



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 27, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#627
#492

Opening Prayer
Tom Davis

#390 (v. 1, 2, 4)
#268 (v. 1, 2, 4)

The Lord's Supper
Todd Kraus

Contribution
Todd Kraus

"Make Me A
Servant"

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#125

Announcements
Jerry Young

#707 (v. 1, 2)

Closing Prayer
Fred Lorenz

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

Make Like a Tree

Sometimes, the Bible uses seemingly odd pictures or examples to teach very simple lessons. Take for example the tree. It is amazing how many times the Word of God uses the tree as an example for the people of God to follow. You might ask, "You mean I need to imitate a tree to be right with God? How in the world can I act like a tree?" Psalm 1 is a great example of how to do that very thing.

"Happy is the man..." (1:1). We are talking here about a person who is blessed and happy. The Psalm describes what kind of person this "happy" man is. He does not associate with sinfulness, but rather he takes delight in and meditates on the Word of God. Then there is the interesting point: "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper" (Psalm 1:3). Can we learn something from that? Positively!

What's first? The Happy man is like a tree planted by rivers of water, or planted nearest to its primary source of nourishment. Research has found that on a hot day, some trees like Oak or Elm, when they are mature, can draw up to 15 gallons of water from the ground per hour. That's 360 gallons of water per day! If they need that much water, the best place to be planted would be right where there is abundant supply: by the river! It is directly connected to its source of nourishment, and (often even in drought conditions) there is always abundant supply. The result? It always bears its fruit when its supposed to, and its leaves never wither. It always has what it needs!

What does it mean for us? Happiness, joy and peace can only come if you plant yourself close to your source of spiritual nourishment: God! In verse 2, the psalmist explains part of that process: "In His law he meditates day and night" (1:2). Gain spiritual food from His Word, and spiritual strength and support from God. Many have expressed their joy and benefit from their Bible reading this year. If you haven't yet, pick it up and plant yourself in it today! Find nourishment in the fertile soil of God's love and mercy, and bear the fruit that He desires! And, thanks be to God that in contrast to physical rivers, His store of spiritual energy never runs dry. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22, 23). So? Make Like a Tree!!!

- Adam

Today's Messages:

AM: The Church's Helpers

PM: The Shepherd's Psalm

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 20

Bible Study:	213
Morning:	295
Evening:	175
Wednesday (1/23):	185
Contribution:	\$8,294



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

◆ KYB student P.J. Lindley who has recently had surgery



Bill and Kay announce the arrival of their 8th grandchild, Silas Estel McFarland, born Monday night, January 21, to Rob and Anita in Montgomery, Alabama. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs. and is 19 inches long.

Little Silas is a special needs baby with Down's Syndrome. He is currently in PICU in a Montgomery hospital. Rob asked that you keep his family in your prayers for wisdom in raising this very special little boy.

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

Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday night Ruth Essex is leading a study in the Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Class in Room 126 on the subject of "God's Woman: Feminine or Feminist?" Ladies, come and be a part of this important study.



Expectant Moms

Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February

Tabitha Blaney/girl/March

Brittany Morrison/boy/March

If a task is once begun, never leave it till its done. Be the labor great or small, do it well or not at all.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going." Eccles. 9:10



February Anniversaries

8 Raymond/Alice Daniels 44 yrs.
10 Ron/Lisa Stokes 29 yrs.
10 Tom/Tiffany Meeks 23 yrs.
14 Don/Linda Tracy 44 yrs.
15 Kevin/Connie Westerman 27 yrs.
22 Jim/Sheryl Low 50 yrs.
27 Bob/Betty Stockstill 59 yrs.
28 Clint/Betty Holden 55 yrs.

Birthdays

4 Helen Coltrane
Rosalie Cruse
5 Todd Kraus
Luke Lines
6 James Simons
7 Yvonne Tindall
Denzil Raines
9 Betty Glenn
Verl Duncan
Marti Norrell



News & Activities



↳ **LTC meeting** for all participants and parents **TODAY** after AM service.

↳ **LTC Puppets and Drama** will meet all day **TODAY** after AM service.

↳ **February 3 Super Bowl SNAC** party at the Bartons after PM service. Boys bring chips and drinks. Girls bring desserts.

Water Mill will host the Area Wide youth night on February 24th (changed from 2/17). Watch for more information.

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



A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philip. 4:6-7

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!!** (Gift ideas include clothes, diapers, gift cards.)

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, February 2, James River Nursing Home Devo and Singing**—all who can are asked to participate.
- **Golden Agers meet February 3 at 4 p.m.**
- **Elders meet February 12 at 1 p.m.**
- **March 29-30 LTC Conference in Rogers, AR**
- **April 6 Ladies Day**

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

THANKS TO SO MANY FOR "MAKING OUR DAY"

By Dennis R. Smith



Carolyn and I are filled with joy, happiness, love and most of all humility as we reflect back on the very special day in which so many honored us with their presence for our 60th anniversary celebration. How can we ever thank you all for such an outpouring of love that was shown to us? A day like "our day" did not just happen. There were so many people that banded together to make it happen. I will send a special thanks to Brother Bill McFarland for such a sweet message and prayer and also to Kay McFarland, who like the very efficient person that she is, took hold of the reigns and put everything in place to help with the accommodations in the fellowship room. Also, we thank Travis Morrison, Scott Barton, Daniel Wilson, Daniel Meinsen, Paul Lines and others who from the start helped in so many different ways. Then came the multitude of our Guests! At best count, some 208 signed the guest book. Of that number about 50 percent were from outside of our Water Mill family. Thanks also for the many cards received. The presence of you all and the outpouring of love and best wishes humbled us as we were reminded in each case of some very tender ties which bonded our lives together in days gone by. I wish to say that not only did this "make our day," but it was a great reminder of the words of the Apostle Paul, "and now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1st Cor. 13:13). God bless you all! (Dennis)

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: Linda Currier/Gin Crumrine
Greeters: Eddie & Donna Sanders
Van Driver: Daniel Wilson/773-6707
KYB Phone: Verl & Karen Duncan
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: Don Essex
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Dale Gregory
Communion: Brendan/Brian Carroll
Nursery: Glenda Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, February 3

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer:	James Simons	Jon Ewing
Communion:	Jason Luna	Todd & Trevor Kraus
Closing Prayer:	John Hulett	Briley Ewing

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
PM Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons
Greeters: Jerry & Carolyn Young
Van Driver: Russell Lilly/833-4048

MONTH OF JANUARY

AV Room: Adam Stipp/
 Kyle Buckner
Secure Building: Justin Reaves/
 Tim Buckner

Wednesday, January 30

Devotional: Dale Gregory
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Prayer: Oran Green
Van Driver: Jason Luna/
 838-7152