



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 31, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

Scripture Reading:
Acts 4:1-21

#951
#220

Opening Prayer
Tom Davis

#52
#726

The Lord's Supper
Travis Morrison

#208

Contribution
Travis Morrison

*"How Deep the
Father's Love"*

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#9 (v. 1, 2, 4)

Announcements
Clay Joseph

#900 (twice)

Closing Prayer
Davis Kern

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

"To Whom Much Is Given..."

Adam Wainwright, the ace of the St. Louis Cardinals pitching staff, signed a five year contract extension with the team the other day. According to some, he agreed to a deal that is less than market value, but he'll be making a whole lot of money—and he knows it. At the organization's meeting with the press to make the official announcement, Wainwright, who is a man of faith, expressed his appreciation by quoting Jesus: "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required" (Luke 12:48).

All of us who are in Christ have been given much. God our Father "loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace" (2 Thes. 2:16). Blessed hope (Tit. 2:13). A living hope (1 Pet. 1:3). *Hope!* Not an empty wish found on unreality, but an expectation of an imperishable, undefiled, unfading inheritance on the ground of the resurrection of Christ. Nothing could be more precious—or costly.

But if it has been given us through grace, how can it be also said that much will be required of us? Good question. A gift is not simply another demand that puts the squeeze on us. But think for a moment. Isn't awareness that we have been blessed sure to be accompanied by the indebtedness of gratitude? Doesn't an opportunity or an ability or a gift bring with it a sense of obligation to use it well? Surely! Nothing requires as much as much as love.

Some reflection on what is required of us who have been given hope is a good illustration of this point. Waiting for the hope grace has brought means renouncing ungodliness and worldly passions while living self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the here and now (Tit. 2:12). Hoping in God is the discipline of setting the mind fully on the grace that is yet to be brought to us in Christ (1 Pet. 1:13, 21).

What is required of people who have hope is *hopefulness*—the new life of humility, gentleness, patience, assurance, and service. Why? Because we've been given so much!

—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

March 24

Bible Study:	203
Morning:	233
Evening:	N/A
Wednesday (3/27):	217
Contribution:	\$ 6,201



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph

In our prayers ... ♦ Continue to remember [Eula Compton](#) and [Thelma Fain](#)

- ♦ [Dale Harp](#) is now home from the hospital
- ♦ [Scheryl Larimore](#) is still in Mercy Hospital recovering from surgery
- ♦ [Norman High](#) as he continues to recover from his surgery and begin treatments
- ♦ [Tom Meeks](#) as he recovers from spine surgery
- ♦ [Leona Snider](#) as she deals with her need for hip replacement
- ♦ [Blanton Glenn](#) as he continues his struggle with prostate cancer
- ♦ [Nancy Snider](#) is still not feeling well
- ♦ [Elizabeth Lilly](#) was involved in a car accident last Monday but thankfully was not seriously injured

Friends & Family

- ♦ [Brandon & Allison Snider](#) and unborn baby; pray that baby doesn't come too early
- ♦ Tabby Blaney's grandmother, [Cora Mathis](#), has been moved to Westside Nursing Facility; also keep [Aunt Susie](#) in your prayers
- ♦ [Bobby & Lisa Kern](#) (David & Debbie's son) and their unborn baby
- ♦ Betty Grabber's niece, [Lindy Holley](#), has serious health issues
- ♦ Bonnie Cole requests continuing prayers for her nephew, [Scott Golden](#)
- ♦ [Nova Crosby](#), Sue Holt's mother, as she deals with health issues
- ♦ [Bill Shepherd](#) from Buffalo is in Mercy Hospital with serious health issues
- ♦ Continue to remember Gene Lund's brother, [Bill](#), who has cancer; Johnnie Elliff's sister, [Annie Hysaw](#) and Carolyn Young's sister, [Nita](#)

Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Lucille Ford
Milton Ford
Chloe Gaddis
Allen Harmon
Doris Iorg
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Betty Shaw
Doris Thomason
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods



Daily Bible Reading Schedules for 2nd Quarter are available on the information desk. If you have gotten behind on the 1st quarter reading, now is a great time to start over as the new quarter begins tomorrow.

THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS AND A LADIES DAY EVENT SCHEDULED OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS. SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS.

April Anniversaries

- 3 Travis/Jill Morrison 14 yrs.
- 6 John/Lisa Stayton 17 yrs.
- 7 Gaylen/Dedra Jones 23 yrs.
- 11 Carl/Yvonne Tindall 59 yrs.
- 13 Mark/Deniece Breckner 19 yrs.
- 18 Jeff/Elaina Treat 26 yrs.
- 23 Chris/Regina Wiseman 14 yrs.
- 26 Byrle/Virginia Hayter 50 yrs.

Congratulations



Birthdays

- 8 Ola Jean Feeney
- 9 Carol Mahon
- Julie Thornton
- 10 Isaac Tovar
- 13 Mark Breckner

Both our messages today are going to take us into the heart of the events that unfold in the fourth chapter of Acts.

Area-Wide Singles Ministry

We would like to say thank you to all who helped with the dinner for the area-wide singles. We had 4 congregations from the area represented. Our next activity will be April 12 at Thrift Haven. If you would like to participate in this activity, please see Linda Barnett or Julie.

News & Activities



⇒ **TONIGHT—LTC Awards**

⇒ April 21—YN at Rogersville at 5 p.m.

⇒ April 26-28—Youth Retreat at Hammons Mill; Willie Franklin will be guest speaker



POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY

AFTER AM SERVICE.

Team 1 is responsible for working that day: Freeze, Young, Blackburn, Barnes, Holden, Stipp, Westerman, Dickens, Lund Families

Please let Travis or Jill know if you are unable to work.

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

GOLDEN MESSENGER FOR APRIL IS AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER!

Upcoming Events



LADIES SPRING TEA

April 6

11 AM - 2:30 PM

(registration at 10:30)

“Keep it Simple and Sweet”

Sign up sheets are still available today on the Information Desk. All ladies are welcome to come and bring guests!

✿ *Quilters and those working on Sashay Scarves will meet Tuesday, April 2nd at 10 a.m.*

✿ *Golden Agers meet next Sunday at 4 p.m.*

✿ *James River Nursing Home Devo & Singing Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m. All who can are encouraged to attend.*

✿ *Elders meet Tuesday, April 9th, at 1 p.m.*

✿ *Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet Sunday, April 14, at 3 p.m.*



Thank you to all involved with LTC who have spent many hours over the last few months preparing for the various events. A special thank you to the coaches who gave of their time and knowledge to guide these young minds. You are appreciated.

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	Russell Lilly
Tim Bowling	Aaron Morrison
Tim Buckner	Travis Morrison
Tom Davis	James Simons
Jim Elliff	John Stayton
Jon Ewing	Mike Thurlkill
Matt Keener	

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By Dennis R. Smith

With the Supreme Court of the United States deliberating over the legality of same sex marriages, the thought came to me that just how many countries of the world have already approved of this issue? I was amazed and even shocked when (according to Goggle) that there are only eleven. By listening to the media's reporting one might think that most all other countries are way ahead of the U. S. on this issue. Then (according to Goggle), I checked on just how many countries we have in the world. They reported 196. Now you don't have to be a "rocket scientist" to figure out that this gives 185 countries in the world who have not "bowed their knees" to such a sinful and God-Forbidden practice. Now as you think about this, is it any wonder why the United States is being looked down on by so many people world wide? If you are interested, here is a full list of those countries who have made this marriage issue legal: Argentina - 2010; Belgium - 2003; Canada - 2005; Iceland - 2010; Norway - 2008; Portugal - 2010; South Africa - 2006; Spain - 2005; Sweden - 2009 and Denmark - 2012. In a nation that has always operated on the majority rule, it would seem then that we are way out of balance with the rest of the world. Moses in the long ago warned "thou shall not follow a multitude to do evil" (Exod. 23:2). I cannot accept 11 out of 196 to be a majority! Why will we be so influenced by such a minority to write into law something that is so one-sided?

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: Jan Bowling
Greeters: Barney & Debbie Crawford
Van Driver: Jackie Freeze/616-9789
KYB Phone: Verl & Karen Duncan
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: Jon Ewing
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Matt Keener
Communion: Bruce/Carl Tindall
Nursery: Linda Barnett/M. Reaves

NEXT WEEK, April 7

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole	Paul Lines
Opening Prayer:	Jerry Young	Barney Crawford
Communion:	Jeremy Thurlkill	John Dutton/J. Freeze
Closing Prayer:	Kyle Buckner	Aaron Alexander
AM Nursery:	Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett	
PM Nursery:	Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons	
Greeters:	Tom & Gin Crumrine	
Van Driver:	Kevin Wuench/833-6134	

MONTH OF MARCH

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

Wednesday, April 3

Devotional: Eddie Sanders
Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Prayer: Dennis Smith
Van Driver: Jason Luna/
 838-7152