



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 15, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Eddie Sanders

Song Leaders

Kerry Cole/
Jon Ewing

#717

#68

Opening Prayer

Don Essex

#282 (1,2,4)

#951

The Lord's Supper

Van Barnes

Contribution

Van Barnes

#823 (1,3)

"In Christ Alone"

Lesson

Darrick Shepherd

"Pierce My Ear"

Announcements

Eddie Sanders

#502 (1,4)

Closing Prayer

Jon Ewing

Elder of the Month

Eddie Sanders

About Our Work

This Lord's Day we are taking another step in a process which has been in our discussions and in our prayers for a while now. We are hosting one of the families who have an interest in a ministry directed toward the spiritual development of our youth and young adults. We extend a warm welcome to Darrick and Kathryn today. We hope their visit will be an encouragement to them as well as to us.

May we bear in mind that all our plans and choices are to take place in view of what the Lord has already said about our work and our character. 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 word of life, help them respond to it by being baptized into Christ, train them 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.

Our prayer is that the Lord may bless us as he can in keeping with his will.

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Kay pointed out to me this past week that I certainly received a bunch of birthday cards, but that it's par for the course here. She was right. Have you considered why?

I can tell you one big reason. Last year our Golden Agers, by their combined efforts, made almost 9,700 contacts with various ones of us through their cards, calls, and visits in the interest of Christian fellowship and service. That is an average of more than 800 conscious efforts to offer encouragement for the sake of Christ each month. What an admirably unselfish work they are doing! And what a huge impact they are having in our lives and upon the spirit of our congregation!

Here's an example for all younger members. How do our efforts compare, either in the frequency of conscious acts to serve, or in the unselfishness of those acts? It makes you think, doesn't it?

By the way everybody, thanks for all the cards!

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I have been thinking about something in my Bible reading recently and I want to see what you think of it. It has to do with why our spiritual lives take the shape they do. The conclusion I am reaching is that there is a turning point that all persons eventually come to, and that how they as individuals respond to it will seal their spiritual destiny. It is that moment when a person has to determine whether he will continue to "go to church" or whether he will begin to "be the church." What happens right then will make all the difference.

What do you think?

– Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM - Black Velvet

PM - "For you have not passed this way before"

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 8

Bible Study: 261
 Morning: 362
 Evening: 210
 Wednesday (1/11): 199
 Contribution: \$ 9,518

- ◆ Continue to remember **Jim Low**
- ◆ **Seldon Essex** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery
- ◆ Debbie Kern's dad, **Don Hamlin**, has terminal cancer
- ◆ Jo Baggett's mom, **Ann Freeze**, has been moved to a rehab facility recovering from a stroke; her address is Life Care Center, PO BOX 210, Sparta, TN 38583.
- ◆ Les Malanowski's sister-in-law, Ellie, who lives in Florida, fell & severely injured her back
- ◆ Norman High's cousin **Sue Lavelock** has incurable cancer; their great grandson **Dylan** still has health issues
- ◆ 17-year old **Jonathan Satterfield**, friend of the Norrells, continues intensive chemo treatments at St. Jude
- ◆ Scott Barton's sister, **Stacy Jackson**, has double pneumonia and possibly other health issues.

Prayer Request: Angela Asher responded Sunday asking for prayers.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Scott Nichols and his family in the loss of his uncle Phil Nichols in Tyler, TX. Phil was Byron & Gerald's brother.

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams	Carol Mahon
Joy & 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	<u>Military</u>
Carol Law	Matthew Patterson

Thank you for the help and support given during Jim's hospitalization and recuperation showing your care and concern. It brought great comfort and reassurance from the prayers being offered as well as all the calls, offers of help, good food. Thank you to Bill for sitting with us during the surgery. Jim & Sheryl Low

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome to Pat and Bill Culley who have made known their desire to work and worship with us at Water Mill. Their address is: 6038 N. FR 171 Springfield, MO 65803 417-833-5642



MINISTERING TO THE SAINTS

By Dennis R. Smith

Reading the New Testament and especially looking for what God desires of his people, we all would do well to understand that there are numbers of things which He wants from his church. The Great Commission demands that we consider the importance of trying to reach the unsaved with the glorious gospel of His Son (Matt. 28:19-20). Along with this, one can see that service to those who are saved ranks high also with the Lord. Notice the following: *For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister (Heb. 6:10).* Some newer translations (including McCord's) give us these words: "...as you servd the saints, and whom you continue to serve." Looking at other areas of the New Testament you see this thought is verified. Notice these in particular: "...distributing to the necessity of saints...rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (Rom. 12:13, 15). Then there is the oft quoted Galatians 6:10: "*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."* Now the word "saints" as it is so often used in the New Testament simply means fellow Christians. That being the case and connecting our thoughts together, we surely can see that God places great emphasis on our being considerate of each other and our endeavoring to help (or minister) to each other.

Today's Schedule

As we begin the process of selecting a Youth/Associate Minister, today please welcome **Darrick & Kathryn Shepherd**. Darrick is currently the pulpit minister at the Old Main Street church of Christ in Newton, Kansas. They are expecting their first child this spring.

Our schedule of activities include the following:

- ♦ **Bible Class:** Parents who have kids 12th grade and down, college students, young families with no children are invited to attend a class session in the Fellowship Room led by Darrick.
- ♦ **Worship:** Darrick will bring our lesson this morning.
- ♦ **Potluck Lunch** for those same families mentioned above.
- ♦ **Youth Devo Time:** While the parents are cleaning up after lunch, Darrick will have a devotional time with the youth in Room 126.

- LTC**
- ♦ There will be a meeting at the front of the auditorium after evening services
 - ♦ **TONIGHT for all involved in LTC**
 - ♦ **LTC song leaders will meet at 4 p.m.**

Visitation Team 2
will meet tonight
after services.

Ministry Fair In connection with the Ministry Fair, the following ministries have been identified. If you are involved with a ministry and it is not listed below, **please see Matt Keener ASAP.**

Visitation - James Simons
Fellowship Meals/ JR Nursing Home/ Travis
Education: Nursery to pre-K/Kay & Meredith
Pre-K thru 6th grade/Tom Davis
7-12, Adults/Jon Ewing
College/Career/Elizabeth Thiezen
Ladies Activities - Ruth and Leona
Funeral Groups/Food for Sick & New Moms
Worship: Finance/Serving Communion/
Prayer/Usher/Van Drivers/AV Room
Golden Agers/ Dennis
World Bible School/ Nancy Snider
Missions/Know Your Bible/ Jim Meinsen
LTC/ Jeremy Thurlkill
Caring Creations/ Jeanetta
Communications/ Scott Barton
Youth Activities/George
Grounds/Tim Buckner

Birthdays Next Week

22 Jerry Milligan
25 Amber Alexander
Lora Luna
Sherry Sherman
26 Ryan Friend
Tonia Tillman
27 Dane Stipp



January 29
POTLUCK

We will have our 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch after which you will have an opportunity to check out the Ministry Fair. **Team No. 1** is scheduled to work that day. Please notify Travis or Jill if you are unable to work.

Kitchen: Leah Freeze, Carolyn Young, Orvella Blackburn, Barbara Barnes, Gerri Dickens, Betty Holden, Sara Stipp, Connie Westerman, Stacy Haddock. **Setup:** Jackie Freeze, Clint Holden, Randy Blackburn, Adam Stipp, Kevin Westerman, Shannon Haddock, **Cleanup:** Jerry Young, Van Barnes, Ted Crabtree, Jeanetta Hardy, Ruth & Gene Lund

5th Sunday Contribution
Ministry Fair
Early Evening Service at 1 p.m.

Area Events ♦ January 27 & 28: The Mt. Vernon Church of Christ is offering the parenting program "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent," a seven module parenting program designed by the Love and Logic Institute. See flyers on Information Desk and Bulletin Board.

- ♦ 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.

YOUR DAILY SURVIVAL KIT FOR THE NEW YEAR

DAILY SURVIVAL KIT to help you each day ...

Toothpick ... to remind you to pick the good qualities in everyone, including yourself.

Rubber band ... to remind you to be flexible. Things might not always go the way you want, but it can be worked out.

Band-Aid ... to remind you to heal hurt feelings, either yours or someone else's.

Eraser ... to remind you everyone makes mistakes. That's okay, we learn by our errors.

Candy Kiss ... to remind you everyone needs a hug or a compliment every day.

Mint ... to remind you that you are worth a mint to your family & others.

Bubble Gum ... to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything.

Pencil ... to remind you to list your blessings every day.

Tea Bag ... to remind you to take time to relax daily and go over that list of God's blessings.

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves
 Greeters: Les & Pat Malanowski
 Van Driver: Lance Griter/833-2818
 KYB Phone: Ann Thiesen/Carolyn Young
 Serve: Oran Green/Dewayne Jackson
 Communion: Dale Harp/Tucker Jobes
 Sam Hansen/Gaylen Jones
 Shannon Haddock/Matt Keener
 John Hulett/David Kern

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jeremy Thurlkill
 Opening Prayer: Brent Looney
 Lesson: Bill McFarland
 Closing Prayer: Matt Keener
 Communion:
 Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan

MONTH OF JANUARY:

Ushers: John Stayton/Aaron Schwartz
 AV Room: Adam Stipp/
 Secure Building: Paul Lines/Tim Buckner

NEXT WEEK (January 22)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Clarence Feeney	David Kern
Communion:	Scott Barton	
Closing Prayer:	Jackie Freeze	Todd Kraus
Nursery:	Linda Currier	Glenda Thurlkill
	Leona Snider	Mike Thurlkill
Greeters:	Eddie & Donna Sanders	
Van Driver:	Travis Morrison/343-7451	

Wednesday, January 18:

Devotional: Scott Barton
 Song Leader: Kyle Buckner/Briley Ewing
 Opening Prayer: Bill McFarland
 Closing Prayer: Tom Meeks
 Van Driver: Tim Stockstill

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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