



Weekly Newsletter

January 17, 2010

Order of Worship

Welcome

Clay Joseph

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#416

#237

Opening Prayer

Jon Ewing

#400

#742 (1,2,3)

Communion

Fred Lorenz

Contribution

Fred Lorenz

#600

#36 (1,2,3,6)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#272

Announcements

Clay Joseph

#610

Closing Prayer

Sam Hansen

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

Our Life Together

One of the highlights of our work in 2010 is going to be a trip five of our members will make to work with Mark and Era in Malawi. Since our sister Ann Thiesen has just returned from another extended period of service there, I asked her for an update on what she has been helping to do. You will enjoy it.

Here is a brief summary of what I have been doing these past five months that I have been absent from Water Mill. It has been an exciting time for me teaching the classes that I had the opportunity to teach. I really fell in love with those gracious ladies that are so hungry for learning. I had the privilege of teaching them lessons on how we are to live in this world. At most every church that I went to they met my vehicle singing and clapping as they ushered me in to their building. They seemed to hang on every word that I said. I do believe they could sit and listen all day. In fact they proved that when we had our all day classes at the mission and some other places. They did not have comfortable places to sit like we do but sit on a mud bench with no back for hours. If there were not enough benches they sit down on the ground or floor.

I had a wonderful group of young unmarried ladies that I taught for three days on keeping their bodies pure. At the end of that class one stood up and spoke for the group that from now on that is how they were going to live. I was so proud of them. Some 404 ladies gathered for four days for all day classes at the mission. I gave them lessons on Christian living. At the end of nearly all classes there are questions asked that pertain to the lesson. These ladies were so hospitable and counted me as one of them. What a wonderful feeling this was!

I also had the chance each Tuesday morning to teach the ladies that came to the maternity clinic for their prenatal care. These ladies are not members of the Church of Christ and some of them are Muslims.

I suppose one of my favorite classes is teaching the HIV/AIDS support group that we have there on the mission. They feel they are shunned by those outside their group but are still so anxious to hear God's word. They are the happiest people that I have seen. Because of your help we were able to buy 77 bars of Lifebuoy soap for them to bathe with, 77 bars of Sunlight soap for them to wash their clothes with, and 77 bags of tea for them to have. This does not count the groups that received soap earlier at other classes. I had this last class with them on December 24th. The room was literally packed full of these ladies and men all suffering with this dreadful disease.

With God's help I was able to teach a total 1,879 Christian women, 664 ladies at the maternity clinic, and 288 HIV/AIDS patients. We had 4 baptisms and two restored. I am thankful that I was able to help in this small way for these lovely ladies. Hopefully I will have the opportunity again. I wish that everyone of you ladies could have the opportunity that I have had. I have really been blessed!

We respect Ann for her faithful service and we are thankful to have a part in this good work.

- Bill



Today's Sermons

Morning: "Was Blind, But Now I See"

Evening: Don't Look Back

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 10

Bible Study:	236
Morning:	355
Evening:	257
Wednesday (1/6):	93
Contribution:	\$ 9,455



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph

Announcements



Potluck Lunch Today

We will be honoring Bill and Dennis for their MANY years of faithful service with us, and Andrew as he has only just begun!

Team 3 is responsible for working:
Kitchen: Alice Buckner, Sandy Cole, Shirley Chilton, Coyette Ewing, Carol Tovar, Ruth Raines
Dining Room: Linda Currier, the Tovars, Jeremy Thurlkill, Brenda Noe, Denzil Raines

We encourage our visitors to stay and enjoy good food and fellowship with us!

Ladies, this is the last day to renew your subscription to Christian Woman Magazine. See Johnnie or Robin as soon as possible.

*The quilters will meet
Tuesday at 10 a.m.*

Valentine Banquet for Golden Agers

The Youth Group will again be hosting a Valentine Banquet for the Golden Agers on Saturday, February 13 at 5 p.m. in the fellowship room. If you can attend, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer by February 7. The Youth Group looks forward to seeing you there!

Thank You

If you are still receiving the bulletin by mail and would like to change to e-mail, please notify the office at info@watermillchurchofchrist.org.

We wish to thank everyone for the cards, calls, thoughts, and prayers for our family in the loss of our grandfather. Also, thank you for the cards, gifts, and prayers for Jacee during her recovery.

In Christian Love,
James, Emily, Jacee & Rylee Simons
Adam and Sara Stipp

Thanks for all your prayers and cards with words of encouragement during my recent illness. You will never know how much they have helped. I appreciate it so much.

In Christian love, Dorann Thoreen

Words cannot adequately express my thanks and gratitude to the Water Mill church for your prayers, love, acts of kindness, cards, phone calls and e-mails during the death of my brother Earl. It is truly a great blessing to have the support and encouragement from our church family. Karen & I also want to take this opportunity to thank the church for all your prayers uttered in behalf of our 6 year old granddaughter Johnna. We continue to covet your prayers as she copes with diabetes.

In Christian Love, Verl & Karen Duncan

Thank you all so much for the Christmas cards, gifts, food, and visits. In Christian Love,
Doris Thomason

YOUTH EVENTS

- ◆ Pew Packers meet this evening at 4:45
- ◆ LTC Scrapbookers will meet today after the potluck lunch.
- ◆ February 7 is our next SNAC
- ◆ There will be NO Areawide Youth Night this month; February 21 will be the next Youth Night



In an effort to help Fair Haven restock their Food Pantry, Water Mill has been asked to help with:

Pancake mix Syrup
Trash bags

If you can help, please bring to the building by **February 14** and place in the barrels just inside the fellowship room.

Prayer List & News

Don Tracy is recovering from hernia surgery
Clint Holden is now at home recovering from heart surgery
Wanda Wilkinson has had pneumonia for the last 2 weeks
Lisa Stayton is doing great and will return to work tomorrow
Seldon Essex is recovering at home from back surgery and shoulder surgery
Truman Coltrane had another angiogram Friday
Judy Todd is not doing well; hospice has been called in
David and Jarita Nimmo as they struggle with her health issues

Friends and Family:

Luis Tovar's father is seriously ill
Sara Stipp's mother had gall bladder surgery last week
Samantha York's mom, Mary Lind, is in Baxter Hospital in Mt. Home Clay & Sharon's daughter-in-law, Lori Joseph, as she goes through tests
Little three-year old Isabelle Wells, who has been diagnosed with leukemia; she is a friend of Eula Compton's friend
Teresa Griter's uncle Merl who has cancer again
Tim Marsolf's cousin Carol is doing much better after surgery but still struggling
Jo Baggett's father, Jerry Freeze, had a stroke in Florida last week; he has taken a turn for the worse; Jo is in Florida with her family. Cards can be sent to Jerry & Ann Freeze, 9951 SW 40th Terrace, Okoochobee, FL 34974

Prayer Request

Rosa Stockwell responded Sunday morning asking for prayers as she leaves for basic training at Ft. Jackson May 31.



Congratulations to Bill White & Gail Jackson who were united in marriage Saturday.

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome to **ART BODINE** who comes to us from the Southside church in Rogers, AR. He desires to work and worship with us at Water Mill. (address to follow)

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
Doris Thomason
Cathy White

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

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Pat Harris in the loss of her sister, Norma Enlow, who lived in North Carolina. She passed away last Saturday.



Financial Peace University

Why not make 2010 the year to become debt free? Watch the bulletin for news and dates for the Spring 2010 Financial Peace University. Registration will begin soon!! See Matt Keener for details and questions.



This "In The Next Life" Syndrome

By Dennis R. Smith

When I was just a lad, people used to joke about turning themselves into a turtle, rabbit or something so ridiculous and absurd that not one even dared think it was a possibility. Today I'm not so sure but what such an idea is not endorsed by possibly millions. This is one of the many idiotic persuasions which has stemmed out of the multitudes who have turned their backs on God and as a result they are led to believe any kind of doctrine which suits their own fancy. The Apostle Paul talked about people like this in his day: "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2nd Thess. 2:11-12). Even worse, those who endorse such an idea make fun of dedicated Christians who believe they have a hope of eternal life which lies beyond the grave (1st Thess. 4:13). I have often wondered if there are those who do endorse the "next life theory," what would they desire to be which would be better than God's promise of eternal life in heaven? There are of course two "after life" choices which we can make while yet alive. One is to deny God's Son (Matt. 10:33) and spend eternity in hell - the other is to confess Jesus (Matt. 10:32) and live throughout all eternity with him. The latter is the wiser choice.

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

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
 Springfield 33
 KSPR-TV



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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling
Greeters: Bob & Leona Snider
Van Driver: Kristy Sivils/838-1836
KYB Phone: Jim/Rebecca Meinsen
Serve
Communion: Gaylen Jones/Brent Looney
 Matt Keener/Fred Lorenz
 Terry Loveland/Jeff Treat
 Todd Kraus/David Kern
 Russell Lilly/Jason Luna

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer: Brent Looney
Speaker: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Grant Wheeler
Communion: Scott/Adam Barton
Nursery: Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, January 24

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer:	Oran Green	Jim Meinsen
Communion:	Brent Looney	Scott/Adam Barton
Closing Prayer:	John Hulett	Andy McFarland
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier/Leona Snider	
PM Nursery:	Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill	
Greeters:	John & Lisa Stayton	
Van Driver:	James Simons/732-5641	

THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Ushers: Daniel Tovar/
 Justin Reaves
AV Room: Daniel Meinsen/
 Adam Stipp
Secure
Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, January 20

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Opening Prayer: Justin Reaves
Closing Prayer: Eddie Sanders