



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 20, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader

Tim Bowling

#951

#844

#738

#961

Opening Prayer

Eddie Currier

#452

The Lord's Supper

David Kern

Contribution

David Kern

#226

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#103

Announcements

Jerry Young

#523 (v. 1,2)

Closing Prayer

Brent Looney

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

Mighty Men And Strong Support

I've been reading about the mighty men who helped David be established as king over all Israel, as they are said to have done in chapters 11 and 12 of 1 Chronicles. The kingdom had just experienced the tragic decline of Saul when David was more like a fugitive than a king, in danger both from Saul and from enemies like the Philistines. God had still been with him, and David had become greater and greater (11:9).

But God gave his help through helpers—mighty men (12:18). We are told that “from day to day men came to David to help him, until there was a great army, like an army of God” (12:22). It was David’s mighty men “who gave him strong support in his kingdom” so that he was made king according to the Lord’s word (11:10).

And why was their support so meaningful? Because they were mighty men – men who had earned respect. The things we are told about some of them are revealing. These were the kind of men who had “won a name” (11:24). If one was a “leader over” others, it was because he had been “a mighty man among” them (12:4). These were capable individuals who had proven that they could help (12:1, 2). They were all men who had taken their stand, wielded their strength, risked their lives, helped - men of valor.

The manner in which the support of David’s mighty men is said to have been exercised is also quite instructive. Apparently, simply being mighty isn’t enough. These were “men who had understanding of the times” and who could, therefore, see what ought to be done (12:32). They were equipped to help “with singleness of purpose” (12:33). They were not only “seasoned” but also “ready” (12:36). These were men who came to David “with full intent” and “of a single mind” to make him king in obedience to God (12:38). No wonder their presence meant “joy in Israel” (12:40)!

The strong support of mighty men. I wonder if there has ever been a time when the cause of the Lord didn’t need that more than just about anything else.

*Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength To serve the King of kings.*

—Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: Astonished at the Majesty of God

PM: Messy Faith

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 13

Bible Study:	207
Morning:	262
Evening:	229
Wednesday (1/16):	180
Contribution:	\$8,178



Elder of the Month
Jerry Young



◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain and Alice Allen

◆ Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks' father, as he is dealing with some very serious health issues

◆ Eddie Sanders as he continues to have problems related to his hernia surgery

◆ A lot of our families are dealing with various types of the flu right now; please keep these families in your prayers

Friends & Family

◆ Seldon Essex is having some major health issues

◆ 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



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Eddie Sanders and his family in the loss of Eddie's mom, **Chloa Sanders**, who passed away Thursday. She was 98. Funeral services were held Saturday in West Plains.

We also extend our sympathy to Verl Duncan and his family in the loss of his cousin, **J.C. Mitchell**, recently.

Baptism

We rejoice with Robert Keith who made the decision to put on Christ in baptism this past Tuesday afternoon.

Please be sure to meet Robert and offer him your support and encouragement. His address is 1785 E. Lakewood, Springfield, 65804, phone 417-522-5261.

"Do everything without complaining or arguing."
(Philippians 2:14)

Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday night 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?" Ladies, come and be a part of this important study.

A large group of our youth have been at the YOU event in Conway, AR this weekend. They will return this afternoon. Keep them in your prayers as they return.

JOIN US AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

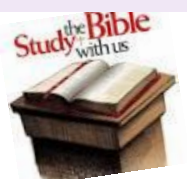
Tabitha Blaney/girl/March

Brittany Morrison/boy/March



Congratulations to Tim & Jan Bowling on the safe arrival of their grandson, Heath Cole Bowling, born Wednesday to Kenneth and Audra. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. All are doing well.

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



News & Activities



☞ **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.

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

- Water Mill will host the Area Wide youth night on **February 17th**. Watch for more info.



Thanks to all who donated blood at our recent blood

drive. The Community Blood Center reported that we had 16 people who were able to donate and that it really helped the blood supply coming out of the holidays. Our next drive is June 5. Mark your calendars.



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

Baby Shower

All are invited to a baby shower honoring **Tabby Blaney** on February 3 at 3 p.m. in the fellowship room. As you probably know, they are having a **GIRL!!**

Chinese Hot Pot Dinner

Join us here at the building **Friday night at 6:30** to enjoy this delicious Chinese meal. Cost for food (provided) is \$8 per person. Pay Jill or Travis Morrison. See flyer and sign-up sheet on Information Desk.



Birthdays
 27 Dane Stipp
 28 Bill Culley
 29 Illene Birdsong
 Tim Marsolf
 30 Abigail Thornton
 31 Pat Culley
 2/2 Don Gaunt
 Chace Eaves
 Shaneice Alton

Our Father knows what's best for us, so why should we complain? We always want the sunshine, but He knows there must be rain.—Helen Steiner Rice

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



IS SILENCE REALLY GOLDEN (as in Golden Agers?)

By Dennis R. Smith

Before I answer this question, may I share with you the definitions of the word "Golden?" It means, "made of, or containing, or pertaining to gold; having the color of gold; precious; favorable." You can see that there are many avenues of thought wrapped up in these definitions. Now, you have probably heard the old saying, "Silence is Golden." In most cases this is true. In the epistle of James he wrote, "slow to speak" but he also said in the same passage be "swift to hear" (James 1:19). Naturally, these are not contradictions but that there are occasions in which both should be applied. Let's now consider these thoughts to our work here at Water Mill's Golden Age endeavors: No, they are not made of gold! Even though all our printed materials have the color of gold, it is still not gold. However, if you were to talk with many shut-ins that the Golden Agers visit, have prayer with and often give little gifts, those dear ones might say "they are precious - they are favorable - and surely they have the right name - - **GOLDEN AGERS.**" I think I can safely say and equally identify those working in this capacity that as they bring a little joy and peace of mind to the recipients of their labors, they also lay up for themselves treasures in heaven where the Apostle John writes that the "city and the street" is of PURE GOLD (Rev. 21:18; 21). That's been our goal and challenge from the beginning. May silence now give way to action. **Let this be your challenge also.**

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: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves
Greeters: Bill & Gail White
Van Driver: Kirk Tracy/576-4591
KYB Phone: Jerry & Pat Milligan
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: Tom Easterly
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jerry Milligan
Communion: Brendan/Brian Carroll
Nursery: Lee A. Donoho/K. Duncan

NEXT WEEK, January 27

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer:	Tom Davis	Don Essex
Communion:	Todd Kraus	Brendan/Brian Carroll
Closing Prayer:	Fred Lorenz	Dale Gregory
AM Nursery:	Linda Currier	
PM Nursery:	Glenda Thurlkill	
Greeters:	Eddie & Donna Sanders	
Van Driver:	Daniel Wilson/773-6707	

MONTH OF JANUARY

AV Room: Adam Stipp/
 Kyle Buckner

Secure Building: Justin Reaves/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, January 23

Devotional: Aaron Alexander
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Prayer: Russell Lilly
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/
 207-7877