



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 19, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Fred Lorenz

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

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Opening Prayer

Eddie Sanders

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The Lord's Supper

Tom Davis

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Contribution

Tom Davis

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Lesson

Bill McFarland

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Bob Snider

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Closing Prayer

James Simons

Elder of the Month

Bob Snider

About Our Work

Our thanks to Robb Hadley for the outstanding lesson he presented to us and all our guests last Sunday evening. God's love is like the love of a father for a lost boy...and it has a motivation behind it...and it comes with responsibilities. Great job, Robb. "How deep the Father's love for us! How vast beyond all measure."

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In fact, all three of the activities last weekend were wonderful. Thanks to all of you who were involved in arranging for them, especially our elders for the breakfast, Ruth and Don with the dinner, and the parents of our young people for youth get-together. One thing we can all learn to do with opportunities like these is just to invite guests to come with us.

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An important announcement. Please be aware that next Lord's day, February 26, we will have as our guests another of the families who have an interest in a ministry directed toward the spiritual development of our young people and their families. This time they are some of our own: Brian and Samantha and their household. Please help us make them at home and appreciated.

This time Brian will be teaching the same combined class in the multi-purpose room. Parents with children twelfth grade and down are invited, along with any interested young adults. He will also be the speaker in our assembly next Sunday morning. Since they live here locally, no lunch-time gathering is planned.

We repeat the thought we have offered with each step of this process: all our plans and choices must be fashioned according to what the Lord has already said about the work and character of his people. The church exists to glorify God through Christ. The work of the church is to value people by doing good to them, to teach people the gospel and help them obey it, to train those who have obeyed it to do all that the Lord has commanded, and to urge them to fill their own place in that chain of service. The character of the church is to treat others the way we would want to be treated.

Let us continue to pray that the Lord may bless us as he can in keeping with his will.

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I am enjoying the daily Bible reading plan we are using this year more as we go along. Here are the verses from our readings this week that I found most thought-provoking: "Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress" (Judges 10:14). "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer" (Ps. 19:14). "If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my service I would wait, till my renewal should come" (Job 14:14). "And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it" (Isa. 35:8). "And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" (Matt. 18:33). "So then each of us will give an account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12). "For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" (Gen. 28:15b).

Which ones were your favorites?

—Bill

AM Message: "Treat Your Family Right"
PM: "Is There Any Work in Faith?"

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 12

Bible Study: 283
 Morning: 373
 Evening: 452
 Wednesday (2/15): 212
 Contribution: \$ 9,276

- ◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton, Herman Harris, Thelma Fain, Paul Bratcher, Ella Mae Findlay, Marilyn Lanpher*
- ◆ Continue to remember Jo Baggett's mom, *Ann Freeze*, who remains 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 to the Baxter Regional Hospital, Room 3314, 624 Hospital Dr., Mountain Home, AR, 72653.
- ◆ *Margie Logston* is recovering from hip surgery; cards can be sent to Salem Community Hospital, **Room 218**, 1995 E. State Street, Salem, OH 44460-2400.
- ◆ 17-year old *Jonathan Saterfield*, friend of the Norrells, will soon finish his chemo treatments at St. Jude; you can monitor his progress at www.caringbridge.org/visit/jonnysaterfield
- ◆ Eddie & Donna's daughter, *Teresa Connolly* will have further tests Tuesday & Wednesday
- ◆ Tiffany Meeks' sister, *Larrie White*, continues to have health problems
- ◆ *Rolanda Lawler*, member of the Strafford church, is in Cox South after surgery for cancer



Long Term/Shut-Ins

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

Sympathy

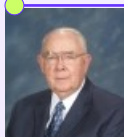
*We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **ANNIE OVERSTREET** who passed away Saturday. Visitation is tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Greenlawn East with the funeral to follow at 11 a.m. We also extend our sympathy to Sara Keener and her family in the loss recently of her great-grandmother, **Mabel Deffenbaugh**. She was 99.*

Every person should have a special cemetery lot in which to bury the faults of friends and loved ones.

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. (Eph. 4:32)"

WHAT ARE OUR REAL NEEDS?

By Dennis R. Smith



Among the current problems which are pressing upon our society today is that of our needs. Some talk of physical needs while others discuss financial needs and in some instances there are those who even openly talk of their sexual needs. It is true that there are some basic needs which must be fulfilled in order to be happy, but we must be most careful that we do not confuse the things that we actually need with those things which we want. Everyone feels the need to be close to someone and each person wants to be loved by someone. These are the needs that should warrant priority in all our lives. But it seems that today many have come to the point of stress simply because they are not able to obtain all the physical things that others have. According to the scriptures there are only two things that are absolutely essential to our physical existence. They are "food and raiment." With these two things we are told "to be therewith content" (1st Tim. 6:7-8). Please do not misunderstand me for I am not saying that we hasten to trade in our comfortable home for a shack by the side of the road in order to meet these qualifications. Although one may need to re-evaluate his outlook toward those physical things that he may be wanting. Rising above our physical needs is another level to be attained but which so very few today have placed any importance. It is the need to put our Lord first in all things which according to his promise will fulfill all our needs. (Phil. 4:19; Matt. 6:33).

- LTC** ♦ LTC Song Leaders will meet at 4 p.m. today
- ♦ LTC Puppet & Drama will rehearse TODAY (after AM service/bring sack lunch) AND on 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"



Newspaper Coupons
As some of you know, Shawna Stockdale saves a lot of money for her family by using coupons. She has expressed an interest in helping out with the food pantry items by using coupons to buy needed items. If you have coupons that you do not use, please bring them to the building and place in the box provided in the foyer.

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.



Birthdays Next Week
27 Luis Tovar
3/1 Devin Carroll
3/3 Ted Crabtree

Thursday Ladies Bible Class



Ladies, our first class for 2012 will meet March 8th at 10:30 a.m. Leona's lesson will be "Spiritual Clothing - a new spiritual spring wardrobe." Potluck lunch will follow. Watch for more interesting details in next week's bulletin.

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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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

Thank You



Dear Christian Friends, Thank you for the cards and expressions of concern you showed when my cousin passed away. With Christian love, Norman & Lucile High

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls and expressions of love shown me during my ongoing health problems. I miss you and hope to be back to church soon. In Christian love, Eula Compton

A special THANK YOU to the Golden Age Group for the beautiful red roses. The funds left over will go to the youth. Love and Blessings, Ruth Essex

Thank you so much for all your love, prayers and thoughts that have been sent our way since November. It was much needed and welcomed. We feel to privileged to have such a great church family. Thanks again. The Alexanders

Dear Brothers & Sisters, It was a pleasure to see you again. Thank you for your gracious welcome and hospitality, and making us feel so welcome. We continue to pray for God's will for our family and for the church there. Grace & Peace, The Blaney Family

See note from Betty Grabber on the bulletin board (read last Sunday).

We need YOU in Sunday School each week!

We are in need of the following items for the Food Pantry.

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| <u>Boxed & Canned Meals</u> | |
| <u>Jelly</u> | <u>Peanut Butter</u> |
| <u>Cereal</u> | <u>Canned Fruit</u> |
| <u>Soup</u> | <u>Jello/Pudding</u> |
| <u>Canned Vegies</u> | <u>Mac & Cheese</u> |

We have seen a big increase in the number of people needing help with groceries. So thank you for your continued support of this work.

Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room.



SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves
 Greeters: Tom & Gin Crumrine
 Van Driver: Daniel Wilson/773-6707
 KYB Phone: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
 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: Travis Morrison
 Opening Prayer: Van Barnes
 Lesson: Bill McFarland
 Closing Prayer: Tim Bowling
 Communion: Ted Crabtree/Blanton Glenn
 Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan

MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

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

NEXT WEEK (February 26)

AM

Song Leader: Jon Ewing
 Opening Prayer: Dennis Smith
 Communion: George Downing
 Closing Prayer: John Stayton
 Nursery: Linda Currier
 Leona Snider

PM

Travis Morrison
 Brian York
 Ted Crabtree/
 Blanton Glenn
 Brendan Carroll
 Glenda Thurlkill
 Mike Thurlkill

Greeters: Verl & Karen Duncan
 Van Driver: Kirk Tracy/576-4591

Wednesday, February 22:

Devotional: Ted Crabtree
 Song Leader: J.J. Blevins
 Opening Prayer: Randy Blackburn
 Closing Prayer: Jackie Buck
 Van Driver: Todd Kraus/862-6675

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

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/KSPR



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