



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 27, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Verl Duncan

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#970

#894

#861

Opening Prayer

Oran Green

#492 (1,3)

#644

The Lord's Supper

Tim Bowling

#344

Contribution

Tim Bowling

#260

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#950

Announcements

Bob Snider

Closing Prayer

Dale Gregory

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

"BUT LET US KEEP AWAKE"

(Read on: I'm not talking about the sermon!)

Have you seen the news reports about the two flights that had to land unattended at Reagan National in Washington? It happened one night recently when the pilots could get no response from the tower at the airport. The recorded conversation between the two of them reflects their puzzlement over the situation. One suggested that the controller may have gotten locked out of the tower. The other commented that he had never heard of such a thing. It turns out that the potentially disastrous silence from the air traffic control tower was the result of the simplest and most basic problem of them all: the person on duty was asleep!

Again and again the scriptures urge us to bear in mind that we are engaged in a spiritual endeavor in which there is much at stake. Our full attention is required. It is absolutely necessary that we wake up and keep alert.

The prophets used this image to point to hope in the Lord and to call their people to renewed life with him. Their senses had been dulled and their hearts had been driven to despair by having made themselves at home in the darkness of unrighteousness, but the light of the Lord was rising to shine on them, and it was time to wake up and put on the beautiful garments of strength and righteousness (Isa. 51:17; 60:1; 52:1; Mal. 4:2).

With the ministry of Jesus, the sunrise visited us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death (Lk. 1:78, 79). "In him was life, and the life was the light of men" (Jn. 1:4). Sleepers can awake and arise from the dead and he will shine on them (Eph. 5:14). But, according to him, the blessed are those whom the master finds awake, dressed for action, having kept their lamps burning, waiting for him (Lk. 12:35-37). Where he is master, servants are alert.

We do not know when to expect him, but we do know that the hour has come for us to wake from sleep. We know that salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. We know that the day is at hand, and that the works of darkness have to be cast off, and that the armor of light must be put on (Rom. 13:11, 12).

Our identity is at stake. In Christ, we are children of light, children of the day. Unfruitful and shameful works of darkness have to give way to faith and hope and love. "We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober" (1 Thes. 5:5, 6).

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: How to Tell if You Are Learning Christ

PM: How to Worship Before the LORD Your God

Prayer List & Activities

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 20

Bible Study:	267
Morning:	379
Evening:	179
Wednesday (3/23):	231
Contribution:	\$10,061



Elder of the Month
Bob Snider

- ≈ **Kids & Family** All families with kids in K-6th grade will meet after AM service next Sunday. Each family needs to bring \$1 per person for pizza, your own drinks and a dessert/treat to share. If you don't want pizza, just bring a sack lunch or pick up something else and then eat with us. After eating we will have games for the kids to play. We look forward to this good fellowship opportunity.
- ≈ **James River Nursing Home:** All who can are asked to participate in the devo/singing at the nursing home Saturday at 2 p.m.
- ≈ **Golden Agers** meet next Sunday at 4 p.m. in room 126.
- ≈ **SNAC** next Sunday after PM services
- ≈ **Titus 2 class** will meet 4/9 at 9 a.m. to make tissue paper flowers for Mother's Day. See Sandy Penner if you have questions.
- ≈ **Titus 2 Summer Program:** There will be a meeting on 4/10 after AM services for all those interested in helping with the Titus 2 program this summer. See Angela Morton if you are interested in helping.
- ≈ The Ladies Book Club will be reading **Latter-day Cipher** by Latayne C. Scott for their next meeting on May 9th.



- ≈ **LTC Puppets & Drama** meet today all day
- ≈ **LTC Meeting for everyone involved TODAY** immediately after AM service at front of auditorium
- ≈ **LTC Preview** April 10 after PM service
- ≈ **LTC Conference** in Rogers, AR 4/22-23
- ≈ **LTC Awards Presentation** April 24 after PM service

Quilters

Quilters meet April 5th at 10 a.m. In April we will be learning how to serge around the edge of baby blankets. The blankets will be donated to a needy cause. One yard of flannel will make one blanket. If you have unused flannel, please consider donating it for this cause. If you are interested in learning to use a serger, please come at 10 a.m. on April 5.



The next Ladies Bible Class will be April 14 at 10:30. Ruth Essex will present a lesson on **GOD's Makeover Plan: Transforming Our Attitudes About Inner & Outer Beauty.**

At the same time, Sheryl Low will be conducting a Bible Class for the kids with Bible story, crafts and activities.

Potluck lunch will follow.

Long-Term

- Kay Adams
- Paul Bratcher
- Doris Burch
- Bonnie Cole
- Lucille/Milton Ford
- Donna Harcrow
- Herman Harris
- Clay Joseph
- Marilyn Lanpher
- Jarita Nimmo
- Betty Shaw
- Doris Tobler
- Pat Woods
- Military:**
- Cody Newman
- Elaine Noe
- Expectant Moms**
- Angela Morton
- (??) (May)
- Summer Azeez
- (boy) (June)
- Megan Crum
- Hollingsworth
- (Aug)

≈ **Gertrude Hughes** is back at Butterfield Residential Care, 1120 N. Butterfield, Bolivar, 65613

≈ **Ann Thiesen** as she returns to Malawi this week

Friends and Family:

- ◇ **Lanae Gillespie's mother** is having health problems
- ◇ **Erica Hawkins**, Randy Blackburn's daughter, is now home after difficulties after childbirth
- ◇ Norma Lorenz's great granddaughter, **Shaylynn Duncan** will have surgery on 4/4 for cervical cancer; and her nephew, **John Bradley**, has incurable melanoma cancer of the stomach; he is in Cox South
- ◇ Norman & Lucile's great grandson, **Dylan**, in Houston, TX
- ◇ **Mark Best**, 4th grader at Strafford, as he awaits a donor for a bone marrow transplant
- ◇ **Mason McVey**, 16-month old great grandson of Gerald & Ann Nichols, has been diagnosed with juvenile diabetes.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Ola Jean Feeney in the loss of her sister-in-law (Linda Barnett's aunt), Virginia Green, this past week. She was a member of the Monett Church of Christ.

Activities & Notes



April Anniversaries

- 2 David/Jarita Nimmo 40 yrs.
- 3 Travis/Jill Morrison 12 yrs.
- 4 Paul/Mary Bratcher 62 yrs.
- 6 John/Lisa Stayton 15 yrs.
- 7 Gaylen/Dedra Jones 21 yrs.
- 13 Mark/Deniece Breckner 17 yrs.
- 26 Byrle/Virginia Hayter 48 yrs.
- 27 Tim/Chatty Timmons 48 yrs.
- 30 Herman/Pat Harris 62 yrs.

Congratulations

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- Birthdays**
- 1 Jacob Thornton
 - 2 Jereme Azeez
Sara Keener
 - 3 Christy Sherman
 - 4 Kay Adams
Brian Carroll
Blanton Glenn
 - 5 Colleen Mahon
Angela Morton
 - 7 Matt Kelley
 - 8 Ola Jean Feeney
 - 9 Carol Mahon
Julie Thornton
- Happy Birthday**



Ladies Spring Tea
 April 16th/10 am to 2 pm
*Today is the last day to sign up
 We need more ladies to sign up to
 decorate tables.*

*To help with decorating, Jill Morrison is asking
 for white Christmas lights. You will need to
 mark your lights with your name on tape or a
 tag. Let Jill know if you can help with this.*

**Congratulations to Randy & Orvella
 Blackburn on the arrival of grandson
 Gavin Clay Hawkins on 3-22
 weighing 8 lbs. 13oz. Mom Erica is
 much better but is required to have
 constant bed rest for 3 weeks.**

Thank You

Dear Water Mill Family, Our heartfelt thanks for the love and support shown us during this difficult time in our lives. We appreciate all the prayers, cards, calls and those of you who came to the visitation. We love you and thank you for all your expressions of love to us.

Charles & Ava White & Family

Dear Water Mill Family, I want to thank you so much for everything you have done for Barney and I during my recent and on-going hospital stays and sickness. You have prayed for me when I could no longer pray for myself. You have shown so much encouragement and most especially love. We love you so much and do not know how we could have gotten thru these times without your support and strength and the strength of God. God gave us each other and we are so thankful for that and each and every one of you. *Barney & Debbie Crawford*

Thanks so much for all your thoughtfulness and the special food you all sent over. Jackie's family sure did appreciate it. *Connie & Vern Thompson*

We want to tell you how much we appreciate the anniversary cards, the birthday cards and the get-well cards we have received. The love you show to us is so much appreciated. May all of you have health and happiness throughout your lives. God bless you all. With Christian Love, *Norman & Lucile High*

Thank you so much for all the beautiful birthday cards, notes, lovely gifts & Carolyn's delicious cookies. It was so nice of you. Thank you for making my birthday so wonderful. I love you all. *Ella Mae Findlay*

Thank you all for all the cards, calls cookies and gifts for my birthday! I love and appreciate you all more each day. You're a wonderful family! Love, *Chatty*

***"As iron sharpens iron, so one
 man sharpens another."
 —Proverbs 27:17***

Area Events

Gospel Meetings:

- Today thru Wed. at Sparta with Ray Crawford
- 4/3-6 Carthage Church of Christ with
Tim Kidwell
- 4/3-6 Hillcrest Church of Christ in
Neosho with David Deffenbaugh

***Ladies Day at Strafford Church of Christ
 April 9 from 8:30—12
 See Flyers on Bulletin Board***



PLEASED - WELL PLEASED - NOT PLEASED - DISPLEASED

By Dennis R. Smith

It is interesting to see just how many times and different ways the Bible uses the word "**please**." The title of this article gives you some idea of how this is true. The question is not so important as to how many times the writers of the Bible used this word in its different forms, but whether we care if God is **pleased** with us or not? For example: God was **not pleased** with his people for their openness in carnal matters and what they called "play" as they made their way through their wilderness wanderings. In like matter He was **not pleased** with what they called "worship" as was the case of the Golden Calf (Exod. 32; 1st Cor. 10). Continuing with this thought, God also is **pleased** with a strong and sincere "faith" as Hebrews 11:6 advises. He wants us to offer the fruit of our lips - the giving of thanks - doing good and communicating well with each other and declares these are things that are "**well pleasing**" with Him (Heb. 13:15-16). What people think of us or how we think of others may also be **either pleased, well pleased, not pleased or displeased** with God. He is certainly "**displeased**" when we rejoice over some misfortune which has happened to those we dislike (Prov. 24:17:18). Since the way is narrow which leads to life eternal (Matt. 7:13-14), I would highly suggest that we give more consideration to **what pleases God** especially in the lifestyles we choose.

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

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
 Voice of Truth International
 Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
 World Christian Broadcasting
 Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
 Lincoln Church of Christ
 Fair Haven Children's Home

"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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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider
Greeters: Jackie & Virginia Buck
Van Driver: Russell Lilly/839-4048
KYB Phone: Jerry & Carolyn Young
Serve Jeff Treat/Kevin Westerman
Communion: Jeremy Thurlkill/Mike Thurlkill
 Tyler Thornton/Aaron Tovar
 Daniel Tovar/Isaac Tovar
 Luis Tovar/Don Tracy

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Matt Keener
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Matt Kelley
Communion: Kyle/Tim Buckner
Nursery: Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, April 3

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer:	Travis Morrison	Dennis Smith
Communion:	Matt Kelley	Jon/Briley Ewing
Closing Prayer:	Aaron Morrison	Bob Snider
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Mark & Cheryl Friend	
Van Driver:	Steve Prewitt/872-6849	

MONTH OF MARCH

Ushers: Matt Keener/
John Stayton
AV Room: Ron Stokes/
Scott Barton
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, March 30

Devotional: Eddie Currier
Song Leader: Isaac Tovar
Opening Prayer: Jim Meinsen
Closing Prayer: Daniel Meinsen
Van Driver: Jason Luna