



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 12, 2014

*Please see the  
insert for the order  
of our service  
today.*

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*Oh come, let  
us worship  
and bow  
down; let us  
kneel before  
the Lord, our  
Maker! For  
he is our  
God, and we  
are the  
people of his  
pasture,  
and the  
sheep of his  
hand.*

*Psalms 95:6-7*



## *A Strategy For The Year*

The way of life practiced by Christ provides us with a healthy model for year-in and year-out personal growth. This thought is suggested by the fact that between the time when he was twelve (Lk. 2:42) and when he was about thirty (Lk. 3:23), the New Testament offers only one glimpse of what was going on in the life of Jesus. That doesn't mean the eighteen or so years in between were lost and meaningless. It does indicate that he approached those years in such an effective manner that he was prepared to fulfill the eternal purpose. So what was his strategy as each of those years came and went? This one statement tells the story: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man" (Lk. 2:52).

Remember that these years take Jesus well into adulthood. There is more to the development in his life described here than natural growth. Personal choices about what to do with life are also involved. With intent and forethought, Jesus increases as a human being mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially as each year is lived out.

What if we were to adopt that strategy for this year? Wouldn't we gradually but surely develop as whole and healthy persons, with a sense of well-being, prepared to serve God's purposes in our own generation? Let's try it!

This year, mature a little mentally. Recognize the priority of God in all things, and respect the way everything revolves around who he is. Understand the difference between good and evil. Have a thought-life that is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere" (James 3:17).

This year, get a bit healthier physically. Nourishment and movement, time on and time off, as well as purity and discipline are all part of stewardship of God's fearfully and wonderfully made gift: a body in which to live.

This year, grow some spiritually. Resist the devil and draw near to God. Put your roots deeper in the gospel of his grace. Give thanks always. Honor his character by imitating him. Seek to serve, not merely to be served.

This year, develop yourself socially. Deepen and enrich your relationships. Gain a friend. Get to know a brother or sister. Bear a burden. Share a joy. Rise above our common temptation to retreat into our private world.

A strategy like this will take in just about any worthwhile resolution.

—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

January 5 (snow)

Bible Study:	N/A
Morning:	48
Evening:	N/A
Wednesday (1/8):	128
Contribution:	\$ 1,745



Elder of the Month  
Eddie Sanders



### Prayer List

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Pat Harris, Dale Harp, Leon Wake, Jackie Freeze, Cecil Lines, Greg Larimore
- ◆ Melinda Barton has completed her chemo and will have reconstruction surgery the end of February/1st of March
- ◆ Truman Coltrane is now home after 2 weeks at Mayo and a couple of serious procedures to his heart
- ◆ Blanton Glenn as he continues to decline
- ◆ Norman High will see the cancer doctor tomorrow and hopefully get the results of his recent scans
- ◆ Jackie Freeze says he feels better than he has in a long time
- ◆ Donna Sanders has been dealing with a virus and now has a blood clot and infection in her thumb which required some extensive work last week.
- ◆ Russell Lilly has pneumonia

### Friends & Family

- ◆ Ann Freeze, Jo Baggett's mom, is now at Woodland Manor, Room C10. I'm sure she would love a visit.
- ◆ Jill Tracy, Don & Linda's daughter-in-law, has been in and out of the hospital this past week and continues to recover from pancreatitis
- ◆ Pam Campbell, former member at North National and neighbor of Fred & Norma Lorenz, had brain surgery the end of December. Cards of encouragement can be sent to her at 3315 N. Rogers Ave., 65803.
- ◆ Tim & Becky Marsolf's 2 year old granddaughter, Aviley, who continues to have some health concerns
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Continue to remember Carolyn Young's sister, Nita; Jean Evans, Lyle Mishler's sister; and Ruth Reaves' brother, Jim Hocker, who are dealing with cancer

### Baptism

We rejoice with the MAHON FAMILY as Kaven made the decision to put on Christ in baptism last Wednesday night. Be sure to offer your encouragement and support to Kaven as he begins his new walk in Christ.

### 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  
Betty Shaw  
Doris Tobler  
Judy Todd  
Pat Woods

### Expectant Moms

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

### Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to John Mahon and his family in the loss of his sister and our sister in Christ, Carol Mahon, who passed away this past Friday at the Strafford Care Center. Funeral services will be in Illinois where they still have family. John & Teresa are to be commended for the good care they have given to Carol for many years after her brain aneurysm.



Thank you for your continued dedication to the Lord's work here at Water Mill as evidenced by your very generous 5th Sunday contribution. You continue to be a blessing and an encouragement to us as we strive together to do the Lord's will. The Elders

# News & Activities



*Our soup and sandwich (and desserts) luncheon which was scheduled for January 5 has been rescheduled for next Sunday (19th) after AM services. Everyone is encouraged to attend, especially our visitors.*

*Team 1 is responsible for working that day.*



☞ YOU money is due today. Pay \$25 to Adam or Johnnie. See Adam today for handout.

☞ February 23 Area Wide Youth Night at Water Mill!

## Middle School Area Wide Meeting

There will be a middle school Area Wide at Jackson Street church in Willard on Sunday, January 26 from 5-7 pm. Devotional and dinner included. This is for grades 5-8th. The subject will be "Turning your world upside down", a message from Acts. See Adam if you are interested in attending.

## Upcoming Events

- ☞ *Golden Agers* meeting postponed until February.
- ☞ *Secret Sisters* will meet today after AM services to exchange names.
- ☞ *Elders* meet on Tuesday at 1 p.m.
- ☞ *Men's Retreat* February 28-March 1 at the Wyndham Resort in Branson. Cost is \$40/person plus food costs. It's not too late to sign up.

*Golden Messenger for January is available for everyone at the Information Desk.*



### Birthdays

- 19 Jim Elliff
- 20 Betty Grabber
- Jacob Skibo
- 21 Pat Blackburn
- 23 Jerry Milligan
- 25 Lora Luna
- Sherry Sherman

*A pint of example is worth a barrelful of advice!*

## Join Us At

## Sunday School

## 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



## "NOTHING BUT NET - A WINNING CONCLUSION"

By Dennis R. Smith

In many ways life is sometimes like a basketball game. Let me explain. The championship game (hypothetically) is in the closing seconds with the score tied. The home team has the ball and with only one second to go one of the players shoots the ball from the center court. It hits nothing but the net. Excitement and cheers come from the home crowd, but weeping and sorrows flood the faces of the losing team. The word "net" is often used in conjunction with profit and loss, the end results, what remains - or - "what do you have to show for it?" Check the following scriptures to see how this thought is often used therein: (Matt. 13:24-30; 16:26; Heb. 8:1; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 1:8). The main lesson here is that the game of life will have an end just as is true of all games. That being the case, how we finish our game, what our net shows, or if we played the game according to God's rules will be the determining factor of whether we will rejoice with the outcome or whether we, like all losers, will go away sorrowfully. In the sports community there used to be the following adage "it's not whether you won or lost, it is how you played the game." Today, it seems that winning is the only accepted deduction. May we all so live before God that the joy, excitement and praise will be as our hitting "nothing but net" a thousand times over as we hear our Lord say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant.....enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." (Matt.25:21).



### 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**  
**Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission**  
**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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 Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday



## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn  
**Greeters:** Jerry & Carolyn Young  
**Van Driver:** Kevin Wuensch/833-6134  
**KYB Phone:** Norma Lorenz/Gerri Dickens

**Serve** Matt Keener/Fred Lorenz  
**Communion:** David Kern/Jason Luna  
 Todd Kraus/Gene Lund  
 Russell Lilly/Andy McFarland  
 Luke Lines/Jerry Milligan

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jon Davis  
**Opening Prayer:** Aaron Tovar  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Brian Carroll  
**Communion:** Steve Prewitt/James Simons  
**Nursery:** Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

### NEXT WEEK, January 19

#### AM

#### PM

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Adam Barton	Van Barnes
<b>Communion:</b>	Travis Morrison	S. Prewitt/J. Simons
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Randy Blackburn	Dustin Stokes
<b>Greeters:</b>	Randy & Orvella Blackburn	
<b>AM Nursery:</b>	Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves	
<b>PM Nursery:</b>	Lee Ann Donoho	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	J. Simons (988-8873)/T. Jobs (894-0826)	

### MONTH OF JANUARY

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

### Wednesday, January 15

**Devotional:** Bill McFarland  
**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison  
**Prayer:** John Dutton  
**Van Driver:** Todd Kraus/  
 207-7877