Sara Stipp | |
| Van Driver: | John Stayton/833-9497 | |

Wednesday, February 8:

Devotional: Jerry Young
 Song Leader: J.J. Blevins
 Opening Prayer: Jerry Young
 Closing Prayer: Aaron Tovar
 Van Driver: Don Tracy/368-9218

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

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 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSPR



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