



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 13, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

Reading: Psalm 27

Aaron Morrison

#756 (1,2,4)

#436 (1,2,4)

Opening Prayer

Verl Duncan

#350 (1,3)

#742

The Lord's Supper

Matt Keener

Contribution

Travis Morrison

#66 (1,3)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#299 (1,3,5)

Announcements

Jerry Young

#242 (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Luke Lines

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

COMMUNICATION

This morning I've read what took place at Babel (Genesis 11:1-9). I do not understand everything about what happened there. I can see a little of human beings trying to organize themselves around their own name, and of God considering such an intention as a danger to them. But what I can see clearly is something of the power and importance of *communication* among human beings.

Communication is a vital ingredient in all the relationships and endeavors of our lives. In the episode at Babel, it is the Lord God himself who identifies how much is possible when the children of man communicate: "Behold, they are one people, and they have one language... nothing that they propose to do will be impossible for them" (v. 6).

But from this event onward, communication has required *work*—perhaps the most intentional and difficult that any of us are ever called to do. What kind of work is it? Well, consider the instruction offered to us in Ephesians 4:25f. Healthy and effective communication requires putting forth the effort to be transparently honest and open (v. 25, 28), to be in control of emotions (v. 26, 27), to be thoughtful about what is good and fitting (v. 29), to be a bearer of grace rather than of corruption (v. 29, 31), to be kind in both tone and message (v. 32), and to be merciful toward human weakness in which we are all participants (v. 32). It may be that there is no task which demands that we get involved "as God in Christ" did toward us more than our responsibility in Christian communication does.

Communication is worth the effort it takes, too. It brings rewards into human experience that can't come in some other way. This is how we get close to each other. It's how we come to feel that we are known and accepted. It's how we share life, cooperate in service, and bear burdens that are too heavy to be carried alone. It's even what turns the thoughts and intentions of our hearts into praise for the Lord.

Wise and godly communication is what turns into warm friendships, loving families, and fruitful congregations. When we attend to it first, other things have a way of falling into place.

– Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: The Importance of Beginning Right

PM: He Will Be Like His Teacher

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

January 6

Bible Study:	248
Morning:	326
Evening:	207
Wednesday (1/9):	200
Contribution:	\$14,148



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
- ◆ Marilyn Lanpher had a short stay in the hospital last week

Friends & Family

- ◆ Eddie Sanders' mom as her health continues to decline
- ◆ Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw and Carolyn Young's sister, Nita, as they are dealing with cancer
- ◆ Ann Freeze, Jo Baggett's mother
- ◆ Jennie Verner who had been attending regularly has not been able to attend worship for the last few months due to illness.
- ◆ Allen Harmon's friend at Manor Care, Elmer Lewis, is not doing well



Congratulations to Steve and Leah Prewitt on the safe arrival of Layton Dean, born Monday, January 7. He weighed in at 8 lbs 1 oz. Laramy is pleased to welcome his new baby brother.



- ### 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

- Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February
- Tabitha Blaney/girl/March
- Brittany Morrison/boy/March

Birthdays

- 20 Betty Grabber
- Jacob Skibo
- 21 Pat Blackburn
- 23 Jerry Milligan
- 25 Sherry Sherman
- Lora Luna
- Amber Alexander
- 26 Tonia Tillman
- Ryan Friend

Ladies Bible Class

Beginning Wednesday, January 23, Ruth Essex will be leading a study in the Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Class in Room 129 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.

Meditations

1. God loves Me!
2. God is Faithful, even when I'm not.
3. I can learn something if I look, listen, ask questions, and think for myself.
4. I move in the direction of my most dominant thoughts.
5. People's needs are more important than my rights.
6. Helping people isn't necessarily giving them what they want, but what they need.
7. The way I treat people is a reflection of how I see God treating me.
8. I can do all things, but not all at once.
9. I need to be God's person regardless of what anyone says, does, or thinks.
10. God is Lord. He has the right to interrupt my life at any time.



ARE YOU UP TO DATE ON YOUR DAILY BIBLE READING??



JOIN US AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

News & Activities



☞ **YOU.** Bus leaves at 3:30 Friday. Adam has handouts with details and schedule. Be sure to turn your money in if you haven't already done so.

☞ **February 3 Super Bowl SNAC** party at the Bartons after PM service.

☞ **LTC meeting** for all participants and parents **January 27** after AM service.

☞ **LTC Puppets and Drama** will meet all day **January 27** after AM service. Bring your lunch.

Upcoming Events

- Elders meet **TUESDAY** at 2 p.m.
- **Chinese hot pot dinner** is scheduled for **January 25.**
- **Water Mill will host the Area Wide youth night on February 17th.** Watch for more info.



The book club will meet tomorrow night here at the building at 6:30 p.m. We are reading "What Do I Like About the HollyHocks?" by Dennis Smith. Dennis will be our guest speaker. We will be discussing our favorite poems by Brother Smith and from other authors that are especially meaningful to us. Hope you will join us!

Dennis and Carolyn Smith personally invite the Water Mill Members to honor them with their presence at an Open House celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 19, 2013 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Water Mill Church of Christ.

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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Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney	304-520-9800
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Deacons

Scott Barton	Jon Ewing
Tim Bowling	Matt Keener
Tim Buckner	Russell Lilly
Tom Davis	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	James Simons

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

Ladies

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR **APRIL 6** FOR OUR ANNUAL SPRING LADIES' DAY!!

Address/Phone # Changes

Eddie Sanders cell: 299-2616

Jim & Johnnie Elliff

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KEEPING THAT WHICH WE HAVE COMMITTED

By Dennis R. Smith

In order that readers will get on the same page, let me share two passages of scripture to open our thoughts. "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust," (1st Tim. 6:20). "For the which cause I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2nd Tim. 1:12). First, these passages teach that as Christians we not only confessed the name of Jesus, but we made a commitment to serve Him in doing so. Also they show that our faith in the promises of God as our Guardian is placed in His trust. On the other hand, we all need to be more concerned and punctual in reference to whatever commitments we have made to Him. Story after story could be told about the faithfulness of some of our pioneer preachers in reference to their "keeping their appointments." Many traveled on foot or horseback in all kinds of weather in order to complete their arrangements. They would not allow anything less than extreme sickness or family tragedies to prevent them from keeping their appointed rounds. What was the secret of their loyalty to such commitments? It surely must have been their dedication to the gospel which they loved to preach as well as their own pride in always preserving their word and their bond. One other possibility lies in the words of Jesus to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God....." (Matt. 6:33)

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: P. Malanowski/O. Blackburn
Greeters: John & Lisa Stayton
Van Driver: Jackie Freeze/616-9789
KYB Phone: Carolyn Young/Norma Lorenz
Serve
Communion: Greg Donoho/Mark Friend
 Luke Lines/Don Gaunt
 Briley Ewing/Bruce Tindall
 Jeff Fisher/Fred Lorenz
 Jackie Freeze/Sam Hansen

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer: John Dutton
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: John Mahon
Communion: Brendan/Brian Carroll
Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

NEXT WEEK, January 20

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer:	Eddie Currier	Tom Easterly
Communion:	David Kern	Brendan/Brian Carroll
Closing Prayer:	Brent Looney	Jerry Milligan

AM Nursery: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves
PM Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan
Greeters: Bill & Gail White
Van Driver: Kirk Tracy/576-4591

MONTH OF JANUARY

AV Room: Adam Stipp/
 Kyle Buckner
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, January 16

Devotional: Jackie Freeze
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Prayer: Fred Lorenz
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
 849-7678