



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 10, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#1 (1,3,5)
#122 (1,2,4)

Opening Prayer

Tom Norrell

#312 (1,2,4)
#359 (1,2,4)

The Lord's Supper

Gene Lund

Contribution

Gene Lund

#67 (1,2,4)

Lesson

Adam Blaney

#382

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#882

Closing Prayer

Bob Snider

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

Our Life Together

The test of fellowship is whether our common loyalty to the Lord means so much to us that we stand with each in both the joys and sorrows of life. It is instructive that Paul points this out in each of the chapters which describes what it is to be a member of the body of Christ. In Romans 12 he says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (v.15). In I Corinthians 12 he writes, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together" (v.26).

That's what it means to be a congregation of the Lord's people. We have a life together; our lives are part of each other. Our faith shines when something good can happen to one of us and, instead of ignoring it or becoming jealous, we take joy in it. Our devotion to the Lord is demonstrated when something tough can happen to one of us and, instead of being absorbed with our own concerns, we hopefully bear the burden together.

It's not about just having people around for me when I need them or want them. In fact, if you are thinking of what someone should do for you, you have already missed the point. This is about how I am to function as a member of the body of Christ in order to help others get to heaven. The point is that the practice of this kind of brotherly kindness provides the warm environment in which effective evangelism can take place. There are few things as attractive as unselfish fellowship.

Our assembly on the Lord's Day is one expression of our fellowship in the Lord. We meet together out of consideration for one another knowing that we have a powerful impact on each other's faith. To neglect this coming together would be to fail at the most obvious means of encouraging one another to hold on to our hope (see Hebrews 10:23-25).

But our attitude all the time is what breathes life into our fellowship. If we have consciously chosen to love one another as Jesus has loved us, it will show in our attitudes first. Standing with each other in hardship or honor will be the natural thing for us.

- Bill McFarland

JOIN US AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Prayer List & Notes

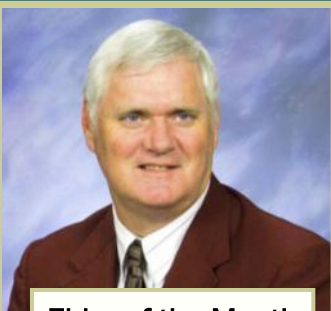
Welcome Visitors

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

February 3

Bible Study: 247
 Morning: 317
 Evening: 219
 Wednesday (2/6): 194
 Contribution: \$10,804



Elder of the Month
 Barney Crawford



- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton
- ◆ Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks' father, as he is dealing with some very serious health issues
- ◆ Marilyn Lanpher is in Cox South; no visitors at this time but cards would be appreciated
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Little Silas McFarland
- ◆ Pam Gaunt, Don & Gayle's daughter-in-law, is recovering from breast cancer surgery; the surgery went well
- ◆ Gene Lund's brother, Bill, is having health problems
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Jasper McGee, 2 yr. old great, great nephew of Bill White as he recovers from open heart surgery

Keep Steven Ashcraft in your prayers as he continues his mission work in Africa; Also, remember Dennis Tindall, Carl & Yvonne's son, as he continues his mission trip to the Pacific Islands.

Long Term/ Shut-ins

- Kay Adams
- 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



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the following families who have lost loved ones this past week:

The family and friends of our dear sister, Alice Allen, who passed away Wednesday morning. Visitation is today from 2-4 p.m. and the funeral service will be tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. at Greenlawn East Funeral Home.

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Verl Duncan and his family in the loss of his sister, Willie Mae Cossey. Her funeral service was Saturday.

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Gerri Dickens and her family in the loss of her brother, Bud Biglieni. His service was also held on Saturday.

Keep these families in your prayers as they deal with their losses.

Expectant Moms

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

Birthdays

- 17 Barney Crawford
- 18 Wilma Melton (92)
- Sara Stipp
- 19 Connie Thompson
- Shelia Hansen
- Kylie Dutton
- 21 Charlie Cruse
- Jamie Wilson
- Laurel Barton
- 22 Trevor Kraus



We received the following note from a recipient of one of the gifts made by Caring Creations: *Thank you for the nice teddy bear. I got it at O.C.H. when I had surgery. That was very nice of you. I love it. Isabella*



Thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and offers of help. I experienced some lower back pain a couple weeks ago. I have improved considerably and I thank you for your concern. Blanton Glenn

News & Activities



Water Mill will host the Area Wide youth night on February 24th.

As we have done in the past, we would appreciate it if you could furnish bottled water and canned soda. Please bring the drinks by the morning of the 17th so we will know if we need to purchase more. We usually feed between 200 and 300 young people. Thanks in advance for your help!



⇒ **Scrapbookers** will meet all day today.

⇒ **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**

Change of Phone #/e-mail

Fred & Norma Lorenz

Phone #: 417-719-4118

E-mail: f.lorenz@mediacombb.net

Upcoming Events

- **Elders meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.**
- **Bookclub Meeting March 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Library Station Panera Bread.**
- **April 6 Ladies Day**



Saturday, March 2
Celebrate the **90th** birthday of

BILL WHITE

in the fellowship room from 2 - 4 p.m. No gifts please. Just your best wishes for another blessed and healthy year!

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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Youth/Associate Minister

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| Adam Blaney | 304-520-9800 |
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Deacons

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

Staff

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



FYI ... Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort located in Nashville, TN is one of the works Water Mill supports.

During 2012, they assisted disaster victims in 22 states

(including Missouri), 44 townships with 92 shipments of supplies. I have posted their most recent "Summary of Relief Assistance" on the bulletin board so you can see a summary of the great work they do.



INVASION OF OUR CASTLE

By Dennis R. Smith

It has often been said that our home is our castle. This means that we have the right and responsibility of what we invite into our castle. Hold that thought for a moment! Return with me to the middle ages and beyond and take a look at what often was allowed in the form of entertainment to enter before the castle throne. Maybe a sentence from the history of court jesting would help to open our eyes on this subject. "Historians believe that jesters entertained prehistoric tribal society with their Wise Fool antics. What is certain though is that court jestering grew and flourished in the Middle Ages as well-paid attendants of Europe's Royal Courts." It would seem that the court jester was allowed mainly by those who could afford them. In Matthew fourteen is recorded an incident in which King Herod sought "entertainment" before him in celebration of his birthday. This was done by his own invitation. His emotions were so aroused that he made a rash promise which cost the life of John, the Baptist. Fast-forward now to our own age. How fortunate we are to be able to afford our own "court jesters." Right in front of our eyes we are entertained with singing, dancing, clowning, magical feats, circus acts, carnal suggestions and the such like. Yes, we have come a long way here in America with the amazing ability to see these things in our homes which are, again, our castles. How sad it is that such an invasion has occurred and often at our own invitation.

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
 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: P. Malanowski/O. Blackburn
Greeters: Scott & Melinda Barton
Van Driver: Kevin Wuench/833-6134
KYB Phone: Eddie & Linda Currier
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: John Stayton
Lesson: Brian York
Closing Prayer: Tim Timmons
Communion: S. Prewitt/J. Simons
Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

NEXT WEEK, February 17

| | MORNING | EVENING |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Song Leader: | Kerry Cole | Briley Ewing |
| Opening Prayer: | Ron Stokes | Jerry Young |
| Communion: | Paul Lines | S. Prewitt/J. Simons |
| Closing Prayer: | Dustin Stokes | Aaron Alexander |

AM Nursery: Jill Morrison & Meredith Reaves
PM Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho
Greeters: Tim & Jan Bowling
Van Driver: AM: James Simons/ PM Tucker Jobs

MONTH OF JANUARY

AV Scott Barton/
Room: Jeremy Thurlkill
Open Building Tim Timmons
Secure Building: Justin Reaves/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, February 13

Devotional: Matt Keener
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Prayer: Aaron Tovar
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/
 207-7877