



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 12, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Fred Lorenz

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#19

#267

#122

Opening Prayer

Tom Norrell

Song: "How Deep the Father's Love"

The Lord's Supper

Eddie Currier

#137

Contribution

Eddie Currier

#344

Lesson

Bill McFarland

714#

Announcements

Bob Snider

#400

Closing Prayer

Aaron Morrison

Elder of the Month

Bob Snider

About Our Work

One of the priceless blessings that comes through reading the Prophets is the ability to put into words something of what Christ means to his people. The wonderful phrases employed by these servants of God not only point to our Lord but also serve as vehicles for communicating the meaning of his work.

Several beautiful examples come from Isaiah. In his day, immorality and injustice and intrigue were eating away the heart of the nation. Their leaders were failing. The threat of the cruel Assyrians was looming to the north but, rather than looking to the Holy One, many of his people wanted to form an alliance with the Egyptians to the south, an unreliable human power whose help would certainly fail them. Isaiah addressed the disastrous situation by turning attention to the King whose rule all men need.

Many of the precious images of what being ruled by Christ means to us come from these contexts. Consider, against the background we have just described, the following line of thought from the middle chapters of Isaiah.

"Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule in justice. Each will be like a hiding place from the wind, a shelter from the storm, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land....The fool will no more be called noble, nor the scoundrel said to be honorable....Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places....The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; for the fear of the LORD is his treasure....Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty; they will see a land that stretches afar....And no inhabitant will say, 'I am sick'; the people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity....Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those of anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you'" (Isaiah 32:1-2, 5, 16-18; 33:5-6, 17, 24; 35:3-4, ESV).

How fortunate is every person who, through the gospel of Christ, sees the great King in his beauty! May God hasten the day when that faith will be sight! And, in the meantime, may every citizen of his kingdom live in the light of his wisdom, justice, and righteousness!

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Thanks to all of you who have provided for, or participated in, the several activities of the last few days. Don't miss our meeting this evening. Whether young or not so young, all of us will be blessed by the singing, scripture readings and prayers, and by having Robb Hadley with us. Be sure to be here and to make yourself part of the greeting committee!

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Thank you for your prayers in behalf of members of our family these last two weeks. Please remember to pray every day with regard to the choices about our work together that we are all in the process of making.

-Bill

Prayer List

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 5

Bible Study: 281
 Morning: 373
 Evening: 235
 Wednesday (2/8): 212
 Contribution: \$12,025

- ◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton, Herman Harris, Thelma Fain, Paul Bratcher*
- ◆ *Marilyn Lanpher* as she makes decisions regarding her health
- ◆ *Ella Mae Findlay* fell and broke her wrist last weekend
- ◆ *Bud Biglieni*, Gerri Dickens' brother, has been moved to the Maples.
- ◆ *Thelma Pendergrass*, Kay's mom, is home from the hospital and doing some better
- ◆ Jo Baggett's mom, *Ann Freeze*, is in a rehab facility recovering from a stroke; her address is Life Care Center, PO BOX 210, Sparta, TN 38583.
- ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, *Joann McFarland*, has been moved out of ICU at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis
- ◆ *Margie Logston* is recovering from hip surgery following a fall; cards can be sent to Salem Community Hospital, Room 240, 1995 E. State Street, Salem, OH 44460-2400.
- ◆ Norman & Lucile High's great grandson *Dylan* still has health issues
- ◆ 17-year old *Jonathan Saterfield*, friend of the Norrells, continues intensive chemo treatments at St. Jude; you can monitor his progress at www.caringbridge.org/visit/jonnysaterfield
- ◆ Continue to remember *Samantha York's dad* and *stepmom*
- ◆ Eddie & Donna's daughter, *Teresa Connolly* will have further tests on February 21 & 22
- ◆ Tiffany Meeks' sister, *Larrie White*, continues to have health problems

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams	Carol Mahon
Alice Allen	Wilma Melton
Shirley Bartlett	David Nimmo
Paul Bratcher	Jarita Nimmo
Doris Burch	Annie Overstreet
Bonnie Cole	Betty Shaw
Fern Davis	Wilma Spoor
Thelma Fain	Doris Thomason
Milton/Lucille Ford	Doris Tobler
Herman Harris	Judy Todd
Doris Iorg	Pat Woods
Irene Johnson	
Carol Law	

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Debbie Kern and her family in the loss of her dad, Don Hamlin. Funeral services were held last Thursday.



Be sure to check out the new tracts that have been placed in the foyer.



WHEN LIFE SEEMS ALMOST UNBEARABLE

By Dennis R. Smith

There are times in our lives when circumstances come upon us which leave us tired and weary. Even though the human body is "wonderfully made," like any other delicate machine it is subject to wear and tear leaving it in a weakened state. As we live our lives, there will be disappointments and heartaches which we can expect. "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of troubles" (Job 14:1); hence, we must learn to deal with these difficulties when they come. Knowing the promises of God and becoming obedient to them will certainly help as these things come upon us. Here are a few suggestions which may help when such should happen: (1) Knowing that it is "appointed unto man once to die" (Heb. 9:27) should cause us to want to live in harmony with our Heavenly Father's will, even from our youth (Eccl. 12:1). (2) Doing the best we can each day to "Live peaceably with all men" (Rom. 12:18). (3) Learn early in life that our greatest fortune is not how much money we can accumulate but how many friends will always stand by us (John 15:13). (4) Live life in such a way that you can and will be proud of it (1st Pet. 3:10). (5) Try to accomplish something every day that will be helpful to your fellow man and pleasing unto God (Gal. 6:10). (6) Do not "think more highly of yourself than you ought to think" (Rom. 12:3). (7) Make sure you are "fully prepared to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12). **Something to Think About!**

Area-wide Youth Night

This evening at 5 p.m. we will be hosting the area-wide youth meeting. Our guest speaker will be Robb Hadley of the Center Street congregation in Fayetteville. This year's theme is "How Deep the Father's Love." We hope you will be present.



♦ *LTC song leaders will meet at 4 p.m. today*
 ♦ *LTC Puppet & Drama will rehearse all day (after AM service/bring sack lunch) on February 19, March 4 & 18. See Jason or Kay if you have questions.*

Upcoming Events

- ♦ *March 9-10: Married Couples Retreat (watch for more information)*
- ♦ *April 6-7/LTC Conference in Rogers, AR*
- ♦ *April 14/Ladies Day: "A Spring Picnic"*

Visitation Team 2 will meet tonight after services.

Teacher Needed

We are in need of a 5th grade male teacher for either Sunday morning or Wednesday evening class. If you are interested in helping with this work, please see Tom Davis.

Area Events

February 18: Area-Wide Singles Get Together at the Mount Vernon Church of Christ

February 25: Third Annual Young Adult Rally, "Seeing Self Through God's Eyes" at the Mill Street Church of Christ in Cassville with Richard Chambers.

See Flyers on the bulletin board.



Birthdays Next Week

*19 Kylie Dutton
 Shelia Hansen
 Connie Thompson
 21 Laurel Barton
 Charlie Cruse
 Jamie Wilson
 22 Trevor Kraus
 25 Eula Compton*

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

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

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



We need YOU in Sunday School each week!



There has been a lot of activity here at the building already this weekend and still more to come tonight. First, thanks to the Elders for providing a great morning for fellowship for the men of the congregation. Thanks to all of you who took the time to participate. Secondly, thank you to Ruth Essex and her crew who have been working so diligently this past week, on short notice, to put together the Valentine's Banquet for the Golden Agers. Thanks to the Youth for their service.



We also want to thank Brian York, George Downing and all of the youth families for their part in planning for our Area-Wide Youth Night, also on short notice. Thanks to the congregation for providing drinks and cookies.

Thanks to everyone, especially the youth families and young families for being gracious hosts for Adam and Tabitha's visit last weekend.

Matt Keener would like to thank all who participated in and made our Ministry Fair happen.

The grass may be greener on the other side, but it still has to be mowed!

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Heb. 13:5)

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn
 Greeters: Adam & Sara Stipp
 Van Driver: John Stayton/833-9497
 KYB Phone: Jack & Rose Lynch
 Serve: Todd Kraus/Jason Luna
 Communion: Russell Lilly/Gene Lund
 Paul Lines/Jack Lynch
 Brent Looney/John Mahon
 Terry Loveland/Les Malanowski

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Youth Night
 Opening Prayer: Isaac Tovar
 Lesson: Robb Hadley
 Closing Prayer: Aaron Tovar
 Communion: Ted Crabtree/Blanton Glenn
 Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

Ushers: Ron Stokes/Tim Timmons
 AV Room: Terry Loveland/Jeremy Thurlkill
 Secure Building: Paul Lines/Tim Buckner

NEXT WEEK (February 19)

AM

Song Leader: Jon Ewing
 Opening Prayer: Eddie Sanders
 Communion: Tom Davis
 Closing Prayer: James Simons
 Nursery: Jill Morrison/
 Meredith Reaves

PM

Travis Morrison
 Van Barnes
 Ted Crabtree/
 Blanton Glenn
 Tim Bowling
 Lee Ann Donoho/
 Karen Duncan

Greeters: Tom & Gin Crumrine
 Van Driver: Daniel Wilson/869-6205

Wednesday, February 15:

Devotional: Kyle Buckner
 Song Leader: J.J. Blevins
 Opening Prayer: Larry Baggett
 Closing Prayer: Don Essex
 Van Driver: Tim Stockstill

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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