



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 10, 2013

## Order of Worship

*Song Leader*  
Jon Ewing

**Scripture Reading:**  
Acts 2:1-41

#717  
#822  
#3

*Opening Prayer*  
Larry Baggett

#874

*The Lord's Supper*  
Tom Norrell

#293

*Contribution*  
Tom Norrell

#19

*Lesson*  
Bill McFarland

#632

*Announcements*  
Clay Joseph

#298

*Closing Prayer*  
Briley Ewing

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

## Our Common Life

This title is a way of understanding what occurs in congregational life: we have fellowship. As children in the family of God, our lives touch and we care about each other. As members of the body of Christ, we have a work together in his service. As citizens of his kingdom, we are subjects of the same ruler and sharers in the same way of life. As priests in a spiritual house, we meet together and we offer spiritual sacrifices. The practice of a common life by such means as these is a necessary and wonderful characteristic of the New Testament church, and it always has been (cf. Acts 2:42).

We're using Acts right now as the guide and source for our messages each Lord's day. One study will be on a character (or characters) in the chapter before us, and the other will deal with a biblical doctrine at play in the passage. We think this will be a good way to remind ourselves what the Way means in our lives. This week our doctrine will be the nature of the gospel (what sets it apart from the religions of man) and our characters will be members of the early church. There are matters to consider in this chapter that will have to be in the background of everything else we read in Acts.

The class series on "The Pilgrim Church" began last Sunday morning. It is both relevant and necessary to do some thinking on how the Lord's people are to conduct themselves in the midst of a culture which does not share their values. I thought our "Peak of the Week" class got off to a good start Wednesday evening. Dennis will be beginning a new series in his Sunday class on "Our Favorite Psalms." Adam's new Wednesday evening series got delayed (he had a very valid excuse!) But it will get started this week. Spring is a great time to get more involved in a class—or to invite a friend or a family member to one!

We have had many things and many loved ones to pray over in recent days. That has made us more aware of—and thankful for—those who practice kindness in word and deed. How grateful we are for simple, thoughtful, caring service by individuals who saw an opportunity to do good.

"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD." Congratulations to several of our families who have been blessed with beautiful little ones recently! And thank you for sharing them with us! "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."

—Bill McFarland

# Prayer List & Notes

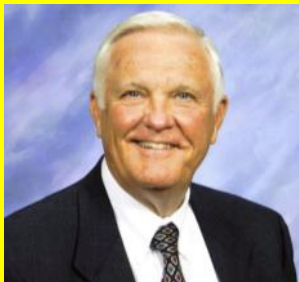
## Welcome Visitors

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

March 3

Bible Study:	267
Morning:	324
Evening:	227
Wednesday (3/6):	207
Contribution:	\$ 9,890



Elder of the Month  
Clay Joseph

### In our prayers ...

◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton and Thelma Fain

- ◆ Norman High as he continues to recover from his surgery
- ◆ Tom Meeks as he recovers from spine surgery
- ◆ Leona Snider as she deals with her need for hip replacement

### Friends & Family

- ◆ Little Silas McFarland and Rob & Anita and their family
- ◆ Don & Gayle Gaunt's 24-year old granddaughter, Ashleigh Adams, has melanoma; they plan to do a bone scan
- ◆ Nadean Green's sister, Vera Barnes, as she is in Colorado for further tests on her lungs
- ◆ Friend of Nadean Green, Shirley Masey, requested prayers for her breathing problem
- ◆ Maxx Hatz's dad in Texas is in the last stages of cancer; pray for his surviving family to have peace
- ◆ Bonnie Cole requests prayers for her nephew, Scott Golden
- ◆ Continue to remember Gene Lund's brother, Bill; Seldon Essex; Nova Crosby, Sue Holt's mother; Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw and Carolyn Young's sister, Nita
- ◆ Verba Cruise from Marshfield is recovering from breast cancer surgery.

### Baptism

Our hearts rejoiced as Maxx Hatz made the decision to put on Christ in baptism this past Sunday night. Please offer your support and encouragement to Maxx as he begins his walk in Christ. His address is: 320 E. Pacific Street, Apt. B, Springfield, 65803, telephone 417-569-9537.



Congratulations to ADAM & TABBY BLANEY on the safe arrival of HADDY LEA on March 6. She weighed 7 lbs 7 oz. and is 20 inches long. All are doing well!



Congratulations also to AARON & BRITTANY MORRISON on the arrival Friday morning of Titus Preston. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz.

### Sympathy



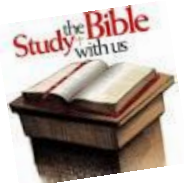
We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Don Lewis, who passed away this past Monday. Memorial donations can be made to the Prof. Lewis College of the Ozarks "Educational Opportunity" Scholarship Fund, c/o Great Southern Bank, 528 S. Jefferson, Lebanon, MO 65536.

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We also extend our sympathy to Sue Holt in the loss of her uncle this past week.

### 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



If you would like to provide a meal for the Blaney and/or Morrison families, please sign up at the Information Desk.

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

SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS AND LADIES' DAY EVENTS



### Birthdays

17 Pat Malanowski  
18 Kevin Westerman  
Erica Dutton  
22 Jackie Buck

# News & Activities

## Upcoming Events

- **Elders meet March 12 at 1 p.m.**
- **Bookclub Meeting March 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Library Station Panera Bread.**

## Ladies Bible Class

**Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet March 14 at 10:30 a.m. **Lanae Gillespie** will bring the lesson on grief and the Christian woman. She has been a counselor for many years and has so much knowledge to share. **Sheryl Low** will be available to keep small children. Potluck lunch will follow.

Due to Ladies Day on April 6, we will not have a class in April.

## New Bible Classe

Today **Dennis** will begin a new study in the auditorium class entitled "Taking a Look at Some of our Favorite Psalms." We invite you to attend this class.



**Sashay Scarf:** We will be working again on knitting or crocheting the Sashay Scarf on Tuesday, March 19th at 10:00. You need one ball of Sashay Yarn and size J crochet hook or size 7, 8 or 9 knitting needles. The short bamboo knitting needles work best. Jeanetta

**Water Mill** will be hosting an area-wide Singles Meeting on March 23 at 6 p.m. There are sign-up sheets at the information desk if you plan to attend and if you are able to help. There will be a meeting after AM service today for all those willing to help with this.

If you have a working VCR that you want to get rid of, we will gladly take it off your hands. Just leave it in the office

**Congratulations to Christy Sherman** who was on the Dean's List and inducted into the Honor Society from OTC for the Fall Semester.

## 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	Russell Lilly
Tim Bowling	Aaron Morrison
Tim Buckner	Travis Morrison
Tom Davis	James Simons
Jim Elliff	John Stayton
Jon Ewing	Mike Thurlkill
Matt Keener	

### Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



⇒ **TODAY LTC**  
**Puppets and Drama**  
will meet all day.

⇒ **March 17** YN at Ozark

⇒ **March 23-24** Youth  
Weekend at Fordland

⇒ **March 24:** LTC  
Presentation

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

⇒ **March 31:** Awards Night



## JOSIAH SET A GOOD RECORD FOR ALL

By Dennis R. Smith

In Romans 15:4 the Apostle Paul wrote, "For whatsoever things were written afore time were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." For this cause we would all do well to spend more time in the Old Testament than possibly we do. Each event as well as each individual offers us lessons that could improve our spiritual lives today as well as make life here on earth more pleasant. Take for example the life of Josiah who came to the throne at the age of 8 years "and he reigned in Jerusalem for 31 years" (2<sup>nd</sup> Chron. 34:1). In the next verse we find that "he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor the left." In other words, he was not influenced by the pressures of life from outside sources whenever and wherever they came. Another Old Testament passage put it this way: "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Exod. 23:2). The pressures of life often come to the faithful Christian from both sides of the spectrum. Today this holds true whether we are talking about political parties or simply things identified with liberal or conservative issues. Some of these terms, unfortunately, have had their "influences" on many in the church. We would still do well to follow the old slogan to "speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent." If it ever worked well, it still will!

**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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**Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday**

# Service Rosters

**THIS MORNING**

**AM Nursery:** P. Malanowski/O. Blackburn  
**Greeters:** Brendan & Jenny Carroll  
**Van Driver:** Jackie Freeze/616-9789  
**KYB Phone:** Jackie & Leah Freeze  
**Serve** Paul Lines/Fred Lorenz  
**Communion:** Jason Luna/Andy McFarland  
Jack Lynch/John Mahon  
Les Malanowski/Luke Lines  
Daniel Meinsen/Gene Lund

**THIS EVENING**

**Song Leader:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Opening Prayer:** John Dutton  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Russell Lilly  
**Communion:** Bruce/Carl Tindall  
**Nursery:** Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

**NEXT WEEK, March 17**

	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Barney Crawford	Don Essex
<b>Communion:</b>	Eddie Sanders	Bruce/Carl Tindall
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	John Hulett	Luke Lines

**AM Nursery:** Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves  
**PM Nursery:** Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan  
**Greeters:** Tim & Alice Buckner  
**Van Driver:** Kirk Tracy/576-4591

**MONTH OF MARCH**

**AV** Scott Barton/  
**Room:** Ron Stokes  
**Open Building** Tim Timmons  
**Secure Building:** Justin Reaves/  
Tim Buckner

**Wednesday, March 13**

**Devotional:** Jason Luna  
**Song Leader:** Aaron Tovar  
**Prayer:** Jackie Freeze  
**Van Driver:** Jason Luna/  
838-7152