



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 15, 2015

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#782
#861

Opening Prayer
Luis Tovar

"Faithful Love"
#644

The Lord's Supper
Matt Keener

Contribution
Matt Keener

#900 (x2)
#842 (x2)

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#293

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

#564 (1,4)

Closing Prayer
Don Essex

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



A Night of Watching

When we think of "watching" we are more likely to conceive of it as a passive activity. We imagine seeing a movie, taking in the news, or being a spectator at a ball game. No such experiences appear to be tasks that have lasting significance.

Reading about the LORD'S Passover in Egypt, however, frames "watching" in quite a different view. "It was a night of watching by the LORD" and the same night was to become "a night of watching kept to the LORD by all the people" (Ex. 12:42). But that meant their depending on God by acting in keeping with his instructions about the unblemished lamb, the blood above and beside the door, the family in the house, clothed and shod for departure on a journey, unleavened bread, and hasty meal. Perhaps that gives us a sense of God's idea of "watching."

This view is deeply meaningful to us when we remember that life for Christ is a life of watching. Responsible alertness is involved. Attentiveness is essential. We must be ready. No other course is proper for people who "know neither the day nor the hour" (Matt. 25:13; 24:42).

Watching is necessary because the tempter is at work. "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation," Jesus advised Peter (Matt. 26:41). Even if the spirit is willing, the flesh is weak.

Watching is a characteristic activity of grateful people. It is the humble awareness that counts blessings. "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving," Paul writes to the church at Colossae—it may be one of the habits that opens a door for fruitful service (Col. 4:2, 3).

Watching is maintenance for healthy fellowship. Brothers and sisters who have to live in the midst of a worldly culture don't accidentally stay close. "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love" (1 Cor. 16:13, 14).

Make this a week of God's kind of watching.

—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

February 8

Bible Study:	247
Morning:	358
Evening:	201
Wednesday (2/11):	205
Contribution:	\$8,685



Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Greg Larimore, Estel Pendergrass, Mary Head and Dale Harp. Dale is now under hospice care
- ◆ Clarence and Ola Jean Feeney are experiencing health issues
- ◆ Shawna Stockdale is now at home recovering from back surgery
- ◆ Rachel Lilly is now home with Russell & Elizabeth
- ◆ Amanda Lilly will see the neurosurgeon 2/25.
- ◆ Betty Stockstill is having some health problems
- ◆ Becky Marsolf is home recovering from surgery
- ◆ Continue to remember Clay and Sharon in your prayers and send cards as often as you can. Sharon is still holding her own.

Friends & Family

- ◆ Jon Ewing's brother, Mike, is at Mercy Villa, Room 318.
- ◆ Pat Milligan's sister, Dorothy, is in rehab in Arkansas
- ◆ Charles Thompson, Lanae Gillespie's cousin, has pulmonary fibrosis caused by an infection which is treatable
- ◆ Tim Bowling's dad is dealing with serious health issues
- ◆ Carolyn Young's sister, Nita along with her husband George
- ◆ Tom Norrell's sister, Melba Jerry, is now cancer free; will still have some reconstructive surgery later on
- ◆ Gaitha's mother-in-law, Joyce Harmon, who is dealing with breast cancer, has now finished chemo and will start radiation soon

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/
(anytime)
Sara Keener/girl/March
Leah Prewitt/boy/March

You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16



Birthdays

22 Trevor Kraus
Aiden Schwartz
24 Michael Fahr
25 Eula Compton
27 Luis Tovar

Check our web site, www.watermillchurchofchrist.org, for weekly sermons. Also available are Bill's Sunday AM Bible class lessons AND Wednesday evening Bible class lessons (audio), current and older bulletins, the monthly calendar and NOW A LINK TO OUR DAILY BIBLE READING, both audio and text.



AREAWIDE YOUTH NIGHT

Tonight at 5 p.m. We encourage you to be present. Thank you for providing drinks and cookies and to the youth families for providing sandwiches.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal	Boxed Meals
Canned Meals	Peanut Butter
Jelly	Canned Corn
Jell-O	Pudding

Place items in the can in the fellowship room. Thanks.

News & Activities



- Quilters meet **TUESDAY** at 10 a.m.
- Daylight savings time begins March 8
- Next book club meeting will be Monday, March 9th. We are reading books by Melanie Dickerson
- March 29—5th Sunday Potluck
- LTC Convention April 3-4



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

“Beyond The Masquerade”

Each Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Books are available in the office for you to purchase for \$10.

Here’s February’s schedule:

*19th - “Spotting a Fraud”
- Ruth Essex*

*26th - “Dodging the Snob Mob” -
Jill Morrison*

**COME JOIN US FOR THIS
EXCITING STUDY!!**

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

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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



Community Involvement Service Opportunity

Event: Feeding The Homeless and Underprivileged
Sunday, February 22 – Immediately after the morning
worship service / 806 North Jefferson Ave

Contacts: - Aaron/Brittany Morrison

We need enough **food** to feed approximately 80
people !! **We need servers!**

**Sign up sheets are posted at the information desk
for the items needed.**

Please use disposable containers for the casseroles!!

Thanks in advance for all your help!



Friday, February 20,
6-9 p.m.

Sign up at the
Information Desk!!

See Jason Luna if you
have questions.

OVERCOMING OUR PREJUDICES

By Dennis R. Smith



The Apostle Paul, often used the word “ignorant” as he would lead his readers into a given thought - including prejudice and doubt. You will find this in passages like 1st Cor. 10:1; Rom. 1:13; 1st Thess. 4:13. Even though some of the newer translations may have used words like “unawareness or unlearned,” I was still amazed to see that there were also some newer translations which retained the word “ignorant.” Let’s study this word “prejudice” a little further. Its meaning is this: “preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or experience.” Perhaps there are some who do not want to be called ignorant, but generally speaking, most are a little prejudice due to their ignorance, unawareness, or just void of reason and knowledge when it comes to expressing an opinion on things like the Holy Bible. It seems that some like to use bits of scripture which more often is completely out of context with its purpose. A good example of this is the use of Hebrews 11:6 which reads, “*But without faith it is impossible to please Him.*” From there they may go on to express an opinion of their faith “not based on reason or experience.” There are things which one can use as a faith builder, but the beginning of faith and the ending of faith must be based on the Holy Scriptures. The following explains this fact: “*So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God*” (Rom. 10:17). This eliminates any other and shows the strength of a “thus saith the Lord!”

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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Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves
Greeters: Gerri Dickens/Ann Thiesen
Van Driver: Jeff Fisher/425-0250
KYB: Mike & Glenda Thurlkill
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:
Opening Prayer: YOUTH
Lesson: NIGHT
Closing Prayer:
Communion: Jack Lynch/John Mahon
Nursery: Lee Ann Donoho

NEXT WEEK, February 22

AM

Song Leader: Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing
Opening Prayer: Jerry Young
Communion: David Kern
Closing Prayer: Fred Lorenz

PM

Travis Morrison
Van Barnes
Jack Lynch/J. Mahon
Andy McFarland

Greeters: Byrle & Virginia Hayter
Van Driver: Adam Stipp/844-6564
AM Nursery: Linda Currier
PM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Meredith Reaves

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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

Wednesday, February 18

Devotional: Don Essex
Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Prayer: Dennis Smith
Van Driver: Charles Crum/
840-2632