



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 20, 2009

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Barney Crawford

### Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#738

#947

#822 (v.1,2)

### Opening Prayer

Van Barnes

#203

### Communion

Matt Keener

#953

### Contribution

Matt Keener

#784

### Lesson

Bill McFarland

#287

### Announcements

Barney Crawford

#950

### Closing Prayer

Larry Baggett

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

## WITH OUR GRATITUDE AND BEST WISHES

*"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you" (Col. 1:3). Because of the ways in which you have given us the privilege of serving, we are in a position to know something of your faith and of the love that you quietly extend to the saints because of your hope laid up in heaven. When we think of this congregation, we are filled with respect for the dependability, generosity, servant-heartedness we see in so many of your lives.*

*Throughout our journey together this year, and especially during this holiday season, we have often been on the receiving end of these very qualities in you. We express our gratitude to you for supporting us, encouraging us, and allowing us to work alongside you in the Lord's cause. As the year winds down, we thank you specifically for all the cards, kind words, and generous acts with which you have blessed us and our families. We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness.*

*We also extend to you and your loved ones our very best wishes for both this season and the New Year. May the holidays bring you some of the peace and quiet that comes from counting blessings, enough of the joy that comes from celebrating, and much of the good will that comes from loving. And, may we all be the better for the experience.*

*Most of us realize that we have much to do in the year ahead, should the Lord's will be that we have a year. The Lord expects us to be, and the world needs us to be, teaching and reaching out, caring and helping, living well and standing strong. We have many responsibilities and so much is going on in our lives. The circumstances will call for our best. We will need the Lord's help. May the work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope be found in increasing measure among us.*

*We love you. Please keep us in your prayers.*

*"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word" (2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17).*

*--Tim, Johnnie, Andrew, Dennis and Bill*



## Today's Sermons

Morning: What It Means To Confess Jesus

Evening: Songs of the King, #2

# Prayer Lists and Announcements

## 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 December 13

Bible Study:	248
Morning:	346
Evening:	278
Wednesday:	215
Contribution:	\$ 8,058



Elder of the Month  
Barney Crawford

- ♦ Pew Packers meet this evening at 4:45
- ♦ LTC Scrapbookers will meet on January 3 after morning services. Bring money for fast food. See Julie Alexander if you have questions.
- ♦ SNAC January 3—taco night—see sign-up sheet in foyer



### Youth Caroling & Hot Coco tonight after services

- ♦ See Andrew if you want to attend
  - ♦ Bring snack dinner
- Thanks to the Tim Stockstill family for opening their home to the Youth after caroling

Contribution Envelopes for 2010 are available for pickup. Be sure to pick up a packet of envelopes if you would like to have a receipt for your contributions at the end of the year for income tax purposes.

### FOR YOUR PLANNING

We will have regular Bible classes Wednesday evening the 23rd, but we will have a special year-end devotional in the auditorium on the 30th. Plan to be with us if you are in town!!

*Bible reading together has been an important part of our work the last few years. We have included our reading plan for the new year for your convenience. (Extra copies are available in the foyer.) Join us for a wonderful journey through the Scriptures.*

### LTC Puppets/Drama Schedule 2010

1/24, 28	6-8 pm/Bring Sack Supper
3/7	6-8 pm/Bring Sack Supper (for Puppets only)
3/14,21,28	11-4/Bring Sack Lunch
3/28	6 pm/Presentation

Parents, mark your calendars

## Prayer List

Tom Davis is recovering from gall bladder surgery

Judy Todd is not doing well

Jaycee Simons will have her tonsils out on 12/28

Seldon Essex is recovering from shoulder surgery & will have back surgery on 12/29

### Friends and Family:

Jim Dunn's surgery went well and he is now home

### Special Prayer Request

Monty & Lucy Lewis and Dale Lewis and his children; Dale's address is: Gratiot Co. Jail, 226 East Center St., Ithaca, MI 48847-1438.

### Long-Term

Joy & Alice Allen  
Paul Bratcher  
Doris Burch  
Bonnie Cole  
Thelma Fain  
Lucille/Milton Ford  
Gerald/June Jean  
Clay Joseph  
Carol Mahon  
Jarita Nimmo  
Doris Tobler  
Judy Todd  
Pat Woods  
Military:  
Cody Newman

### Shut-ins:

Shirley Bartlett  
Doris Batzel Iorg  
Fern Davis  
Irene Johnson  
Carol Law  
John Luallin  
Wilma Melton  
Aulsie Moore  
Annie Overstreet  
Ella Smith  
Wilma Spoor  
Don/  
Wanda Starkey  
Doris Thomason  
Cathy White

## Featured Family



Greg & Lee Ann Donoho

We extend our sympathy to **Brian & Samantha York** as each one has lost a grandparent in the last week.

*Thank You*

I want to thank those who visit James River Care Center and sing praises to the Lord and preach his word. May God bless you all for the great work you are doing!  
Rita Krizan

Dear Santa,  
Thank you so very much for your special gift. This will help to make our Christmas special. We do not know who you are except that you are special. Thanks again.

Love,  
Julie, Amber & Aaron Alexander



**Ladies,**  
**If you would like to renew your subscription to Christian Woman Magazine or subscribe for the first time, please give your check in the amount of \$15.98 to Johnnie or Robin by December 30.**

## ALONE - AND YET - NEVER!

Dennis Smith



Today, when I am somewhat lonely and feeling a little blue, I remember a beautiful old hymn entitled, "No, Never Alone." The lyrics were written in 1897 by Ludie Carrington Day Pickett which included several stanzas all giving word pictures of beauty. But my memory now is limited to just the chorus which reads as follows: "No, never alone, no, never alone. He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone; No never alone, no never alone. He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone." Maybe it was because these words were repeated in the chorus a couple of times or because I remember my mother singing them to me, but all down through the years they come back to me again and again. I'm almost sure that this talented song writer was aware of the quoted words of Jesus found in Hebrews 13:5 where he promised "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." I think it is common knowledge that special times of the year bring on a degree of sadness and in some cases lead to very serious circumstances. Such is especially true with the Holiday Season and sweet and precious memories that have long ago passed. If this should happen to us, let us remember that our Lord always knows our situation and will be there to give us aid. You see - we can be alone - yet never really - when He is by our side.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL OUR READERS

In an effort to cut down on duplication through mail, e-mail and handout, beginning the first week in January we will reduce the number of mail-out bulletins. It will save on the costs, too.

- ⇒ We will hand out the bulletin to all who attend services on Sunday.
  - ⇒ We will continue to mail to our shut-ins but not to our regular members unless you notify us
  - ⇒ You can receive the bulletin by e-mail; notify the office at [info@watermillchurchofchrist.org](mailto:info@watermillchurchofchrist.org) if you wish to be added to our e-mail list or you can view it online at [www.watermillchurchofchrist.org](http://www.watermillchurchofchrist.org)
  - ⇒ All others, if you are currently receiving the bulletin by mail and wish to continue to do so, please contact the office at 417-866-0915 or drop us a note in the mail. We want you to continue receiving the bulletin but we will need you to let us know which you prefer.
- Thanks for your help.

To be good neighbors in our community, Water Mill has adopted Saturday, January 2, for our members to donate blood in the Community Blood Center's annual "Miracle of Giving" blood drive. Please sign up at the Information Desk if you can donate. We had a great turnout last year. Let's make this year even better!





### Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study ....9:00 AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM  
 Sunday Evening Worship... .....5:00 PM  
 Wednesday Night Bible Class....7:00 PM

### OUR MISSION POINTS

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa  
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands  
 Jeremiah Akamah, Cameroon, Africa  
 Voice of Truth International

"The Living Word"  
 7:30 A.M. Sundays  
 KOLR TV 10

"In Search Of  
 The Lord's Way"  
 7:00 A.M. Sundays  
 KOLR TV 10

"Know Your Bible"  
 10:30 A.M. Sundays  
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 KSPR-TV



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Happy Holidays



## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling  
**Greeters:** Jim & Debbie Meinsen  
**Van Driver:** James Simons/732-5641  
**KYB Phone:** Randy & Orvella Blackburn  
**Serve**  
**Communion:** Verl Duncan/Blanton Glenn  
 Don Essex/Oran Green  
 Gene Lund/Shannon Haddock  
 Briley Ewing/Sam Hansen  
 Jackie Freeze/Byrle Hayter

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison  
**Opening Prayer:** Andy McFarland  
**Speaker:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Randy Blackburn  
**Communion:** Tim/Kyle Buckner  
**Nursery:** Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

### NEXT WEEK, December 27

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Jon Ewing	Travis Morrison
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Barney Crawford	Tim Bowling
<b>Communion:</b>	David Kern	Tim/Kyle Buckner
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Porter Barnes	Jackie Buck
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Glenda Thurlkill	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Les & Pat Malanowski	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Russell Lilly/839-4021	

### THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

**Ushers:** Adam Stipp  
 Grant Wheeler  
**AV Room:** Scott Barton/  
 Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Secure**  
**Building:** Paul Lines

### Wednesday, December 23

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** Larry Baggett  
**Opening Prayer:** George Downing  
**Closing Prayer:** John Dutton