



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 24, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#523 (1,3,4)

#141

Opening Prayer

Luis Tovar

#647 (1,2,4)

#310

The Lord's Supper

John Mahon

Contribution

John Mahon

#642 (1,2,5)

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#781

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#383 (1,4)

Closing Prayer

Daniel Wilson

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

NOTES ABOUT OUR WORK

Thank you. I am grateful to all of you for your patience with us and your prayers for us during the past month. Illness and concerns over the needs of our little grandson came along at the same time. I know all families experience things like this, and much worse, but I appreciate the support you have offered. Thanks to our elders for the time to go and be with our kids for a few days. Thanks to Dennis and Adam for their extra work.

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Three new class series. Here are several new opportunities to renew your involvement in Bible studies. They will also be good occasions to use to invite a friend to come along with you.

Next Sunday morning my adult class in room 126 will begin a new study of First and Second Peter. The series will be titled "The Pilgrim Church." How do Christians cope with a culture that is different from—even unfriendly to—the faith convictions that we embrace? During the "time of our exile" when we are "sojourners and pilgrims" in the earth, what do we do when popular culture "thinks it strange" when we "do not join them in the same flood of debauchery"? If these seem to you to be increasingly pertinent questions these days, you might find this class especially helpful.

Another new opportunity will be offered beginning Wednesday night, March 6. Adam will start a new series for our young adults entitled "Who Are We?" Some of the history of the Restoration Movement will be surveyed in this class as a means of understanding what we are about in the churches of Christ. It will be a good time to look into the mirror of the Lord's word and to consider who he wants us to be.

That same evening, March 6, we will start a new and slightly unusual Wednesday night series in the auditorium class. Since Wednesday is sometimes thought of as "hump day," we are going to call this series "The Peak of the Week." Our lesson each week will be what we think is the best one from our daily Bible reading program for that week. I think many of you will really enjoy this. I encourage you to give it a try!

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A very special sermon series. This is a big thing! Next Lord's Day, March 3, we are beginning a series based on the great book of Acts that will take us through the next six months. We'll take it a chapter at a time, and each week one of the lessons (morning or evening) will be based on a person or an event at a place, while the other lesson will be an examination of a basic Bible doctrine. This will allow us to think about a variety of very meaningful themes, and these lines of thought will be valuable for us as well as our guests. Pray for this effort, participate in it wholeheartedly, and use to occasion to invite your family and friends to join us.

—Bill McFarland

This Morning's Message:
Our Father, Our Shepherd

Prayer List & Notes

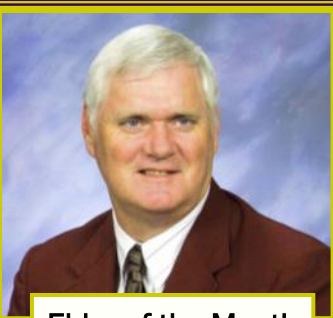
Welcome Visitors

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 17

Bible Study:	234
Morning:	321
Evening:	219
Wednesday (2/20):	187
Contribution:	\$ 8,923



Elder of the Month
Barney Crawford

In our prayers ...

♦ Continue to remember [Eula Compton](#) and [Thelma Fain](#)

- ♦ [Don Lewis](#) as he is dealing with some very serious health issues
- ♦ [Marilyn Lanpher](#) has been moved to an independent living facility near her daughter; her address and phone number are: Foxwood Springs, 500 Mott Drive, Apt. 305B, Raymore, MO 64083; phone #816-331-1701. I'm sure she would love to hear from us.
- ♦ [Norman High](#) will have surgery in Columbia tomorrow morning 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
- ♦ [Wayne Harmon](#) has been in and out of the hospital this past week.

Friends & Family

- ♦ [Little Silas McFarland](#) and Rob & Anita and their family
- ♦ At this writing, Sheryl Low's granddaughter, [Cassidy](#), will have meniscus transplant (cartilage in the knee) surgery Monday in Columbia
- ♦ Bonnie Cole requests prayers for her nephew, [Scott Golden](#), that he doesn't lose his arm to cancer; he would appreciate cards of encouragement: 316 Clifford Avenue, Loves Park, IL 61111
- ♦ Gail White's sister-in-law, [Pat Ellard](#), has suffered a major stroke
- ♦ [Pam Gaunt](#), Don & Gayle's daughter-in-law, is recovering from breast cancer surgery; test results from the lymph nodes were negative therefore she will not have to undergo treatment
- ♦ Gene Lund's brother, [Bill](#), is having health problems
- ♦ [Seldon Essex](#) is having some major health issues
- ♦ [Nova Crosby](#), Sue Holt's mother, as she deals with health issues
- ♦ Johnnie Elliff's sister, [Annie Hysaw](#) and Carolyn Young's sister, [Nita](#), as they continue their struggle with cancer

- ### 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



Expectant Moms

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

SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR LADIES' DAY AND GOSPEL MEETING AT HILLCREST IN NEOSHO!



Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, visits and gifts for my birthday. Because of your thoughtfulness, I really had a nice birthday. [Wilma Melton](#)

What a wonderful blessing it is to have a church family such as Water Mill. Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, phone calls, many expressions of love and kindness shown to me in the passing of my sister, Willie Mae Cossey. In Christian love, [Verl Duncan](#)

To our friends at Water Mill, On behalf of Alice's family, thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers and every act of kindness extended to us at the loss of Alice. She loved her Water Mill family. Thank you for the lovely flowers, the wonderful meal and the many things that were done to ease our burden. [Gary Hilton](#)

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



- ### Birthdays
- 5 Bill White
 - 6 Paul Lines

March Anniversaries

- 14 Norman/Lucile High 61 yrs.
- 16 Tim/Marty Stockstill 34 yrs.
- 19 Greg/Lee Ann Donoho 37 yrs.
- 19 Adam/Tabby Blaney 8 yrs.
- 30 Daniel/Terri Wilson 27 yrs.

Congratulations

News & Activities



Water Mill will host the Area Wide youth night TONIGHT. Plan to be present! You will be blessed!!



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!

Upcoming Events

- **March 3 Golden Agers meet at 4 p.m.**
- **March 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- **Elders meet March 12**
- **Thursday Ladies Bible Class will start back March 14 at 10:30 a.m. Lanae Gillespie will bring the lesson; Sheryl Low will be available to keep small children. Potluck lunch will follow.**
- **Bookclub Meeting March 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Library Station Panera Bread.**
- **April 6 Ladies Day**



Sashay Scarf: If you are interested in learning how to knit or crochet the popular Sashay Scarf, there will be ladies to assist you in getting started making a scarf on **Tuesday, March 5, starting at 10:00** in the Sewing/Quilting room. You do need to already know basic knitting or crocheting techniques. You will also need one ball of Sashay Yarn by Red Heart, size 7 or 8 knitting needles or size J crochet hook. Sashay yarn has been found at Wal-Mart, Joann's, Michaels, and Hobby Lobby but it often sells out quick so start looking for it as soon as possible. Jeanetta



Married Couples Retreat

March 8-9
Ramada Inn in
Branson.

Cost is \$45. Sign up sheet on Information Desk.



⇒ **TODAY LTC Puppets and Drama**
will meet all day.

- ⇒ **March 24: Presentation Night**
- ⇒ **March 29-30: LTC CONFERENCE in Rogers**
- ⇒ **March 31: Awards Night**

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. All you need to bring is yourself, a friend, a Bible, a notebook, and an open heart! - Jill M./Elizabeth Tieszen

Area-wide Singles Meeting

Water Mill will be hosting an area-wide Singles Meeting on March 23 at 6 p.m.
There are sign-up sheets at the information desk if you plan to attend and if you are able to help.



We are in need of the following items for the Food Pantry.

*Boxed Meals Jelly Peanut Butter
Canned Fruit Jello/Pudding*

Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support of this work.



Is There Any Merit In Advancing Backward?

By Dennis R. Smith

During the Korean War the Allied Forces had made great success in probing deeply into enemy territory. Suddenly they were cut off from their supply base by thousands of North Korea's soldiers. It became apparent that the Allies must retreat. On their way back south - as was told by Hollywood - a marine enlisted man complained to his superior that marines never retreated. His officer informed him that they were not retreating but rather were "advancing backward." Whether or not this was true I do not know. On the other hand, in God's Army we would do well to agree that sometimes in order to go forward, we have to go backward. What made Churches of Christ successful in the past was their plea to restore New Testament Christianity. In order to do this another plea was to "speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent." Isn't that what the Bible is for? I sincerely pray that we have not abandoned this thought. We all desire to see the church grow and become a beacon to the souls of lost men and women. Jesus said "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid" (Matt. 5:14). The beloved John writes (about Jesus) and says, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). Preaching Jesus was the success of the early church! Perhaps we need to "advance backward" and revive the pure Gospel in our hearts and continue to advance our cause with the zeal of the first century church.

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
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 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: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
Van Driver: Daniel Wilson/773-6707
KYB Phone: Mary J Rookstool/Gerri Dickens
Serve Oran Green/Dale Gregory
Communion: Wayne Harmon/John Hulett
 Tucker Jobes/Matt Keener
 David Kern/Todd Kraus
 Trevor Kraus/Russell Lilly

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Youth
Opening Prayer: Youth
Lesson: Adam Blaney
Closing Prayer: Youth
Communion: S. Prewitt/J. Simons
Nursery: Glenda Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK, March 3

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
Opening Prayer:	Brendan Carroll	Verl Duncan
Communion:	Aaron Morrison	Bruce/Carl Tindall
Closing Prayer:	Clarence Feeny	Todd Kraus

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
PM Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons
Greeters: Jackie & Virginia Buck
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/343-7451

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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

Wednesday, February 27

Devotional: Jeff Fisher
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Prayer: Kyle Buckner
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/
 849-7678