



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 8, 2013

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#624
#983
#287

Opening Prayer
Aaron Alexander

#752
#621

The Lord's Supper
David Kern

Contribution
David Kern

#798
#481

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#492

Announcements
Clay Joseph

#473

Closing Prayer
Larry Baggett

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

The Problem of Sin

While reading the beginning of First John, I've been realizing again that the faith of Christ is our only means of recognizing the absolute tragedy of sin in our lives without at the same time regarding ourselves completely ruined, worthless and alone. Perhaps no other kind of balance is as crucial to life and well-being as this.

John speaks to both edges of the problem. If, on the one hand, any of us are inclined to claim that we have no sin, or that, if we do, it is not so bad that it impacts our standing with God, he says that we are deceiving ourselves, that the truth is not in us, and that we are making the Lord a liar (1:6, 8, 10). If, on the other hand, despite our intention not to make sin our way of life, we still do sin, and are inclined to consider it the failed end of our story, John says that we have an advocate who has made a settlement for sin (2:1, 2).

It's when we are in touch with both these poles of the axis of truth that we are prepared to function healthily in relation to the Lord, other people, and ourselves. Yes, sin is a disaster which always, in some manner, makes us like lonely and condemned slaves. But yes, someone has valued us enough to ransom us, clean us up, and give us access. Nothing but the faith of Christ can realistically allow these two themes to coexist in the same life.

Let's face it: sin is a sad and ruinous fact in the personal experience of each one of us. Wherever our nature is not like the Lord's is, or wherever we don't believe what he says or do as he wills, or wherever we don't love people as he does, we sin (1:6; 2:4, 9). Our lives begin to miss the mark. Condemnation begins to dog us.

But let's rejoice: Christ is the sufficient resolution of the problem of sin. During his earthly ministry, he bore the judgment of our sins in his own body on the tree (2:2). In his heavenly ministry, he serves as our righteous advocate with the Father (2:1). When we called on his name in obedience to the gospel, he washed away our sins (Acts 22:16). As we walk with him in the light, intending to maintain fellowship with him, he goes on cleansing us of all sin (1:7). Even when sin does intrude, if we confess it, he can be depended upon to forgive (1:9).

Never make light of the reality of sin. Never sin on purpose. Never allow sin once done to dominate your life. That is the balance the faith of Christ makes possible.

—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

December 1

Bible Study:	221
Morning:	316
Evening:	201
Wednesday (12/4):	217
Contribution:	\$10,778



Elder of the Month
Clay Joseph



- Prayer List**
- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Pat Harris, Norman High, Dale Harp, Truman Coltrane, Jackie Freeze
 - ♦ Melinda Barton as she continues her chemo treatments and the side affects that go with it
 - ♦ Cecil Lines and his ongoing health concerns.
 - ♦ Nancy Snider has not been feeling well.
 - ♦ Leon Wake has been in and out of the hospital this past week. After an angiogram, they discovered a blockage but did not feel he could withstand the surgery at this time.
 - ♦ Orvella Blackburn has not been feeling well for the last few weeks.
 - ♦ Greg & Scheryl Larimore will leave on 12/22 for Greg's appointment on the 24th at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN
 - ♦ Blanton Glenn as he continues to be an inspiration to all of us

Friends & Family

- ♦ Todd Kraus' dad, Phil Kraus, has been in the hospital in Albuquerque due to a heart attack; Todd and Anthony have been there with him this past week. He is doing much better and hopes to go home in the next few days.
- ♦ Continue to remember Carolyn Young's sister, Nita; Gene Lund's brother, Bill Lund; Jean Evans, Lyle Mishler's sister, who is dealing with cancer; her address is 152 Grand Drive, Apache Junction, AZ 85120



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Wanda Starkey, who passed away last Sunday. She was a former member at North National.



Congratulations to Tim & Marty Stockstill on the safe arrival of a new grandbaby, Aurora Nicole Miller, born to Justin & Aubrey Wednesday in Nashville. Congrats also to Bob and Betty, great grandparents. Mom and baby are doing fine.

I'm going to try this one more time. Glenn and Marjorie Logston's phone # is 304-387-4301. The number in the bulletin a couple weeks ago again was incorrect.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Just a reminder that Marilyn Lanpher has moved to a similar facility called John Knox Village in Lees Summit, MO. Her address is: 1720 NW O'Brien, #216G, Lees Summit, MO 64081. Her phone number will be 816-524-5587.



Thank you for your thoughts and prayers, words of comfort and consolation, visits and calls, hugs and love during this last two months. All of this and the love from Christ has sustained me. I love you all very much. Becky Marsolf
Thank you all for remembering me on my birthday. I miss you all so much. Doris Tobler
To our Christian friends and family of the Water Mill Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, visits, cards, and all other acts of kindness shown towards our family during this most difficult time in our lives. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful Christian family in our lives. In Christian love, David Glenn Family

Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Chloe Gaddis
Doris Iorg
Irene Johnson
Carol Mahon
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods



Expectant Moms

Megan Jobs
(girl) (March)
Brittany Morrison
(?) (June)

News & Activities

Men's Retreat

February 28, March 1

Wyndham Resort in Branson

Cost is \$40/person plus food costs. Sign up sheet is on the Information Desk. Deadline to sign up is December 20 so we will know how many rooms to reserve. See Travis Morrison if you have questions.



December 14

If you can attend, please sign up today at the Information Desk.



- 12/14 AWYN Broomball/Skating (more details to follow)
- 12/20 Ugly sweater/white elephant party

Upcoming Events

☞ *Secret Sisters* meet December 8 after AM services to reveal and draw names (not sure if this will take place due to the weather).

☞ *Elders* meet Tuesday at 1 p.m.

☞ December 29th is the 5th Sunday this month. All contributions that day will go toward our building.

☞ *There will not be a potluck on the 29th.*



All ladies are invited to our Thursday Ladies Bible Class

December 12 at 10:30 a.m. Ann Thiesen will bring the lesson, "How Others See Me." She has taught thousands of women in her many years as the wife of a preacher and missionary in Africa. Bring a favorite holiday dish and enjoy the food and fellowship at our potluck lunch. Child care will be provided.



Birthdays
 15 June Jean
 Nichole Stockdale
 16 Adam Stipp
 17 Shailyn Beller
 18 Anna Luna
 19 Aubrey Cobb
 Erica Ewing
 Jedonna Griter
 20 Shirlane Horton

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

GOD'S AWARENESS IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG

By Dennis R. Smith

In using the word "awareness" let us understand its meaning which simply is being "aware or attentive to a need." May I suggest that the God of Heaven is fully aware of everyone and everything. Especially is this so as he looks down on those who have been responsive to the Gospel of His Son and continue in faithful service to him. Let me also share with you some words from Psalm 115:12: "The Lord hath been mindful of us; he will bless the house of Israel." While this promise was made in the Old Testament concerning God's People, the same continues in the New. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). Brother L. O. Sanderson, who was the dean of songwriters among Churches of Christ, no doubt was aware of Psalm 115:12 when he wrote the beautiful song, "The Lord Has Been Mindful of Me." Look at the power and promises in his song: "Though I, through the valley of shadow, O'er mountain or troubled sea, And oft in the darkness, have traveled, The Lord has been mindful of me. The Lord has been mindful of me! He blesses and blesses again! My God is the God of the living! How excellent is His name!" Both in Scripture and Song we can see God's awareness. As a closure - think on this - "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers" (1st Peter 3:12).

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/KSPR



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn
Greeters: John & Lisa Stayton
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/343-7451
KYB Phone: Jerry & Pat Milligan

Serve Tom Easterly/Oran Green
Communion: Briley Ewing/Dale Gregory
 Jeff Fisher/Sam Hansen
 Jon Davis/John Hulett
 Carl Tindall/Tucker Jobs

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer: Barney Crawford
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Don Essex
Communion: Jason Luna/Gene Lund
Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

NEXT WEEK, December 15

AM

PM

Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Briley Ewing
Opening Prayer:	Van Barnes	Jon Ewing
Communion:	Todd Kraus	J. Luna/G. Lund
Closing Prayer:	Scott Barton	Kerry Cole
Greeters:	Adam & Sara Stipp	
AM Nursery:	Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves	
PM Nursery:	LeAnn Donoho	
Van Driver:	Tyler Thornton/840-6303	

MONTH OF DECEMBER

AV Scott Barton/
 Room: Bruce Tindall
 Open Tim Timmons
 Building
 Secure Justin Reaves/
 Building: Tim Buckner

Wednesday, December 11

Devotional: Bill McFarland
Song Leader: John Mahon
Prayer: James Simons
Van Driver: Todd Kraus/
 207-7877