



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 1, 2015

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#1 (1,3,5)
#7 (1,3,4)

Opening Prayer
Ron Stokes

#55
#299 (1,2,4)

The Lord's Supper
Dale Gregory

Contribution
Dale Gregory

#820

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#53

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

#839 (1,3)

Closing Prayer
Adam Barton

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



Roots of Our Dream

Our dream is just to be Christians, not hyphenated by denominational preferences, yet identifiable by loyalty to the way of the Lord. Four significant feeders of this way of thinking are noticeable in the profoundly meaningful Farewell Discourse and High Priestly Prayer of Jesus, which we have been reading from John 13-17.

First, there is our Lord's fervent desire for unity among his people. "That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me," he prays (17:20). His will is that "they may become perfectly one" in such a way that "the world may know" (17:23). Surely this calls for convictions, practices, and behaviors that are held in common.

Second, there is the one-time office of the apostles, with its permanent authority and its formative influence in the life of the church. Christ tells them, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...he will bear witness about me...he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (16:13; 15:26; 14:26). The apostles were to be empowered to speak with an authority that is foundational. Ever since, it has been necessary that we not drift away from what we have heard.

Third, there is the promise of bearing fruit by abiding in him. "Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit," he says (15:5). The imperative is that we abide in him. Fruit is not manufactured; it is borne through life drawn from the Vine under the care of the Gardener. Abiding involves allowing his word to come alive in us, engaging in the discipline of prayer, and taking joy in keeping his commandments.

Fourth, there is tone of the disposition and the character that is shared among people who belong to Christ. It is marked by love of Christ and of one another (15:9, 10, 17), by substantive joy (15:11), by moral cleanness (15:3), by spiritual peace (14:27), and by calm strength that copes with life and its troubles (14:1).

When these four rich veins are drawn upon concurrently, they nourish a hardy and beautiful living organism: a body of New Testament Christians. A faithful congregation of the Lord's people—that is what we want to be!

—Bill McFarland

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

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 25

Bible Study:	242
Morning:	326
Evening:	189
Wednesday (1/28):	203
Contribution:	\$ 8,490



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Dale Harp, Greg Larimore, Estel Pendergrass, Jim Reaves
- ◆ Fred Lorenz is doing well after having another stent put in this past week
- ◆ Clarence and Ola Jean Feeney are experiencing health issues
- ◆ Shawna Stockdale is now at home recovering from back surgery
- ◆ Rachel Lilly hopefully will be home with Russell and Elizabeth today
- ◆ Amanda Lilly (Rachel's twin sister) will see the neurosurgeon 2/25.
- ◆ Sheryl Low broke a small bone in her foot Wednesday night
- ◆ Judy Johnson had an angiogram and stent put in on Friday.

Friends & Family

- Charles Thompson, Lanae Gillespie's cousin, had a biopsy last week for pulmonary fibrosis
- Tim Bowling's dad is dealing with serious health issues
- Continue to remember Jerry Milligan's aunt, Wilma Ferrell; Carolyn Young's sister, Nita along with her husband George, and Jon Ewing's brother, Mike

Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Chloe Gaddis
Mary Head
Doris Iorg
Sherry Sherman
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods



Expectant Moms

Stephanie Schwartz/boy/
February
Sara Keener/girl/March
Leah Prewitt/boy/March

We are still in need of a male 5th grade teacher for Wednesday evening Bible class. Please let Tom Davis know if you are interested in helping with this work.

Members & Visitors, please fill out an attendance card.

February Anniversaries

8 Raymond/Alice Daniels 46 yrs.
10 Ron/Lisa Stokes 31 yrs.
14 Don/Linda Tracy 46 yrs.
15 Kevin/Connie Westerman 29 yrs.
16 Estel/Thelma Pendergrass 68 yrs.
27 Bob/Betty Stockstill 61 yrs.
28 Clint/Betty Holden 57 yrs.

Happy Anniversary



Birthdays

3 Isaac Fondo
9 Verl Duncan
Betty Glenn
Marti Norrell
10 Howard Birdsong
Kirsten McFarland
Mary Jo Rookstool
11 Claudia Morison
Elijah Morrison
13 Clarence Feeney
Brent Looney
14 Jammie Davis
Gaylen Jones



We are so grateful for such loving, caring fellow Christians who helped me when I fell on my face over A concrete barrier on our parking lot Sunday night. Thank you to those who worked hard to try to stop all the places that were bleeding so much because I am on blood thinner. We were thankful there was no bleeding on the brain. And thanks for the other ways of helping and praying for me and for the phone calls. We thank God for you! As a way of showing our appreciation, we are making a contribution to the Helping Hands fund to help someone else. Much love to all. **Bob Snider**

We have had the pleasure of getting to know many of your young men at YOU these past three years. We are very impressed with their maturity and dedication to God and one another. They are considerate, appreciative, and generally a joy to spend time with. We look forward to seeing them each year and watching them grow into Christian men. We will continue to pray for them, alongside you, and know that God will accomplish great things through them. In Christian love, your brother and sister, **Jacob and Rachel Wesson**

News & Activities

Upcoming Events

- **James River Nursing Home Devo** Saturday at 2 p.m.
- **Golden Agers meet TODAY** at 4 pm
- **Quilters meet TUESDAY** at 10 am
- **Elders meet February 10** at 1 pm
- **FEBRUARY 15 WILL BE THE AREAWIDE YOUTH NIGHT AT WATER MILL.** Watch for more information.
- **Daylight savings time begins** March 8
- Next **book club meeting** will be Monday, March 9th. We are reading books by Melanie Dickerson
- **LTC Convention** April 3-4

GOLDEN MESSENGER FOR FEBRUARY IS AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER. THIS IS A GREAT LITTLE PAPER PUT OUT BY DENNIS FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY, NOT JUST GOLDEN AGERS!!



SINGING NIGHT has been moved to the 2nd Sunday night of the month (next Sunday)

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, it's almost here. Beginning Thursday, February 12, at 10:30 a.m. we will begin a Ladies Weekly Bible Study Group using the book "Beyond The Masquerade" as our guide. If you did not receive a flyer this morning with all the details, be sure to pick one up at the Information Desk. Books are available in the office for you to purchase for \$10. COME JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING STUDY!!



Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

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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



Could "Old Sayings" Have Been Born of Scripture?

By Dennis R. Smith

I'll answer my own question here by saying "I doubt it." However, there are many "Old Sayings" that run in parallel with some very true to life inspired scripture. For example, "We must not wear our welcome out!" Compare that with "Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbor's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee" (Prov. 25:17). Another Old Saying goes like this: "You mustn't meddle in the business of others." The parallel is great - "He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears" (Prov. 26:17). Here's another which we probably use a lot, "I would not know what to say." The wise man of old gives us the answer - "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Prov. 25:11). They go on and on - "You're standing in deep water." Check this out - "Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out" (Prov. 20:5). I like the following also especially in driving our cars today - "Safety First!" I'm sure that Solomon never saw an automobile, but he did understand the purpose of the horse: "The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord" (Prov. 21:31). We'll close with - "Watch your reputation!" Good advice - "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold" (Prov. 22:1).

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
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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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
Greeters: Tim & Jan Bowling
Van Driver: Jon Davis/864-9872
KYB: Jack & Rose Lynch
Serve Jackie Buck/Brendan Carroll
Communion: Aubrey Cobb/Barney Crawford
Eddie Currier/Tom Davis
William Downing/John Dutton
Tom Easterly/Briley Ewing

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Aaron Alexander
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jason Luna
Communion: Jack Lynch/John Mahon
Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

NEXT WEEK, February 8

AM

Song Leader: Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing
Opening Prayer: Tyler Thornton
Communion: John Hulett
Closing Prayer: Paul Lines

PM

Greeters: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
Van Driver: Tyler Thornton/840-6303
AM Nursery: Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn
PM Nursery: Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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

Wednesday, February 4

Devotional: Scott Barton
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Prayer: Aaron Morrison
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/
343-7451