



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 3, 2013

## Order of Worship

**Song Leader**  
**Jon Ewing**

**#627**  
**#492**

**Opening Prayer**  
**James Simons**

**#390 (v. 1, 2, 4)**  
**#268 (v. 1, 2, 4)**

**The Lord's Supper**  
**Jason Luna**

**Contribution**  
**Jason Luna**

**"Make Me A  
Servant"**

**Lesson**  
**Bill McFarland**

**#125**

**Announcements**  
**Barney Crawford**

**#707 (v. 1, 2)**

**Closing Prayer**  
**John Hulett**

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

## Planting and Watering

A dear friend told a story to me about her near fatal fight with respiratory failure. While in the hospital, a group of young people from the local Church of Christ stopped by and sang a few spiritual songs to brighten her day, though they had never met.

In Isaiah 55:10, 11, the prophet made a very interesting statement about the power of God's Word. He said, "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it to bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Summarized, when God's Word goes out (from someone reading, from someone preaching, from each of us in our lives through different media), it always accomplishes something. "...It will not return to Me void" - i.e. it will not get back to God having been wasted. The lesson for us can be summarized in the words and example of the apostle Paul. Concerning his preaching at the city of Corinth, he said: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6).

We are a people so much concerned with the results. Paul was concerned with the process - the results were someone else's job - God's. Paul recognized what God, through Isaiah, was trying to convey. As long as the Word is being put out to people, it is going to accomplish something. We don't always see what it does, for we are only planting or watering, but surely there will be a time, if it is in God's will, that He will give an increase.

So then, what should we do? We should continue, with all of our effort, to do all the planting and watering we can. Everything from opening God's Word to teach someone, to taking a pot of beans to the neighbor who had surgery, to caring for those in the hospitals... - all are efforts to allow the Word of God to go forth, both in word and in service and example.

Years later the friend recounted, "I remember when I was in the hospital, and kids from your church came and sang to me. It meant so much to me to see them care." She is a faithful Christian today. Case in point - God's Word "shall not return to [Him] void."

- Adam Blaney

**This Morning's Message: The Church's Helpers**

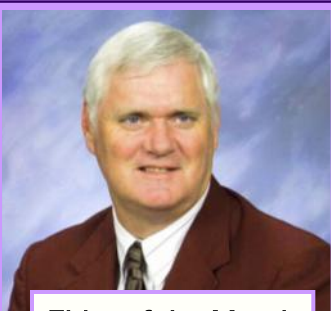
# Prayer List & Notes

## 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 January 27

Bible Study:	218
Morning:	325
Evening:	194
Wednesday (1/23):	198
Contribution:	\$9,162



Elder of the Month  
Barney Crawford



- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton and Alice Allen
- ◆ Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks' father, as he is dealing with some very serious health issues
- ◆ Blanton Glenn as he deals with his health problems
- ◆ Thelma Fain is in very poor health
- ◆ Nancy Snider is recovering from a fall
- ◆ A lot of our families are still dealing with various types of the flu right now; please keep these families in your prayers

### Friends & Family

- ◆ Gerri Dickens brother, Bud Biglieni, is critically ill
- ◆ Little Silas McFarland; keep Bill and Kay in your prayers as they travel to Montgomery this week
- ◆ Seldon Essex is having some major health issues
- ◆ Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw and Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, as they are dealing with cancer
- ◆ Ann Freeze, Jo Baggett's mother
- ◆ Kerry Cole's sister-in-law, Traci Cole, is having some health issues
- ◆ KYB Student, Judy Baumann, has asked for our prayers
- ◆ Jasper McGee, 2 yr. old great, great nephew of Bill White will have open heart surgery on Wednesday
- ◆ Gail White's sister-in-law, Pat Ellard, is in the hospital in OK City with congestive heart failure and pneumonia

Keep Steven Ashcraft in your prayers as he continues his mission work in Africa; Also, remember Dennis Tindall, Carl & Yvonne's son, as he left last week on a mission trip.



Again this month we are thankful for all the prayers, flowers, calls, cards, and donations to Fair Haven in the passing of my mom, Chloa Sanders. May God richly bless everyone of you.  
In Christ, Eddie & Donna Sanders

### Singles (young or old)...

If you are interested in being involved in area wide activities with some of the area congregations, there will be a planning meeting on Saturday, February 9th at 2 p.m. at the Sunset Church of Christ. Check out the bulletin board for more details about this meeting.

*We should seize every opportunity to give encouragement. Encouragement is oxygen to the soul.*

*"To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is!" (Proverbs 15:23)*

**JOIN US AT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### Long Term/ Shut-ins

- Kay Adams
- Alice Allen
- Shirley Bartlett
- Doris Burch
- Eula Compton
- Fern Davis
- Thelma Fain
- Ella Mae Findlay
- Lucille Ford
- Milton Ford
- Allen Harmon
- Doris Iorg
- Irene Johnson
- Carol Law
- Carol Mahon
- Wilma Melton
- Betty Shaw
- Doris Thomason
- Doris Tobler
- Judy Todd
- Pat Woods



### Expectant Moms

- Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February
- Tabitha Blaney/girl/March
- Brittany Morrison/boy/March



### Birthdays

- 10 Mary J. Rookstool
- Howard Birdsong
- Kirsten McFarland
- 11 Elijah Morrison
- Claudia Morrison
- 13 Don Lewis
- Clarence Feeney
- Brent Looney
- 14 Gaylen Jones
- Jammie Davis
- 16 Gerri Dickens
- Karen Duncan
- Jon Ewing

# News & Activities



**TONIGHT Super Bowl SNAC** party at the Bartons after PM service. Boys bring chips and drinks. Girls bring desserts.

**Water Mill will host the Area Wide youth night on February 24th** (changed from 2/17). Watch for more information.



⇒ February 24 **LTC Puppets and Drama** will meet all day; bring your lunch

⇒ **March 24 Presentation Night**

⇒ **March 29-30: LTC CONFERENCE in Rogers, AR**

⇒ **April 7 Awards Night**

**ARE YOU UP TO DATE ON YOUR DAILY BIBLE READING??**



## Baby Shower

All are invited to a baby shower honoring **Tabby Blaney THIS AFTERNOON** at 3 p.m. in the fellowship room. As you probably know, they are having a **GIRL!!** (Gift ideas include clothes, diapers, gift cards, etc.)

### Upcoming Events

- **Golden Agers meet TODAY at 4 p.m.**
- **Elders meet February 12 at 1 p.m.**
- **April 6 Ladies Day**



The next book club meeting is scheduled for March 18th at

6:30pm at the Library Station Panera Bread. We are reading from the following list of books:

*Love More Sin Less* by Audrey Johnson, *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan, or the Love Inspired Romance series by various authors.

These books are available in room 129. Check out our web site for more books and information

<http://wmbookclub.webstarts.com/>

## 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	Jon Ewing
Tim Bowling	Matt Keener
Tim Buckner	Russell Lilly
Tom Davis	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	James Simons

### Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



## MAKING CONNECTIONS WITH GOD

By Dennis R. Smith

In reading the Bible from both Testaments one should look for even the smallest details in searching for ways in which God made connections with humans in order to accomplish his will. For example, have you ever thought of any likeness at all between the story of Rebekah (Genesis 24) to that of the owner of the "colt" (Luke 19) which Jesus had need of? The origination of both messages happened in advance and the reply was to be given exactly as it had been told. The servant of Abraham, in his journey to find a wife for Isaac, was given words to tell Rebekah as she came to draw water in the evening. When the two met he delivered the words to her and then she responded exactly as he was told that she would. When the two disciples of Jesus were sent into the village to secure the colt for Jesus, their message to him and his reply was exactly as Jesus had previously stated. "The Lord hath need of him" (Luke 19:31). The point of these two stories is this: God, in the Old Testament and Jesus in the New, had confidence in the spoken word and knew that when each responded correctly that they would make the right response. When the Lord speaks to us through his Gospel (Rom. 1:16) and we respond accordingly, the end result will be that we are blessed. When we confess Jesus as God's Son, repent and are baptized, what He has also sent to us in advance has been accomplished. As God is confident in the message, we must also be confident in its power.

### 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

### WORKS WE SUPPORT

**CHINESE AGAPE Foundation**

**Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands**

**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/KSRP**



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## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett

**Greeters:** Jerry & Carolyn Young

**Van Driver:** Russell Lilly/839-4048

**KYB Phone:** D. Meinsen/Elizabeth Tieszen

**Serve**

**Communion:** Oran Green/Dale Gregory  
Wayne Harmon/John Hulett  
Tucker Jobs/Matt Keener  
David Kern/Todd Kraus  
Trevor Kraus/Russell Lilly

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Briley Ewing

**Opening Prayer:** Jon Ewing

**Lesson:** Adam Blaney

**Closing Prayer:** Briley Ewing

**Communion:** S. Prewitt/J. Simons

**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### NEXT WEEK, February 10

#### MORNING

**Song Leader:** Kerry Cole

**Opening Prayer:** Tom Norrell

**Communion:** Gene Lund

**Closing Prayer:** Bob Snider

#### EVENING

Briley Ewing

John Stayton

S. Prewitt/J. Simons

Tim Timmons

**AM Nursery:** Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn

**PM Nursery:** Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

**Greeters:** Scott & Melinda Barton

**Van Driver:** Kevin Wuench/833-6134

### MONTH OF JANUARY

**AV** Scott Barton/

**Room:** Jeremy Thurlkill

**Open Building** Tim Timmons

**Secure Building:** Justin Reaves/

Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, February 6

**Devotional:** Russell Lilly

**Song Leader:** JJ Blevins

**Prayer:** Dennis Smith

**Van Driver:** Tim Stockstill/  
849-7678