



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 26, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Fred Lorenz

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#226

#684

Opening Prayer

Dennis Smith

#237

“In Christ Alone”

The Lord’s Supper

George Downing

#975

Contribution

George Downing

*“Make Me a
Servant”*

Lesson

Brian York

“Break My Heart”

Announcements

Bob Snider

#523

Closing Prayer

John Stayton

Elder of the Month

Bob Snider

“I Am the Lord’s Sheep; I Shall Not Want...”

The Other Side of the Twenty-third Psalm

At one time or another, Psalm 23 has been a word of encouragement in almost every life. In fact, someone once observed that “the world can do without many a large volume better than it could without this sunny little song.” Precisely because of its power, however, this hymn is more than merely an uplifting poem. It is a description of life when the Lord has a certain role within it. That is why there is necessarily another side of the story.

I am the Lord’s sheep when I recognize his right to be the shepherd and treat him accordingly. I am not the one who knows the way; he is. No other person has the right to have the say in my life; he does. “The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers” (Jn. 10:3b-5). The benefits of being led and tended by him come from submitting to his rule.

When I am one of the Lord’s sheep, I am content with the way of living that develops in his presence and under his care. I do not want because I find satisfaction in his ways. What they provide and where he leads is what I want: the paths of righteousness. Even if those paths take me through the valley of deep darkness, being protected and disciplined by him will sustain me. And, even if it means being in the presence of enemies, I expect having him as my shepherd to be worth it. I know that he will always be doing more than I am, and I regard him as the source of abundant life (Jn. 10:10).

As a sheep of the Lord, I am part of his flock. He lays down his life for the sheep – for me but not only for me (Jn. 10:11). In this way, he has obtained his flock with his own blood; it is called the church (Acts 20:28). “One flock, one shepherd” is his will (Jn. 10:16). Because he is my shepherd, highly valuing his flock is not only loving him but is also an exercise in my own self-interest. I care deeply about the company and well being of my fellow-sheep. I am eagerly interested in the health and strength of the flock – because it belongs to my shepherd!

Because the Twenty-third Psalm is so meaningful, it must have another side. When that other side is not a reality in our lives, the words of the “sunny little psalm” are reduced to a sad recitation of what he could have been if we had been what we should have.

– Bill McFarland

AM Message: Young People
PM: Essential Connections in the Lord’s Work

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 19

Bible Study:	234
Morning:	314
Evening:	211
Wednesday (2/22):	212
Contribution:	\$ 8,609



◆ Continue to remember **Eula Compton, Herman Harris, Paul Bratcher, Ella Mae Findlay**

- ◆ **Marilyn Lanpher** will have surgery April 3 in Houston; keep her in your prayers.
- ◆ **Norman High** will have surgery on March 5 on his kidney.
- ◆ Continue to remember Jo Baggett's mom, **Ann Freeze**; she is making slow progress; 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.
- ◆ 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**, is waiting on tests results
- ◆ Tiffany Meeks' sister, **Larrie White**, continues to have serious health problems
- ◆ **Patricia Nunley**, KYB student, requested prayers for her 2 sons.
- ◆ **Jose Polson** asked for prayers for his family and himself.

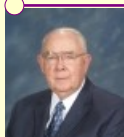
Long Term/Shut-Ins

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	



A group from the Sunset congregation is collecting wheelchairs to be donated for a mission work in Central America. If you have a chair you would like to donate, please see or call Jim Meinsen. The chairs will need to be at the building by next Sunday.

Upcoming Area Events: *March 9-10: 7th Annual Ladies Seminar with guest speaker Becky Blackmon; Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho*
May 5: Bible Teachers Workshop in Duncan, OK
(more info on bulletin board)



FROM DAN TO BEERSHEBA

By Dennis R. Smith

Two cities often mentioned in scripture are those of Dan and Beersheba. They sat at opposite ends of the Promised Land. Dan was on the North and Beersheba was on the south giving "rise to the often-used expression from Dan to Beersheba" (Nelson's Bible Dictionary). Maybe this is where the more current expression "from one end to the other" got started. Be that as it may, I believe the Bible (from one end to the other) informs us on how to conduct ourselves as Christians. Matthew 5:16 informs us "to let our light shine;" Acts 20:7 informs us of the necessity to "Come together on the first day of the week to break bread;" John 4:24 lets us know that "God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth;" 2nd Tim 3:16-17 echoes this overall thought by saying that all scripture is inspired of God and that it is able to "thoroughly furnish the man of God unto all good works." How often do we allow this God-given principle to apply to ourselves both in and out of the church building? Read carefully the following two passages: "And that you study to be **quiet**, and to **do your own business**, and to **work with your own hands**, as we commanded you" (1st Thes. 4:11). "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how **thou oughtest to behave** thyself in the house of God" (1st Tim. 3:15). In summary, God demands reverence in worship from start to finish - from one end to the other - or even - from Dan to Beersheba!

Thursday Ladies Bible Class

Married Couples Retreat



March 9-10

Ramada Inn, Branson

Check in Friday evening

Saturday 9 till noon or after;
make check payable to Water

Mill Church of Christ;

Sign-up sheet and more info at the
Information Desk.



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

Boxed & Canned Meals

Jelly	Peanut Butter
Cereal	Canned Fruit
Soup	Jello/Pudding
Canned Vegies	Mac & Cheese

Thank you for your continued
support of this work. Place items in
the cans just inside the fellowship
room.

LTC ♦ LTC Puppet & Drama
will rehearse after AM
service (bring sack lunch)
on March 4, 11 & 18. See
Jason or Kay if you have
questions.

- ♦ April 1—LTC presentation to the congregation
- ♦ April 6-7/LTC Conference in Rogers, AR

♦ All who can are asked to participate in the devo/singing at James River Nursing Home Saturday at 2 p.m.

♦ Golden Agers meet next Sunday at 4 p.m.

♦ SNAC next Sunday night after service.

♦ Quilters will meet Tuesday, March 6 at 10 am. Beginners are welcome.

♦ Elders meet March 13 at 2 p.m.

♦ April 14/Ladies Day: "A Spring Picnic"

♦ Elders/Deacons meet April 15 at 3 p.m.

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." For beautiful skin, Ruth will demonstrate a complete makeover on a "surprise model." All the class will be involved. Potluck lunch will follow. Hope you will make your plans now to participate.

Visitation Team #3 will meet tonight after service.



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.

March Anniversaries

14 Norman & Lucile High 60 yrs.
16 Tim & Marty Stockstill 33 yrs.
19 Greg & Lee Ann Donoho 36 yrs.
30 Daniel & Terri Wilson 26 yrs.

Happy Anniversary!!



Birthdays

Next Week
4 Levi Nichols
5 Bill White
6 Paul Lines
7 Brent Asher
9 Scott Nichols

Food for Sick

For the past few years Donna Sanders has been organizing "food for the sick" and we want to thank her for her work in making sure we were all taken care of when needed.

Shawna Stockdale is now going to coordinate this work. This would be a good time for us to update our list of those who are willing to take food when needed. If you would like to help with this work, please notify the office or let Shawna know so she will be prepared when we have a need.



Thanks to you for a very happy birthday. I am enjoying all the beautiful cards, the lovely flowers, the visits, the tasty chocolates and cookies and the telephone calls. Sincerely, **Wilma Melton**

We want to thank everyone for all the prayers and inquiries about our great grandson, Dylan. We think he is on the road to recovery and seems to be doing well now. Thanks again to all of you. With Christian love, **Norman & Lucile High**

Thank you for all the beautiful cards for our anniversary and for Linda's birthday. In Christian love, **Don & Linda Tracy**

This past week Mom was able to walk with a walker holding on with her left hand! We are so thankful for all of your cards and prayers and that He said yes! Please keep praying for her! All the cards and prayers have been a wonderful blessing to her. Thank you my Water Mill family! **Jo Baggett**

A very special thank you to all who made our Golden Age Dinner a great success. Our Wonderful Youth: Shaneice Alton, Alissa & Kyle Buckner, William Downing, Katelyn Emrick, Trenton Essex, Gabby & Selene Gellan, Jedonna Griter, Autum, Aileen & Doris Herrington, Trevor Kraus, Luke Lines, Cyrena & Matt Skibo, Ashley Stockdale, Isaac Tovar, Zech Weadock, Katelyn Wilson & Tori York. "You are Awesome".

Our wonderful women who worked so hard: Alice Buckner, Brandi Kraus, Ruth Lund, Kay McFarland, Leona Snider, Shawna Stockdale, Carol Tovar, Chatty Timmons, & Terri Wilson who cleaned and chopped 50 heads of garlic, 100 scallions, 22 blocks of cheese julienne 100's of squash & carrots and spent the better part of 2 days preparing all the food and setup.

Our wonderful men: Tim Bowling, Don Essex, Oran Green, Dennis Smith & Tim Timmons. We are so blessed to have this great group. Love and Blessings, **Ruth Essex**.

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: *Linda Currier/Leona Snider*
 Greeters: *Verl & Karen Duncan*
 Van Driver: *Kirk Tracy/576-4591*
 KYB Phone: *Adam & Sara Stipp*
 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: *Brian York*
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
 Closing Prayer: *Brendan Carroll*
 Communion: *Ted Crabtree/Blanton Glenn*
 Nursery: *Glenda/Mike Thurkill*

NEXT WEEK (March 4)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Larry Baggett</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Tim Bowling</i>	<i>Dale Gregory</i>
Communion:	<i>John Dutton</i>	<i>D. Harp/T. Jobs</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Barney Crawford</i>	<i>David Kern</i>
Nursery:	<i>Donna Jordan</i>	<i>Lisa Stayton</i>
	<i>Michelle Hulett</i>	<i>Emily Simons</i>
Greeters:	<i>Fred & Norma Lorenz</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>James Simons</i>	<i>Tucker Jobs</i>

Wednesday, February 29:

Devotional: *Barney Crawford*
 Song Leader: *J.J. Blevins*
 Opening Prayer: *Kyle Buckner*
 Closing Prayer: *Bill Chilton*
 Van Driver: *Jason Luna/838-7152*

MONTH OF MARCH:

AV Room: *Scott Barton/Ron Stokes*
 Secure Building: *Paul Lines/Tim Buckner*

See Mike Thurkill if you are unable to serve.

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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