



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 3, 2013

## Order of Worship

**Song Leader**  
Jon Ewing

**"In Christ Alone"**  
#220  
#197

**Opening Prayer**  
Brendan Carroll

#299

**The Lord's Supper**  
Aaron Morrison

#968

**Contribution**  
Aaron Morrison

**Scripture Reading:**  
Acts 1:1-5

#289

**Lesson**  
Bill McFarland

#667

**Announcements**  
Clay Joseph

#272

**Closing Prayer**  
Clarence Feeney

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

## Acts: The Incredible Journey

No other journey is like the one described in Acts. A message of life through a man only recently crucified makes its way through the crowds who rejected him. That word is confirmed by mighty works done through the hands of men who once all left him and fled. And the news regarding his being the Lord who is the Author of Life is carried all the way from Jerusalem to Rome by a man who tried to persecute him out of existence in Jerusalem!

That in itself is enough to tell us we are dealing with something incredible as we work our way through the great New Testament book of "deeds" (which is what the name means). Whose "doings" are these, and what does this material mean?

*Continuance.* In a way Acts is the key book in understanding the Bible. It is the bridge between the work Jesus does in the Gospels and the fruit his work bears in the Epistles. It is the link in the story of how promise to a nation becomes fulfillment for the nations.

*Change.* God begins to deal with man in a new way in Acts. Hearts cleansed by faith are not put under the yoke the fathers were unable to bear. What had before been spoken of in the future tense is now discussed in the present tense.

*Convincing.* How do you convince people that there is a resurrection of the dead, and that God has acted by that very means to vindicate his Servant, and that he is the one the prophets of old were talking about? That is what the "doing" in Acts is all about.

*Conversion.* In Acts the announcing of salvation in Christ leads on to the great examples of people embracing that news through identification with his work. We can see them obeying the gospel. This book shows us how one becomes a Christian.

*Church.* The Lord who had purchased his church begins to add people to it in Acts. Our conception of what the church is, and why its members live the way they do, and how it serves its Lord must begin with what Acts says.

*Confidence.* Acts wants unbelievers to know that the gospel is true and believers to be assured nothing can stop it. Its tone is confidence in the Lord despite weaknesses among church members or threats from outsiders—the kind of confidence that can gladly stay with it.

*Conquest.* The word of the Lord increases. Since it was not possible for him to be held by the pangs of death, we are not surprised that his cause can endure opposition or injustice or hardship and still thrive.

As we begin our own journey through this remarkable book, I feel something of the anxiousness of embarking on a long-anticipated trip. I am praying that we will have our eyes and hearts open and that we may benefit greatly from the scenes along the way. I hope you will likewise pray for me.

—Bill McFarland

# 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 24

Bible Study:	270
Morning:	323
Evening:	451
Wednesday (2/27):	208
Contribution:	\$ 10,111



Elder of the Month  
Clay Joseph

### In our prayers ...

♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton and Thelma Fain

- ♦ Don Lewis is in Mercy Hospital in serious condition
  - ♦ Marilyn Lanpher's new 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 is now home from the hospital
  - ♦ Leona Snider as she deals with her need for hip replacement
  - ♦ Blanton Glenn has started a new treatment for prostate cancer
- Friends & Family*
- ♦ Little Silas McFarland and Rob & Anita and their family
  - ♦ Sheryl Low's granddaughter, Cassidy, as she recovers from knee surgery
  - ♦ Don & Gayle Gaunt's 24-year old granddaughter, Ashleigh Adams, has melanoma; they plan to do a bone scan
  - ♦ Sue Holt's uncle who suffered a stroke and is in ICU at Cox S.
  - ♦ Bonnie Cole requests prayers for her nephew, Scott Golden
  - ♦ Continue to remember Gene Lund's brother, Bill; Seldon Essex; Nova Crosby, Sue Holt's mother; Johnnie Elliff's sister, Annie Hysaw and Carolyn Young's sister, Nita

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*Daniel Tovar* responded Sunday morning asking for forgiveness for sin in his life and thanking the congregation for prayers and support during a difficult time. Continue to keep Daniel and his family in your prayers.

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### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Gail White and her family in the loss of her sister-in-law, Pat Ellard.



Congratulations to Aaron & Stephanie Schwartz on the safe arrival of **Aiden Reid** on February 22. He weighed 7 lbs and is 21.5 inches long. All are doing well!

**SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD SATURDAY NIGHT FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!!**

**SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS AND LADIES' DAY EVENTS**



Thank you so much for all your prayers and for remembering me on my birthday with many cards and calls. I miss you all. Eula Compton

It is impossible to express briefly the love in my heart for my Water Mill Church family -- and just how much I miss all of you already. I wish there'd been more time for proper goodbyes. Maybe I can return for visits and, hopefully, you can stop in Raytown to see me on your way to K. C. I'd love that! In Him, Marilyn Lanpher.



### 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

(and then there were two)

Tabitha Blaney/girl/March  
Brittany Morrison/boy/March

If you would like to provide a meal for the Blaney and/or Morrison families after their baby arrives, please sign up at the Information Desk.

### Birthdays

11 Pat Harp  
Bob Snider  
Ella Mae Findlay  
Tom Meeks  
12 Bob Horton  
13 Anthony Kraus  
14 Allen Harmon (92)  
Emily Simons  
Hannah Meeks  
16 Katie Treat

# News & Activities

## Upcoming Events

- **Golden Agers** meet today at 4 p.m.
- **Tuesday night at 7 p.m.**— **Ladies Bible Study** at the home of Jill Morrison
- **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 on grief and the Christian woman; **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**.



**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. See Jeanetta Hardy if you have questions.



## Married Couples Retreat

**March 8-9**  
Ramada Inn in Branson. Cost is \$45. Sign up sheet on Information Desk.

**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.



*A special thank you to all who helped in any way to make our Areawide Youth Night a success. Thank you for all the drinks provided and to all who brought cookies on short notice. You are an amazing group of generous people.*

## Additional Deacons

The following new deacons and their areas of work were announced last Sunday:

**Aaron Morrison: Community Involvement**  
**John Stayton: Assist with Benevolence**  
**Mike Thurlkill: Worship Assignments**  
Be sure to offer your encouragement and assistance to Aaron, John and Mike as they serve the Lord's church in these capacities.

## New Bible Classes

- **Bill's adult class in room 126** will begin a new study of **First and Second Peter**. The series will be titled "The Pilgrim Church."
- **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.
- **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.

New address: **Milton & Lucile Ford**  
The Maples, 1115 E. Primrose,  
Room 305, Springfield, MO 65807



## ⇒ TODAY LTC

*Puppets and Drama* will meet all day.

- ⇒ **March 17** YN at Ozark
- ⇒ **March 23-24** Youth Weekend at Fordland
- ⇒ **March 24: LTC Presentation**
- ⇒ **March 29-30: LTC CONFERENCE** in Rogers
- ⇒ **March 31: Awards Night**



## THE FEEDER AND SUPPORTER OF GOD'S ISRAEL

By Dennis R. Smith

As we near the end of the Book of Genesis in our daily Bible readings and as I reflect back on the many wonderful stories which God has made possible for us, I think I have been impressed as much as any by the dying Jacob's last blessings on his sons, especially how he spoke of Joseph. I was impressed by Genesis 49:24 in this description of Joseph: "*But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel).*" Some writers made appropriate comments such as "he was the feeder and supporter of God's Israel." Jacob was now completely aware of the hardships and trials of his son brought on by his own brothers. However, in spite of all his hardships he had arisen to be a great leader in the ancient land of Egypt. Some writers have stated that Joseph was a type of Christ in that his entire life had been one without controversy. One writer stated that his words about Joseph were prophetic. Surely we can see a likeness of Jesus who, himself, became the "Shepherd and Stone of God's Spiritual Israel" - meaning those in the kingdom of God's dear Son - the church (Col. 1:13). Another lesson also comes forth from the life of Joseph. Regardless of the hardships, heartaches, burdens and temptations which comes to us in our lifetime, the faithfulness to our Heavenly Father will reward us with eternal life by the Feeder and Supporter of His People.



### 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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 Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday



# Service Rosters

## THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett  
**Greeters:** Jackie & Virginia Buck  
**Van Driver:** Travis Morrison/343-7451  
**KYB Phone:** Van & Barbara Barnes  
**Serve** Paul Lines/Fred Lorenz  
**Communion:** Jason Luna/Andy McFarland  
 Jack Lynch/John Mahon  
 Les Malanowski/Luke Lines  
 Daniel Meinsen/Gene Lund

## THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Opening Prayer:** Verl Duncan  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Todd Kraus  
**Communion:** Bruce/Carl Tindall  
**Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

## NEXT WEEK, March 10

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole	Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Larry Baggett	John Dutton
<b>Communion:</b>	Tom Norrell	Bruce/Carl Tindall
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Briley Ewing	Russell Lilly
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Brendan & Jenny Carroll	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Jackie Freeze/616-9789	

## MONTH OF MARCH

**AV** Scott Barton/  
**Room:** Ron Stokes  
**Open**  
**Building** Tim Timmons  
**Secure** Justin Reaves/  
**Building:** Tim Buckner

## Wednesday, March 6

**Devotional:** Daniel Meinsen  
**Song Leader:** Aaron Tovar  
**Prayer:** Jeff Fisher  
**Van Driver:** Todd Kraus/  
 207-7877