



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 22, 2013

## Order of Worship

*Song Leader*  
**Jon Ewing**

#363  
#336

*Opening Prayer*  
**Randy Blackburn**

#343  
#950

*The Lord's Supper*  
**Russell Lilly**

*Contribution*  
**Russell Lilly**

#829  
*"How Deep The  
Father's Love"*

*Lesson*  
**Bill McFarland**

#384

*Announcements*  
**Clay Joseph**

#277

*Closing Prayer*  
**Don Essex**

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

To our dear friends in the Lord:

We thank you, and we give thanks to God, for your work of faith and labor of love steadfastness of hope throughout this year. We are deeply grateful that we are among fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ.

In this moment, we recognize your expressions of kindness, generosity, and good will. We are recipients of so many beautiful cards, delicious treats, thoughtful gifts, and encouraging notes! We so much appreciate your thinking of us, and we hope these closing days of 2013 will bring peace and joy to you and your loved ones.

Looking back over the year, we remember our fellowship in the cause of the Lord. Thank you for giving us the privilege of serving. Thank you for treating us like your fellow servants: for seeing our best intentions, for respecting our efforts, for understanding our limitations, for bearing with our faults, and for loving our families. Thank you for the support which makes our roles possible, and for working alongside us so that our tasks have meaning.

Looking forward to the year ahead, may we renew the desire to fight the good fight, to finish the course, to keep the faith. May the one who gave himself to redeem us from lawlessness and to purify a people for himself have our zeal for every good work, and make us fruitful. May his grace mark our character. May his will rule our lives.

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

—Johnnie, Tim, Dennis, Adam, and Bill



# 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 15

Bible Study: 252  
 Morning: 333  
 Evening: 211  
 Wednesday (12/18): 215  
 Contribution: \$ 9,980



Elder of the Month

Clay Joseph



### Prayer List

- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Pat Harris, Norman High, Dale Harp, Leon Wake
- ♦ Melinda Barton has one more treatment and then reconstruction surgery the end of February/1st of March when they will also remove her port; she is almost there
- ♦ Jackie Freeze is seeing good results from his medication; he hasn't been felling well but that is a side affect of the medication he is taking and not the leukemia
- ♦ Cecil Lines and his ongoing health concerns.
- ♦ It was so good to see Orvella Blackburn back with us Sunday and Wednesday
- ♦ Greg & Scheryl Larimore leave today for Greg's appointment on the 24th at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN
- ♦ Truman Coltrane has an appoint at Mayo Clinic tomorrow so they can study his heart disease as it is getting worse; they will leave TODAY with Greg & Scheryl.
- ♦ Blanton Glenn as he continues to be an inspiration to all of us
- ♦ It was also good to see Betty Stockstill here Wednesday night. She has a hairline stress fracture in her foot; she is wearing a "boot cast" to help it heal.
- ♦ Norman and Lucile High's granddaughter, Sarah Reynolds, who has a torn ligament in her ankle, and her husband Ray Reynolds, who has some ongoing health concerns
- ♦ Shirlane Horton has a staph infection in one of her fingers.
- ♦ Marlene Matthews is now home and doing much better

### Friends & Family

- ♦ Betty Glenn's sister has been diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer and will have surgery on the 30th
- ♦ Jan Bowling's aunt, Peggy Davidson, has 3 lesions on her liver. Will see a specialist in Springfield this week
- ♦ Also Jan's cousin, Gary Pendergrass, is in a hospital in Knoxville, TN with a brain aneurysm and also had a heart attack
- ♦ Tim & Becky Marsof's 2 year old granddaughter, Aviley, is still having health problems
- ♦ Ruth Reaves' brother, Jim Hocker, has been diagnosed with cancer; cards of encouragement can be sent to him at 608 Cumberland, Hurst, TX 76054.
- ♦ Tim Stockstill's friend, David Crawford's dad who is in Cox South in an induced coma
- ♦ Continue to remember Carolyn Young's sister, Nita; Gene Lund's brother, Bill Lund; Jean Evans, Lyle Mishler's sister; all are dealing with cancer

### BAPTISM

We rejoice with CANDICE DEASON who made the decision to put on Christ in baptism this past Wednesday night. Candice is in Todd and Brandi Kraus' home at Fair Haven. It was a heart warming occasion to see all of our young people surrounding her after her baptism. Be sure to offer your encouragement to Candice.

### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the following families in the loss of loved ones recently: Aaron Morrison and his family in the loss of his grandmother, Ruth Mary Bard.



Kenna Taylor's aunt, Mary Head's sister, passed away last Sunday; Wanda Wilkinson in the recent loss of her sister in Texas; this was the last of her siblings, having lost another sister earlier this year.

### 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



Contribution envelopes are available in my work room for you to pick up. If you used the envelopes this year, your name is on the box with the same number for 2014. If you have not been using the envelopes but wish to do so in 2014, feel free to take one of the boxes that does not have a name on it and write that number by your name on the list on the counter. See me if you have any questions. Johnnie



There will be a soup and sandwich luncheon on January 5 after the morning service. Bring your favorite soups, chili, sandwiches and, of course, desserts.



**Our Daily Bible Reading Plans for the 1st Quarter of 2014 are available on the Information Desk. Be sure to pick up your copy today!**

All contributions next Sunday will go towards our building fund.

December 25 and January 1 we will have a special combined devotional in the auditorium. If you are in town, we hope you will join us.

## January Anniversaries

- 1 David & Debbie Kern 38 yrs.
- 2 Tim & Becky Marsolf 33 yrs.
- 5 Lonnie & Wanda Wilkinson 61 yrs.
- 13 Fred & Norma Lorenz 3 yrs.
- 16 Bill & Gail White 4 yrs.
- 17 Dennis & Carolyn Smith 61 yrs.

**Congratulations**



We will meet on January 12th after AM services to exchange names. Please fill out the forms. All ladies are encouraged to participate. If you can write a note of encouragement, then you can be a Secret Sister.

## 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. See Travis Morrison if you have questions.



## Birthdays

1 Alice Daniels  
Teresa Mahon  
4 Abigail Davis  
Olivia Downing  
Kenna Taylor

We will not publish a bulletin next week. We will be in and out of the office through the end of the year. If you have a need you can continue to send e-mails or you can call the office and leave a message. I will be checking them regularly. If you have an emergency, call Bill's home number. Have a safe and happy holiday season.



## TIME TELLS THE REAL STORY

By Dennis R. Smith

To know the true meaning of loving one another comes to God's people when they have been blessed by the beautiful tie that binds their hearts in Christian love. As years roll on, genuine love is often put to the test. Time is a recorder of good things but, unfortunately, it is also true of sadness. Even so, the remedy which holds us all together is like the words of an old song: "We Travel Along, Singing a Song - Side by Side." Better still are the words of the ancient preacher: "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone. And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Eccl. 4:9-12). Here at Water Mill during this past year we have had our hearts broken many times, but the cord of love and fellowship still holds precious memories that help bind us together. We cannot turn loose of our memories, but we must use those memories to bring peace of heart and comfort to our souls. Especially is this so at this time of the year which is only natural, but again I remind you of promising words: "Be not dismayed what-e'er betide, God will take care of you." Jesus also gives great advice: "...look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

### 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/KSPR



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# Service Rosters

## THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Gin Crumrine/Meredith Reaves  
**Greeters:** Mike & Glenda Thurlkill  
**Van Driver:** Sam Hansen/818-2077  
**KYB Phone:** Megan Glenn/Emily Simons

**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:** Luke Lines  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Fred Lorenz  
**Communion:** Jason Luna/Gene Lund  
**Nursery:** Donna Jordan/M. Reaves

## NEXT WEEK, December 29

### AM

### PM

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Briley Ewing
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Kyle Buckner	Aaron Morrison
<b>Communion:</b>	Paul Lines	J. Luna/G. Lund
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Brendan Carroll	Jerry Milligan
<b>Greeters:</b>	Kevin & Connie Westerman	
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Jan Bowling	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Linda Barnett	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Jerry Stockdale/693-7505	

## MONTH OF DECEMBER

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

## Wednesday, December 25

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** John Mahon  
**Prayer:** Dennis Smith  
**Van Driver:** Todd Kraus/  
 207-7877