



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 6, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#523

Reading:

Eccl. 3:1-11

#871

#619 (1,3,4)

Opening Prayer

Brendan Carroll

#975

The Lord's Supper

John Hulett

#446

Contribution

John Hulett

#244

In His Time

Bill McFarland

#111

Announcements

Jerry Young

#581

Closing Prayer

Aaron Morrison

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

FOR THIS NEW YEAR

Here are four things I long to do in 2013. I want them to be more characteristic of my life when the year ends than they are here at the beginning. In fact, these would be worthwhile aspirations for all of us.

Pray like a child. When any one of us obeys the gospel of Christ, that person becomes a child of God and it becomes his privilege to call on God as Father. By both example and instruction, the New Testament repeatedly urges all who of us who are in Christ to exercise the spiritual discipline of calling on our Father in prayer. This practice is an aspect of our way of life, and it's certainly for our own well-being, but it is also to be thought of as an essential element of our partnership in the progress of the gospel. The first thing I want to do this year is to pray like a child of God who cares about the honor of his family.

Act like a brother. Christ taught us to pray, "Our Father..." Acting like a brother or sister is the demonstration of the sincerity of prayer. After all, when any of us have been born again by obedience to the truth, we have purified our soul "for a sincere brotherly love" and it becomes our purpose to "love one another earnestly from a pure heart." That isn't easy, and it doesn't happen naturally. It involves having the mind of Christ as the spirit in which we act, and maintaining a sense of perspective that accepts and helps, and being considerate of the impact our own choices and actions have on brothers and sisters. This year I want to discipline myself to act more like a brother to more of my family in the Lord.

Live like a neighbor. Relationship with God and fellowship with his people are for the real world. They are measured by a way of life that can encounter and endure the demands of everyday experience. That is the necessary means by which God uses his people as the salt of the earth, and the light of the world, and the leaven of life. The Lord describes the discipline this demands in the Golden Rule. He didn't say, "Don't do what you would not want done," or "Don't do any harm." Living like a neighbor means more than that. It requires this: "Whatever, knowing what you do as a child of God, if you were that person, you would want done to you, *do*." That's my third aspiration this year—to actually *act* as a neighbor.

Function like a member. The Lord has given his people, as a whole, work to do together. Each of us has a place in this great work because it grows, not from programs, but from the abilities he has given us. In Christ, we're like a body that has many members and which functions when each part is working properly. No member can do everything, and no member is allowed to do nothing, and this is for belonging as much as it is for effectiveness. There may be many things I cannot do. I can, however, function like a member. I can do what I can do for the good of the whole body. I can act on the opportunities I see. With the Lord's help, that's what I want to do this year.

"Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes" (Lk. 12:43).

—Bill McFarland

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 30

Bible Study:	229
Morning:	309
Evening:	205
Wednesday (1/2):	188
Contribution:	\$25,435



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young



◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton and Alice Allen
◆ Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks' father, as he is dealing with some very serious health issues

- ◆ Eddie Sanders is recovering from hernia surgery
- ◆ Thelma Fain is not doing well
- ◆ Blanton Glenn as he deals with health issues

Friends & Family

- ◆ Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw and Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, as they are dealing with cancer
- ◆ Ann Freeze, Jo Baggett's mother, is now home after being in the hospital for a few days last week
- ◆ Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, is now home from the hospital
- ◆ Gerri Dickens' granddaughter, Kristie Dover, has been in the hospital this past week after suffering a stroke. She has made a remarkable recovery and does not have any paralysis.
- ◆ Jennie Verner who had been attending regularly has not been able to attend worship for the last few months due to illness.



We express our sympathy to the following families who have lost loved ones recently:

Betty Grabber and her family in the loss of Betty's sister, Hazel Cook,

Robert Horton's family in the loss of his sister-in-law, Jenna Horton.

Please keep these families in your prayers.



2013 Daily Bible Reading

Schedules are available in the foyer.

Our Walk Through the Word Together

Be sure to pick up your copy and get started!

Ladies Bible Class

Beginning Wednesday, January 23, Ruth Essex will be leading a study in the Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Class on the subject of "God's Woman: Feminine or Feminist?"

What do the scriptures teach concerning God's wonderful plan for women in the church? Ladies, make your plans now to be a part of this important study.



Thank you for the gifts and Christmas cards, and for the birthday cards, notes, gifts of food and phone calls. You have made my days great at 94. I am still in good health. In Christian love, Doris Thomason

It's hard for me to express how much I appreciate the love and concern shown to me and my family during Paul's illness and death. I could feel the love and it touched me deeply. So many people I need to thank: Bill, Dennis, Jon and especially for the prayers, cards, visits, calls, kind words and a special blessing for Charlie & Rosalie. I will be eternally grateful Mary Bratcher

Thank you so much for the gift box during finals. It was a great surprise. I really enjoyed it! It meant a lot to know people were behind me during the stress of finals. In Christian love, Trevor Drury.

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



Expectant Moms

Leah Prewitt/boy/January

Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February

Tabitha Blaney/girl/March

Brittany Morrison/boy/March

If you can provide a meal for the Prewitt family after the baby is born, please sign the sheet on the Information Desk in the foyer

News & Activities



Wednesday beginning at 5 p.m. the Community Blood Center personnel will be here for our blood drive. Please do your part to help meet our goal. We had 18 donors at our last drive. Let's meet or exceed that number. Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk.

From the Elders:

Our brother Paul Lines has expressed his desire to resign as a deacon here at Water Mill. We all appreciate him and his family for their service in his ministries here for many years. Please thank Paul and his family for their service and let them know that you appreciate them.



⇒ January 18-20—

Youth Outreach

University (Y.O.U.) youth rally in Conway, AR. \$30/student plus money for food. Turn your \$30 in to the office. See Adam if money is a problem.



Today after AM services please join us for our first potluck of the new year. We especially invite all our visitors to join us for good food and fellowship.

Baby Shower

Today at 3 p.m. we will be honoring Stephanie & Aaron Schwartz with a baby shower. They are registered at Babies R Us and are expecting a boy. Please join us.

Birthdays

6 Amanda Green
Ben Lines
7 Bonnie Cole
8 Raymond Daniels
9 Megan Hollingsworth
11 Bill McFarland
14 Gayle Gaunt
15 Anita Cobb
Jackie Freeze
17 Kyle Buckner
18 William Morrison
19 Jim Elliff

Upcoming Events

- Golden Agers meet **TODAY** at 4 p.m.
- Elders meet **TUESDAY** at 1 p.m.
- **January 25** Chinese hot pot dinner



For our next book club meeting we are reading "What Do I Like About the HollyHocks?" by Dennis Smith. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14 here at the building from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Hope you will join us!



Please extend a warm welcome to the Horton families who have made know their desire to work and worship with us at Water Mill.

Bob Horton

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The Thursday morning Ladies Bible Class will dismiss for the winter but will resume the second Thursday in March.

This is the last call to renew your subscription to **CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE**. The cost is \$15.98.



AN OLD STORY FOR THE NEW YEAR

By Dennis R. Smith

By now I am sure that most of us have heard many times that as the old year fades out and the new one comes on it is a time of reflection and resolutions. I've always thought it necessary for us to not forget where we've been as we hasten to go wherever it is that we are going. Surely the greatest of stories which must be filed deeply in our hearts and minds would be the STORY OF JESUS. However, there are some stories about those who have been successful in telling the story of Jesus which would be beneficial to repeat. Years ago, as a very young man trying to preach, I often had the privilege of conversing with Brother S. P. Fields, preacher extraordinary. One day I asked him if he could suggest some books that would help me in my preaching. His reply was: "Bro Smith you only need three. They are a good Center-Reference Bible, a Concordance, and the Webster's Dictionary." Since we must not argue against a demonstration, I think I need tell you the success of this stately country preacher. He told me that he estimated that he had baptized somewhere between 6 and 7 thousand people in his lifetime. In addition, he helped establish dozens of congregations in Southwest Missouri and has left a wonderful memory in the minds of hundreds who are old enough to still remember. Since each new generation is expected to build on the old, we would do well not to forget their "tools of the trade" in our endeavors to be equally as successful.

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/KSRP



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Mike & Glenda Thurlkill
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/343-7451
KYB Phone: John Dutton/Megan Glenn
Serve
Communion: Greg Donoho/Mark Friend
 Don Essex/Don Gaunt
 Briley Ewing/Bruce Tindall
 Jeff Fisher/Fred Lorenz
 Jackie Freeze/Sam Hansen

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer: Ted Crabtree
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Gene Lund
Communion: Brendan/Brian Carroll
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, January 13

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer:	Verl Duncan	John Dutton
Communion:	Matt Keener	Brendan/Brian Carroll
Closing Prayer:	Luke Lines	John Mahon
AM Nursery:	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
PM Nursery:	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
Greeters:	John & Lisa Stayton	
Van Driver:	Jackie Freeze/616-9789	

MONTH OF JANUARY

AV Room: Adam Stipp/
 Kyle Buckner

Secure Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, January 9

Devotional: Jon Ewing
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Prayer: Jeff Fisher
Van Driver: Jason Luna/
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