



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 17, 2013

## Order of Worship

**Song Leader**  
Kerry Cole

#111  
#950  
#122

**Opening Prayer**  
Ron Stokes

#511

**The Lord's Supper**  
Paul Lines

**Contribution**  
Paul Lines

#805

**Lesson**  
Dennis Smith

#9

**Announcements**  
Barney Crawford

#611

**Closing Prayer**  
Dustin Stokes

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

## Where has the Time Gone?

*"What is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time  
and then vanishes away" (James 4:14).*

An old WV friend of mine used to joke often, "Time waits for no man and very few women." He's right, isn't he? (about the time not waiting part. If you ever find those women, I want to meet them :) ) Life seems to speed up with every passing day. It seems like yesterday we were looking forward to the changing beauty of the leaves, and the cooler weather that came with them. Now we are itching for warm soil so we could till up the ground for the garden – unbelievable that spring is just around the corner. "Time flies!" we say, heads shaking. Really, though, it isn't a bad thing that time does seem to fly. What makes it bad is when it flies by *wasted, unused and unfulfilling and unproductive.*

Paul told the Ephesians, "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity" (Ephesians. 5:15, 16). Many versions translate that last phrase, "redeeming the time." We would say, "Don't let time slip away from you." Take advantage of every minute of life. Don't allow the days, weeks, months, or years to pass by unknowingly.

What are you doing with your time to "make the most of every opportunity"? Is there a loved one who is starving for your attention? Redeem that time. Is there an old friendship strained or lost because of past faults? Redeem that time. Is there a grocery cashier who needs your smile today? Redeem that time. Is there a lonely neighbor who just needs someone to love them? Redeem that time. Is the church in need of your talents? Redeem that time. We all know that the list could go on. Where is your time needed? Make the most of opportunities presented. Redeem that time!

David said once, "But truly, as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death" (1 Samuel 20:3). Time is fleeting, as James reminded us. We don't know if we have tomorrow. We don't know when we will be called to leave our bodies for eternity, for life truly is, "here for a little time and then vanishes away." Thus, the most important question is asked: "Is there a Savior waiting for your love, obedience and commitment?" Be assured that He is... Redeem that time.

- Adam Blaney

**This Morning's Message:**  
**Learning Lessons from the Prayers of Jesus**

# 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

February 10

Bible Study:	263
Morning:	329
Evening:	193
Wednesday (2/13):	179
Contribution:	\$ 9,841



Elder of the Month  
Barney Crawford



- ◆ Continue to remember [Eula Compton](#)
- ◆ [Don Lewis](#), Tiffany Meeks' father, as he is dealing with some very serious health issues
- ◆ [Marilyn Lanpher](#) is in Cox South; no visitors at this time
- ◆ [Norman High](#) will have surgery in Columbia on February 25th and will be in the hospital for 2 or 3 days after the surgery
- ◆ [Leona Snider](#) as she deals with her need for hip replacement along with her other health issues
- ◆ [Thelma Fain](#) is in very poor health

### Friends & Family

- ◆ [Little Silas McFarland](#)
- ◆ [Wayne Snider](#) has pneumonia
- ◆ [Pam Gaunt](#), Don & Gayle's daughter-in-law, is recovering from breast cancer surgery
- ◆ Gene Lund's brother, [Bill](#), is having health problems
- ◆ [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
- ◆ [Jasper McGee](#), 2 yr. old great, great nephew of Bill White as he awaits heart surgery

Keep [Steven Ashcraft](#) in your prayers as he continues his mission work in Africa.

- ### Long Term/ Shut-ins
- Kay Adams
  - 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 and prayers to the following families who have lost loved ones this past week:

[Orville Langford](#), former long-time member, passed away last week. There will be a memorial service at Water Mill on June 8. Watch for more information as we draw closer to that date.

The family of [John L. Edwards](#) who passed away last Wednesday. John was the brother of former member [Helen Weger](#). Visitation is Monday from 6-8 p.m. and the funeral is Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Greenlawn East. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in his honor to Fair Haven.

### Expectant Moms

- [Stephanie Schwartz](#)/[boy](#)/February
- [Tabitha Blaney](#)/[girl](#)/March
- [Brittany Morrison](#)/[boy](#)/March

If you would like to provide a meal for the [Schwartz family](#) after the baby arrives, please sign up at the Information Desk.

**Baptism:** We rejoice with former members Monty & Lucy Lewis as [Lisa Lewis](#), their granddaughter, made the decision to put on Christ in baptism last Sunday evening at Sunset.



Kindness shown by many prayers, cards and visits has been of much comfort to me in loss of my brother Bud who I was very close to. Love to each, Gerri Dickens

Dear church family, I want to thank all for the many prayers that you have all prayed for me during my illness. This has been a long sickness for me and if it wasn't for those prayers, I feel sure I wouldn't be here today. Thank you for the many cards and your visits all meant so much to me. I thank you Thursday Ladies Bible Class. It touched my heart. Thank you for all the goodies and delicious bread and all your love shown to me. I still hope to get back to church when I am able to feel stronger. I want to be there so bad it touches my heart to tears. I miss you all so much. Thanks for everything you have done for me. God bless you all. I love my wonderful church family. Love to all, Ella Mae Findlay

# News & Activities



## Water Mill will host the Area Wide youth night NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT.

As we have done in the past, we would appreciate it if you could furnish bottled water and canned soda.

Please bring the drinks by the morning of the 24th so we will know if we need to purchase more. We usually feed between 200 and 300 young people. Thanks in advance for your help!



Saturday, March 2  
Celebrate the **90th**  
birthday of

**BILL WHITE**

in the fellowship room  
from 2 - 4 p.m. No gifts please.  
Just your best wishes for another  
blessed and healthy year!

# LTC

⇒ February 24: **LTC Puppets and Drama** will meet all day; bring your lunch

⇒ March 24: **Presentation Night**

⇒ March 29-30: **LTC CONFERENCE in Rogers, AR**

⇒ March 31: **Awards Night**

## Upcoming Events

- **Bookclub Meeting** March 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Library Station Panera Bread.
- **March 3 Golden Agers meet**
- **March 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- **April 6 Ladies Day**



### Birthdays

25 Eula Compton  
27 Luis Tovar  
3/1 Devin Carroll

All ladies are invited to a **Bible Study** at the Morrison home on **Tuesday March 5th at 7:00pm**. This is for women of all ages, as we hope to have in depth discussion with all women so we all can learn more about each other and about God's word. We will be studying the various characteristics and values that we can learn from our Christian women examples in the Bible. The lesson will be based on Cindy Colley's study workbooks Women of the Genesis, Women of Deliverance, and Women of Troubled Times. You can find these books on her website at [The Colley House Store](#). It is not necessary to own these workbooks to join us for the study! Worksheets and outlines will be provided for everyone. Let's get together to dig deeper into God's word! Hope to see you there! All you need to bring is yourself, a friend, a Bible, a notebook, and an open heart!

- Jill Morrison/Elizabeth Tieszen

## Area-wide Singles Meeting

Water Mill will be hosting an area-wide Singles Meeting on **March 23 at 6 p.m.** It will be a Baked Potato potluck. We encourage all of our singles (young and older) to get involved so we can make this an enjoyable and successful evening. Watch the bulletin for more information.

## A BYWORD AMONG THE HEATHEN

By Dennis R. Smith



In Psalm 44:14 one of the concerns of the Psalmist was that God's people might become a "byword" among the non-believers. One of the truths connected with the Bible is that people do not change just because a new year, decade or century has passed. They change because they want to change! But holding this thought close to the mind, there is a fact that can rise among even God's people today. Jesus knew this and thus issued forth the following admonition to those of his day. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). Another realistic truth is that Satan will use every conceivable avenue to push out publicly the slightest bit of bad news which reflects on God's people. Knowing this is true, those of us who proudly wear the name of Christian must constantly be on guard to "keep that which has been committed unto us against that day" (2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 1:12). I have observed for many years how that the entertainment world (Movies, TV and the Media) has used some seemingly religious figure as part of their script, but before the program was over they projected him as being corrupt in so many ways. Don't ever think that there are not eyes watching us today to find some reason for making us a "byword" whereby they can criticize those who are following Jesus Christ, the Son of God. While we cannot be responsible for the actions of others, we can with God's help be in control of self.

### 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:** Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves  
**Greeters:** Tim & Jan Bowling  
**Van Driver:** AM: Lance Griter/350-4646  
 PM: Tucker Jobses/894-0826  
**KYB Phone:** Norma Lorenz/Ann Thiesen  
**Serve** Oran Green/Dale Gregory  
**Communion:** Wayne Harmon/John Hulett  
 Tucker Jobses/Matt Keener  
 David Kern/Todd Kraus  
 Trevor Kraus/Russell Lilly

## THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Briley Ewing  
**Opening Prayer:** Jerry Young  
**Lesson:** Adam Blaney  
**Closing Prayer:** Aaron Alexander  
**Communion:** S. Prewitt/J. Simons  
**Nursery:** Meredith Reaves

## NEXT WEEK, February 24

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Briley Ewing
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Luis Tovar	Van Barnes
<b>Communion:</b>	John Mahon	S. Prewitt/J. Simons
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Daniel Wilson	Jackie Buck

**AM Nursery:** Linda Carrier  
**PM Nursery:** Glenda Thurlkill  
**Greeters:** Randy & Orvella Blackburn  
**Van Driver:** Daniel Wilson/773-6707

## MONTH OF FEBRUARY

**AV** Scott Barton/  
**Room:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Open**  
**Building** Tim Timmons  
**Secure** Justin Reaves/  
**Building:** Tim Buckner

## Wednesday, February 20

**Devotional:** David Kern  
**Song Leader:** JJ Blevins  
**Prayer:** Brian York  
**Van Driver:** Jason Luna/  
 838-7152