



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 9, 2012

## Order of Worship

*Welcome*

**Bob Snider**

*Song Leader*

**Jon Ewing**

**#663**

**#786**

**#36**

*Opening Prayer*

**Jerry Young**

**#268**

*The Lord's Supper*

**Jackie Freeze**

**#209**

*Contribution*

**Jackie Freeze**

*Reading:*

**Eph. 2:4-7**

**#19**

*Lesson*

**Bill McFarland**

**#495**

*Announcements*

**Bob Snider**

**#237**

*Closing Prayer*

**Tim Timmons**

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

## TWO GREAT QUESTIONS

About a year ago, one of our *Know Your Bible* students e-mailed us what he described as “a few questions that I’m struggling with.” His note said that he was hoping we would be able to offer some answers. On his list was this line: “*Must I be baptized in water in order to be saved? ...And then what does ‘saved’ mean?*”

These are two questions which have such significant implications that they deserve to be thought through by all of us. I offered our friend the following brief responses in the hope that they would assist him in his Bible studies. It may be that these summaries will be of benefit to the rest of us, too.

The last question first: what “saved” means. In the scriptures to be “saved” means to be “rescued” or “delivered” from slavery to the practice of sin and from the condemnation of sin and death. It means being a beneficiary of what Jesus, by the grace of God, has done for us (Heb. 2:9; 5:9). Being saved, being ransomed or redeemed, having one’s soul purified, and being born again are parallel phrases (1 Pet. 1:9, 18, 22, 23). It means that a person who was spiritually dead in trespasses and sins is made alive together with Christ and is waiting for the kindness God still intends to show us (Eph. 2:1-7). It means that one has been delivered from the domain of darkness by forgiveness and transferred into the kingdom of Christ (Col. 2:13, 14).

Now to the other question: whether baptism has any place in this process. The baptism of persons who are repenting toward God and turning in faith toward Christ in order to be saved is taught in the New Testament in the following ways: **a**) in the commission with which the Lord sent the apostles out in the first place (Matt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15-16); **b**) in the cases we have where penitent and believing people were told what the Lord wanted them to do (Acts 2:38; 10:48; 22:16); **c**) in the situations where we have descriptions of what believing people did in their response to the gospel (Acts 8:12, 36-39; 9:18; 16:30-34; 18:8; 19:5; and note the wide-ranging settings involving people from both Jewish and Gentile backgrounds); **d**) the various passages in which baptism is assumed as the basis for the reasoning (possible examples are Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 6:11; Col. 2:12); and **e**) the passages which state that, in some sense, baptism saves (one example is 1 Pet. 3:21).

One thing we might all learn from our friend who raised these important questions is that he did not use the “will I be lost if I don’t” approach. He realized, as all of us surely must, that the gospel comes to a humanity already lost and calls us to hope based on the work of Christ. The question is whether we can believe the offer and whether we are willing to accept it.

—Bill McFarland

*Today's Messages:*

**AM: Incredible Grace**

**PM: How to Be a Friendly Church**

# 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 December 2

Bible Study: 249  
Morning: 317  
Evening: 217  
Wednesday (12/5): 193  
Contribution: \$11,316



Elder of the Month  
Bob Snider



- Prayer List**
- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Alice Allen
  - ♦ Marilyn Lanpher is recovering from wrist surgery
  - ♦ Bob Snider has been in and out of the hospital this past week with heart related problems.
  - ♦ Dale Harp has not been feeling well
- Friends & Family**
- ♦ Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks' father, as he is dealing with some very serious health issues
  - ♦ Continue to remember Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw (P.O. Box 1524, Fulton, MS 38843) and Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, as they are dealing with cancer
  - ♦ Ann Freeze, Jo Baggett's mother
  - ♦ Jim & Stephanie Phillips and 1-year old son Cashton, who was born prematurely and is near the end of his short life
  - ♦ Betty Grabber's sister, Hazel Cook, as she continues to deal with health problems
  - ♦ Dale Daniels, Alice's son, as he recovers from a heart attack

- Long Term/  
Shut-ins**
- Kay Adams
  - Alice Allen
  - Shirley Bartlett
  - Doris Burch
  - Eula Compton
  - Fern Davis
  - Thelma Fain
  - Ella Mae Findlay
  - Lucille Ford
  - Milton Ford
  - Allen Harmon
  - Doris Iorg
  - Irene Johnson
  - Carol Law
  - Carol Mahon
  - Wilma Melton
  - Betty Shaw
  - Doris Thomason
  - Doris Tobler
  - Judy Todd
  - Pat Woods



### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to James Simons and his family in the tragic loss of his 16-year old niece, Kimberly Fortner, who was killed in a car wreck last Thursday morning in Kentucky. Her parents are Kevin & Becky (James' sister) Fortner.



Contribution Envelopes for 2013 are available in the office. If you are currently using the envelopes, your name is on that same number for 2013. If you are not using the envelopes and would like to start in 2013, just pick up one of the extra boxes. If you have a question, see Johnnie.

### Expectant Moms

- Sara Stipp/boy/MONDAY ???
- Leah Prewitt/boy/January
- Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February
- Tabitha Blaney/girl/March
- Brittany Morrison/boy/March



Mark your calendars and plan to participate in Community Blood Center's blood drive here at the building Wednesday, January 9 from 5—8 p.m.

### Baby Showers

- January 6 Stephanie Schwartz
- February 3 Tabby Blaney

A lot of people mistake a short memory for a clear conscience.

"So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man."  
Acts 24:16



- Birthdays**
- 16 Adam Stipp
  - 18 Anna Luna
  - 19 Aubrey Cobb
  - Erica Ewing
  - Jedonna Griter
  - 22 Sue Lewis



# News & Activities

## Chinese Hot Pot Dinner

Everyone is invited to a Chinese hot pot dinner at the building on **Friday, December 14 at 6:30pm.** Cost is \$8/person and there is a sign-up sheet on the info desk. See the **Morrison's or Hulett's** if you have any questions.



⇒ **Saturday, December 15—Youth Hike, Buffalo River Trail in AR.** Leaving at 7 am. Bring a backpack with a sack lunch and water for the hike and some \$\$ for dinner on the way home.

⇒ **Sunday, December 16—Youth white elephant fit exchange/Ugly Sweater party.** Prizes for the ugliest sweater!! Pizza will be provided. Bring chips and drinks.

⇒ **January 18-20—Youth Outreach University (Y.O.U.) youth rally in Conway, AR.** \$30/student plus money for food. **WE NEED A FINAL LIST OF THOSE GOING BY DECEMBER 19.** See Adam if money is a problem.



## Ladies Bible Class meets

Thursday at 10:30. Leah Prewitt will present a lesson on "A Woman's Call to Prayer." Bring your favorite holiday dish for potluck lunch; child care will be provided by Sheryl Low.



## For our next book club meeting we are reading

"What Do I Like About the Holly-Hocks?" by Dennis Smith. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2013 at Water Mill church of Christ from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Dennis Smith will be discussing this book and other poems he has written. If you enjoy poetry, come and share your favorites with us too.

Elders meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.



Community Fundraiser for

## Fair Haven Children's Home

**Tuesday, December 18, 7 AM—8 PM**

Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales to Fair Haven when you present flyer at time of check out.



## Fifth Sunday Potluck

December 30 after AM service. Make plans now to join us as we close out 2012!!

## 5th Sunday Contribution

As has been our custom, the Elders ask that you contribute a little extra on the 5th Sundays and those funds will be used to pay on our building. Thank you for your many generous contributions in the past.

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matt. 6:21)



## THE PATH OF THE SCRIPTURES

By Dennis R. Smith

The path of the scriptures leads us to Jesus Christ, His Gospel, His Church - and - Beyond. This is the title of a new study which begins this Sunday with the Pilot Lesson giving us an index in the direction which this extended study will follow. This is a study which I have longed to produce during my tenure as a Gospel Preacher. While I have touched on some of the information contained in this study, this will be the first time that I will have the opportunity to set each lesson in outline form. It is my wish - and my desire - that I can complete this study and be able to furnish the entire series on paper. Certainly I would invite anyone who would desire to be a part of the study in the auditorium each Lord's Day. On the other hand, I know some of you would not want to miss out on your regular Bible class, but at the same time this would not prevent you from picking up a copy each Sunday of what I believe will be one of the most detailed and accurate pieces of work that I have had the opportunity to present to my audience in all my years of preaching and teaching. If you would desire to have a copy, just see me after each lesson and I will either have extras available then or I can furnish them later. **These will all be free!** I believe that all scripture, from the beginning of the book of Genesis through Revelation, focuses on Jesus Christ, His Gospel and His Church and even beyond, meaning the destination of the souls of men and women.

### Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study ....9:00 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/KSRP



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## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** P. Malanowski/O. Blackburn  
**Greeters:** Jon & Coyeatte Ewing  
**Van Driver:** Kevin Wuench/833-6134  
**KYB Phone:** Eddie & Linda Currier  
**Serve**  
**Communion:** Aubrey Cobb/Ted Crabtree  
 Barney Crawford/Verl Duncan  
 Tom Davis/Eddie Currier  
 Greg Donoho/William Downing  
 John Dutton/Tom Easterly

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Larry Baggett  
**Opening Prayer:** Randy Blackburn  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Jason Luna  
**Communion:** T. Jobs/M. Keener  
**Nursery:** A. Buckner/J. Carroll

### NEXT WEEK, December 16

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Larry Baggett
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Luis Tovar	JJ Blevins
<b>Communion:</b>	Blanton Glenn	T. Jobs/M. Keener
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Paul Lines	Gene Lund

**AM Nursery:** Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves  
**PM Nursery:** Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan  
**Greeters:** Blanton & Betty Glenn  
**Van Driver:** Russell Lilly/839-4048

### MONTH OF DECEMBER

**AV Room:** Scott Barton/  
 Ron Stokes

**Secure Building:** Paul Lines/  
 Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, December 12

**Devotional:** Don Essex  
**Song Leader:** Aaron Tovar  
**Prayer:** David Kern  
**Van Driver:** Todd Kraus/  
 207-7877