



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 13, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

Opening Prayer

Russell Lilly

The Lord's Supper

John Stayton

Contribution

John Stayton

Lesson

Bill McFarland

Announcements

Barney Crawford

Closing Prayer

Paul Lines

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

11.11.11

I am writing at a once-in-a-lifetime moment and I am in a position to recognize it. That is what makes this such a rare circumstance in my experience – not that there are some things that will only happen once while I am making my journey, but that in this particular case I can realize it while it is occurring.

This is November 11, 2011. It is 11/11/11. Life goes on, but, calendar-wise, people know there is something unique about this date. News reports are making note of it. Some, we are told, are even turning the numerical oddity into part of their lives by making it their wedding day. For most of us, though, the curiosity is not quite that dramatic!

The truth is that what will matter will not be that I lived on this date but what I did with this day. There may well be some turning-point moment that occurs in my life today; I do not know. What I do know is that if such a point in time for me takes place, my contribution to it will have been my thoughts, choices, words, and actions, whether good or evil, wise or foolish.

Unfortunately, these are not the kinds of things I can see coming on the calendar. It turns out that the decisive moments when thoughts begin to take over a heart, or when words are spoken that change relationships, or when actions are taken that will make all the difference in a life, are moments that approach unannounced and occur unsuspected. A person may not even begin to realize how significant that moment was until years later when he is much farther along the way they have taken him.

That means that I will make good use of the real once-in-a-lifetime moments that may determine my destiny only if I am at all times occupied with being the person the Lord wants me to be. Notice that I said being. There is no way one can be watchful for those decisive moments or be ready to respond appropriately aside from continual engagement in actually being a person renewed after the image of his creator (cf. Col. 3:10).

On any day things may happen that will influence the course of my life by making the world I live in different. Over such things I have little or no control. But today is what I have, and who I am throughout it is what I can decide, and in what I do about these two facts the story of my life will be told.

–Bill McFarland

Today's Lessons:

AM: *One on His Right and One on His Left*

PM: *"What Are Going To Do?"*

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 November 6

Bible Study: 259
Morning: 377
Evening: 227
Wednesday (11/09): 225
Contribution: \$ 9,740



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

- ✧ *Norman High is doing well after his surgery*
- ✧ *Herman Harris is now at Cox Walnut Lawn, Rm. 311*
- ✧ *Shawna Stockdale will have another procedure on her back tomorrow at the Surgery Center*
- ✧ *Thelma Fain is doing much better*
- ✧ *Jarita Nimmo is at Christian Health Care on Mt. Vernon in Springfield and David Nimmo is recovering from surgery*
- ✧ *Lucille Ford will be moved from Springfield Rehab. on Monday to her daughter's home*

Friends and Family:

- ◇ *Cecil Kirby, friend of Bob & Leona Snider, broke his hip*
- ◇ *Chloe Gaddis' great-grandson, Carter Letterman, is back home from St. Jude's Hospital; doctors have not determined the exact cause of his illness; will return to St. Jude in 2 weeks*
- ◇ *Nadean Green's sister, Vera Barnes, does not have lung cancer*
- ◇ *Jeff Fisher's niece, Julianne King, is now at Children's Hospital in CO for treatment of a serious illness.*
- ◇ *Dennis' sister's son-in-law, Jeff Stanley, is in Cox South intensive care with a blood clot in his lung*
- ◇ *Gail White's brother, Paul Ellard, who is dealing with cancer*
- ◇ *Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan*
- ◇ *Jan Bowling's cousin's daughter, 6-year old Shelby Davidson, is still undergoing testing at St. Jude for a tumor in her leg*
- ◇ *Sandra Park, mother of Jeremiah Holt (who has been attending recently) has cancer but it is now in remission*
- ◇ *KYB student John Galloway who has a brain tumor*

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Mary Jo Rookstool in the loss of her twin brother, *John Key*, who passed away last Wednesday evening. Funeral services will be in Ft. Worth.



Thank you so much for all the e-mails, phone calls, cards and gifts for Clay's birthday, my birthday and our anniversary. Each and every expression of love meant so much to us. You are such a wonderful church family and we are so thankful for each of you. In Christian love, Clay & Sharon Joseph

Since so many of us just use our cell phones now and no longer have a home phone, I am considering putting out a directory that includes cell phone numbers. I haven't done this in the past because I wasn't sure that everyone wanted their numbers out there. If I have your cell phone number and you do not want it published, please let me know. If I do not have your cell phone number and you want it published, please send that to me. Thanks for your input.

Long-Term

Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Lucille/Milton Ford
Herman Harris
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods
Military:
Cody Newman
Matthew Patterson

Shut-ins:

Kay Adams
Joy/Alice Allen
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Iorg
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
John Luallin
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Annie Overstreet
Wilma Spoor
Doris Thomason
Judy Todd



Birthdays

20 David Kern
21 Doris tobler
24 Nancy Snider
25 Wayne Snider
Bob Stockstill
Russell Lilly
26 Lee Ann Donoho

This is the last day to pick up your dishes from the table in the foyer. Those left will be sent to Thrift Haven.

We need YOU in Sunday School

Scott & Melinda Barton and Eric & Wanita Duncan invite you to join them in celebrating **Verl and Karen Duncan's 50th Wedding Anniversary** on Saturday, **November 19th** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Water Mill Church of Christ. Omission of gifts is preferred.

Water Mill Women's Book Club

The next book club meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2012, location to be announced later. For this meeting we will be discussing three books **one thousand gifts** by Ann Voskamp **I Know Why The Angels Dance** by Bryan Davis **I Stand Amazed!** by Linda Schott Read which ever book you want or read two or all three. The main theme is joy and thanksgiving which fills us to overflowing with God's love to everyone. Copies of these books may be checked out from the shelves in room 129 or you may buy them yourself. *one thousand gifts* by Ann Voskamp is a best seller. The public library has several copies, and CPO & Mardels carry this book. The public library has one copy of *I Know Why The Angels Dance* by Bryan Davis. *I Stand Amazed!* by Linda Schott was written in 1992 by a member of the church in a 13 lesson format and would have to be purchased elsewhere.

LTC Scrapbooking

There will be a meeting **today at 4:30 p.m. in room 126** for all who signed up for LTC Scrapbooking. **This meeting is for students and parents.** If you have any questions, please see Debbie Meinsen.

- **Visitation Team 2 will meet tonight after services**
- **Quilters meet Tuesday at 10**
- **Youth Night at Sunset 11/20**



Golden Agers Thanksgiving Dinner is Tuesday, November 22, at 6 p.m. here at the building. Sign-up sheets are on the Information Desk.

The best answer to an atheist is to give him a good dinner and ask him if he believes there is a cook. (Bulletin Digest)

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

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Clay Joseph	417-833-3002
Gene Lund	417-343-5783
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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Deacons

Scott Barton	Shannon Haddock
Tim Bowling	Matt Keener
Tim Buckner	Russell Lilly
Tom Davis	Paul Lines
George Downing	Jim Meinsen
Jim Elliff	Travis Morrison
Jon Ewing	James Simons

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



A ROCK IN A WEARY LAND

By Dennis R. Smith

It is interesting to see how many times the Bible refers either to God or Christ in the form of a Rock. The Psalmist mentions several times that God is the Rock of his salvation (Psa. 18:2; 62:1-2, 6; 89:26; 95:1). Isaiah in prophecy talks about the Lord as being a Rock in a weary land (Isa. 32:2). In the New Testament Peter writes that Jesus is a "living stone" who is able to take the dead and inanimate stones (people) and turn them into "living stones" (1st Peter 2:4-5). Peter in making the good confession, was blessed by Christ and informed him that upon the acknowledgment of his being the Son of God he would use that statement as a "rock" upon which to build his church (Matt. 16:18). In the beautiful old song by Ira. D. Sankey, he uses this same theme in the chorus and says "O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land, a Shelter in the time of storm." I also am pleased to take this same theme and suggest that we today live in a "weary land" and that the only answer to restoring any degree of sanity is to return as a nation to what we started out to be - A Christian Nation! God has always had the proper message for every problem. Fit the following into our current situations: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land" (2nd Chron. 7:14).

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

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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn

Greeters: Barney & Debbie Crawford

Van Driver: Russell Lilly/839-4048

KYB Phone: Eddie & Linda Carrier

Serve Randy Blackburn/Tom Davis

Communion: Jackie Buck/Kyle Buckner
 Tim Buckner/Ted Crabtree
 Brendan Carroll/Eddie Currier
 Charles Crum/Greg Donoho

NEXT WEEK, November 20

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Eddie Sanders
Opening Prayer:	Brent Looney	Jason Luna
Communion:	Mark Thiesen	T. Thornton/J. Dutton
Closing Prayer:	Tom Norrell	Scott Nichols
AM Nursery:	Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves	
PM Nursery:	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
Greeters:	Jeremy Thurlkill/Johnnie Elliff	
Van Driver:	Lance Griter/833-2818	

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
 Opening Prayer: Mark Thiesen
 Lesson: Bill McFarland
 Closing Prayer: Aaron Morrison
 Communion: Tyler Thornton/John Dutton
 Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Ushers: Jeremy Thurlkill/
 Adam Barton
 AV Room: Linda Barnett/
 Travis Morrison
 Secure Paul Lines/
 Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, November 16

Devotional: Steve Prewitt
 Song Leader: JJ Blevins
 Opening Prayer: John Stayton
 Closing Prayer: Tim Stockstill
 Van Driver: Don Tracy