



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 22, 2012

Order of Worship

Welcome

Barney Crawford

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#213

#419 (1,2,4)

Opening Prayer

Ted Crabtree

#200

#954

The Lord's Supper

Todd Kraus

Contribution

Todd Kraus

#647 (1,2,4)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#746

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#281 (1,4)

Closing Prayer

Dale Harp

Elder of the Month

Barney Crawford

PUT YOURSELF IN MY PLACE

You will sometimes hear a person who is bearing a responsibility or struggling with a problem make a plea similar to this: "Put yourself in my shoes for just a minute...What would you do...?" Implicit in such a request is the human need for understanding and compassion from our fellows. The thought is that if others could take into account the whole story in our lives, they would be gentler in their judgments and more considerate in their treatment of us.

We are blessed in that God has recognized this need within us. One place where you can see that he has is in the experience of Ezekiel, the great prophet. Ezekiel was given an awe-inspiring vision of the likeness of the glory of the living God. He was then sent to speak the word of the Lord to his countrymen who were living as exiles in Babylon. But when he got to where they were, the hand of Almighty God was strong upon him so that he "sat where they were dwelling," and he "sat there overwhelmed among them seven days" (Ezek. 3:15). God did not consider the prophet ready to fulfill his mission until he could see things from the perspective of the people and feel for them.

What God did with that son of man (the term he used repeatedly in addressing Ezekiel) was a shadow of what he intended to do for us in a more complete and wonderful way. According to his will, his own Son sat down among us where we are dwelling. He put himself in our place. The Gospel says that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn. 1:14). Because he was made like us in every respect (Heb. 2:17), all doubt about whether he can see things from our perspective is removed. He can sympathize with our weaknesses because he has been tempted as we are (Heb. 4:15). He is able to help because he himself has suffered being tempted (Heb. 2:18).

That is the Lord's way. What a comfort to us it is! But it must also be a model to us in our work. If we would help people, we must be willing to invest ourselves in knowing them well enough to understand what is going on in their lives. They have to know that we can see where they're coming from, that we can feel with them, and that it matters to us.

It's a little like the concept "Undercover Boss," the TV show. A CEO goes incognito and experiences the tough, lower paying jobs that his employees do every day. He comes away with a new appreciation of what it is like for them, and they are touched when they discover that their chief has been willing to learn what things are like for them.

"Put yourself in my place" is actually just a plea by one person to be treated according to the Golden Rule by another person. May we have eyes that see, hearts that care, and hands that help.

- Bill McFarland

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

April 15

Bible Study: 219
 Morning: 324
 Evening: 153
 Wednesday (4/18): 200
 Contribution: \$ 9,146

- ◆ Continue to remember *Eula Compton, Ella Mae Findlay and Paul Bratcher*
 - ◆ *Marilyn Lanpher* is recovering from surgery; has been moved to a regular room; has started physical therapy; cards can be sent to her c/o St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, 6720 Bertner Ave., Houston, TX 77030
 - ◆ *Allen Harmon* is at Mercy Hospital dealing with some very serious health problems
 - ◆ *Debbie Crawford* is doing well after gall bladder surgery this past Monday
 - ◆ *George Downing's father* is in the hospital in Joplin with health problems
 - ◆ Jo Baggett's mom, *Ann Freeze*, remains at Life Care Center, PO BOX 210, Sparta, TN 38583.
 - ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, *Joann McFarland*, has been moved back to Mountain Home Hospital
 - ◆ Bonnie Cole's nephew (Kerry's cousin), *Scott Golden*, who has cancer
 - ◆ *Nancy Barnes*, sister-in-law of Van Barnes and Chloe Gaddis is recovering from heart surgery
 - ◆ Shawna Stockdale's sister-in-law, *Jenn Moore*, and her unborn child
 - ◆ Continue to keep Adam and his family in your prayers that they might sell their house and join us soon.
- Janel Wydick* asked for prayers for herself and her family as they deal with problems.

Long Term/Shut-Ins

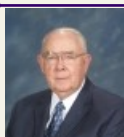
<i>Kay Adams</i>	<i>Irene Johnson</i>
<i>Alice Allen</i>	<i>Carol Law</i>
<i>Shirley Bartlett</i>	<i>Carol Mahon</i>
<i>Paul Bratcher</i>	<i>Wilma Melton</i>
<i>Doris Burch</i>	<i>Jarita Nimmo</i>
<i>Bonnie Cole</i>	<i>Betty Shaw</i>
<i>Fern Davis</i>	<i>Wilma Spoor</i>
<i>Thelma Fain</i>	<i>Doris Thomason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

Expectant Moms

Sarah Griffin/boy/May
Megan Jobes/boy/July
Sara Stipp/December

My job is to take care of the possible and trust God with the impossible.

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. Psalm 9:10



SEASONING FOR A SICK SOCIETY

By Dennis R. Smith

When the Apostle Paul said that all scripture is given by the inspiration of God and that the man of God is completely furnished unto all good works (2nd Tim. 3:16-17), he gave to the world a remedy for its sickness regardless of the generation. He used the words "seasoned with salt" (Col. 4:6) as a remedy for proper speech for every Christian. Another thing about salt is that it has been used for centuries as a preserving element. Using the words of Jesus from that beautiful Sermon on the Mount, he informs us that it is the influence of Christians that will be able to preserve the good life which God has made available through Christ. He said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men" (Matt. 5:13). In a world filled with so many problems it seems that it has reached this level because, in the main, it has rejected the basic teaching on happiness and real success which are offered by the words from the most wonderful of all books - the Bible. It is a strange paradox thereof that the one thing which preserves can become worthless and good for nothing but to be trodden under foot. With this thought, this generation would do well to return to the proper seasoning for today's society. Oh yes! Salt also can be used as a balm for "healing."

Upcoming Events

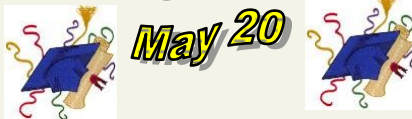
Diapers/Formula Shower

for Sarah Stokes Griffin on May 6 at 3 p.m. Sarah and Adam are expecting a boy later in May. Please bring either diapers or Enfamil/Newborn formula in the light blue can

Youth Banquet May 4

- ◆ Book Club Meeting May 14th.
- ◆ Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19, for a WORK DAY. Watch for more information.
- ◆ Potluck lunch on May 20 after AM services honoring the Haddocks

Graduates' Reception



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE LTC PARTICIPANTS.

The group of 32 came away with 1 gold and 1 bronze award in Bible Quiz; 1 Gold in Puppets, 2 Gold in Drama; 2 Gold in Banner; and 2 groups with 1 Gold and 1 Silver in Scrapbook.

Thanks to all students and coaches who put in many hours of work to earn these much deserved awards!

It is good to remember that the tea kettle, although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing.

New Converts' Bible class is now meeting Sundays at 9 am in Room 122. See Eddie Sanders if you have questions.



Next Sunday our regular Fifth Sunday Potluck will be combined with the Preschool Potluck. Make your plans now to be a part of this time of fellowship! Team No. 2 is responsible for working that day. Please notify Jill or Travis if you are unable to work.

*Kitchen: Sara Keener, Debbie Meinsen, Bekah Meinsen, Jenny Carroll, Megan Glenn, Terry Wilson, Virginia Buck
Setup: Matt Keener, Brendan Carroll, Jim Meinsen, Daniel Wilson, Jackie Buck
Cleanup: Tom & Jammie Davis, Aubrey & Anita Cobb, Tim & Becky Marsolf*

*Birthdays Next Week
3 Jo Baggett
4 Shirley Chilton
Jim Low
Byrle Hayter
John Stayton
5 Sue Holt
Bekah Meinsen*



*Ladies Spring Picnic
Winning table decoration by Elizabeth Lilly and Terri Wilson!*

Thank you to all the ladies who worked so hard on the Ladies Spring Picnic. Even with the bad weather, approximately 75 ladies were in attendance and enjoyed a wonderful day of fun and fellowship!

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

Area Events

- April 22-25* Gospel meeting at Mill Street in Cassville with Adam Evans
 - April 27-29* Weekend Seminar featuring Eric Lyons from Apologetics Press at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho
 - April 29-May 2* Gospel meeting at Strafford
 - April 29-May 2* Gospel meeting at Lebanon with Jim Poland
 - April 29-May 2* Gospel meeting at 26th & Connecticut, Joplin
 - April 29-May 3* Gospel meeting at Bolivar Church of Christ with Walter Buchanan
- (See flyers on bulletin board)

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: *Linda Currier/Leona Snider*
 Greeters: *Scott & Melinda Barton*
 Van Driver: *Daniel Wilson/773-6707*
 KYB Phone: *Jackie & Leah Freeze*
 Serve: *Aaron Tovar/Don Tracy*
 Communion: *Kevin Westerman/Daniel Wilson*
 Brian York/Jerry Young
 Adam Barton/Randy Blackburn
 Tim Bowling/Jackie Buck

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Jeremy Thurlkill*
 Opening Prayer: *Eddie Currier*
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
 Closing Prayer: *John Dutton*
 Communion: *Steve Prewitt/Adam Stipp*
 Nursery: *Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill*

NEXT WEEK (April 29)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole</i>	<i>Kyle Buckner</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>David Kern</i>	<i>Tom Easterly</i>
Communion:	<i>Russell Lilly</i>	<i>S. Prewitt/A. Stipp</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Jason Luna</i>	<i>Jim Elliff</i>
Nursery:	<i>Jan Bowling/ Robin Meeks</i>	<i>Meredith Reaves</i>
Greeters:	<i>Mike & Glenda Thurlkill</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Kevin Wuench/833-6134</i>	

Wednesday, April 25:

Devotional: *Clarence Feeney*
 Song Leader: *Isaac Tovar*
 Opening Prayer: *Jerry Milligan*
 Closing Prayer: *John Stayton*
 Van Driver: *Jason Luna.838-7152*

MONTH OF APRIL:

AV Room: *Linda Barnett/Luke Lines*
 Secure Building: *Paul Lines/Tim Buckner*

Please see Mike Thurlkill 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

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