About Our “Youth and Family” Work

I am sure you do not need to be reminded that the time of year is upon us in which busyness in life’s activities can feel overwhelming. Travels and family get-togethers and school activities and more all seem to pile up during these least months of the year. Let me encourage you, as you are planning your next few months, take note of and plan to support the MANY activities in which our Youth and Families are involved, both church functions and others.

TODAY after evening services - White Elephant gift exchange, hosted by our young wives and ladies. Sign up THIS MORNING.

December 3 - LTC Pre-convention 1 deadline: Several young people have completed their projects for the first round of LTC submissions, and will be sent off tomorrow.

December 8 - MEN’S BREAKFAST: Matt Keener, deacon of Involvement, has planned a fellowship get-together for our men, young and old. Come and share your time with each other!

December 15 - YOUTH HIKE: We will be leaving early Saturday morning, about 7 AM, for the Buffalo River Area of Arkansas. Hikers need to bring a pack with a sack lunch for on the trail, water for the hike, and some money for a fast food supper on the way home. Limit the group Teenagers Only!

December 16 - YOUTH WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE: The teenagers have their own annual get-together each year, and more details will be available soon.

January 18-20 - Y.O.U. (YOUTH OUTREACH UNIVERSITY): The Conway, AR, church and others sponsor this youth rally each year on the campus of Arkansas State University, and we will be taking a group. Cost is $30, and we will be housed by local members. WE NEED A FINAL LIST OF THOSE GOING BY DECEMBER 19 in order to receive housing. I am also blessed to be one of the speakers.

February 17 - WATER MILL AREA WIDE YOUTH NIGHT: We will be hosting the first Area Wide Youth Night of 2013. Mark your calendars!

Some additional items:

Many of our young people are involved in school holiday concerts, parades, or recitals, as well as many sporting events and other school activities. Make an effort to talk to the families and support our young folks in their outside endeavors!

Keep your eyes open for College Students, as well as activities and service projects to help them. It is a great opportunity to serve and be a blessing to those of our number who are away at school, and those who will make their home with us while they are here at school.

You may also notice our new, enlarged Teen Classroom. Thanks to the elders for supporting our request! It provides us much more room, and a more inviting atmosphere for learning and activities.

- A. Blaney
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
November 25
Bible Study: 240
Morning: 340
Evening: 210
Wednesday (11/28): 202
Contribution: $8,983

Elder of the Month
Bob Snider

Prayer List & Notes

- Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Alice Allen
- Marilyn Lanpher fell last weekend and broke her wrist. She will have surgery sometime this week
- Debbie Crawford has been in the hospital this past week
- It was good to see Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney back with us Sunday.

Friends & Family
- Don Lewis, Tiffany Meeks’ father, as he is dealing with some very serious health issues
- Don McFall’s wife, Mona, has been in the hospital this past week
- Continue to remember Johnnie Elliff’s sister, Annie Hysaw (P.O. Box 1524, Fulton, MS 38843) and Carolyn Young’s sister, Nita, as they are dealing with cancer
- Ann Freeze, Jo Baggett’s mother

The Elders ask for names of Godly men to be Deacons, as we see in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Please turn the names in to the Elders by December 9th.

Ninety percent of the friction of daily life is caused by the wrong tone of voice.

Please extend a warm welcome to Steven and Karen Ashcraft who have made known their desire to work and worship with us at Water Mill. Steven is a missionary and will return to Africa in January but Karen will remain in Springfield. Their address is: 5330 S. Michigan, C105, Springfield, 65810, phone 971-270-8535. Be sure to make them feel welcome.

Thank you all for the prayers for us during our recent health problems. Keep praying. We appreciate your telephone calls and are anxious to be back in worship soon. Love and prayers, Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney

Thanks for all the birthday cards, calls and Facebook wishes. I am always glad to hear from all my Christian friends. You sure know how to lile a person up. Thanks again. In Christian love, Ann Fahr

Dear Sisters in Christ, God bless you, and I thank you so much for all the planning and work involved in our wonderful Ladies Retreat. It was such a spiritual uplifting time and so much fun as well for the ladies of the Water Mill congregation. Love, Leona Snider

I can’t thank you enough for making my birthday filled with joy. Thank you one and all who took the time to send me a card. I love you all, Doris Tobler

Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards, the calls and for remembering me. You made my birthday very special. God bless you, Betty Holden

Long Term/ Shut-ins
Kay Adams
Alice Allen
Shirley Bartlett
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Thelma Fain
Ella Mae Findlay
Lucille Ford
Milton Ford
Allen Harmon
Doris Iorg
Irene Johnson
Carol Law
Carol Mahon
Wilma Melton
Betty Shaw
Doris Thomason
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd
Pat Woods

Birthdays
10 Eliza Blaney
11 Dennis Smith
Pat Harris
Miller Hansen
12 Wanda Wilkinson
Charlyn Lines
Logan Winters
13 Seth Sekulic
15 June Jean
Nichole Stockdale

Expectant Moms
Sara Stipp/boy/SOON
Leah Prewitt/boy/January
Stephanie Schwartz/boy/February
Tabitha Blaney/girl/March
Brittany Morrison/boy/March
No doubt you have heard the expression “man is a free moral agent.” Of course, this is often used in reference to one’s own preference, especially when it comes to his acceptance or rejection of the spiritual calling of our Lord (2nd Thess. 2:14). There is much to be said in this regard. First, God has given us his word (2nd Tim. 3:16-17) and the instructions of this Holy Book act as a divine invitation from our Lord. However, there is also another way of looking at this thought. While God is not willing that any should perish (2nd Pet. 3:9) and because he loved us “while we are yet sinners” (Rom 5:8), he extends his free invitation to all. Here it is: “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matt.11:28-30).

You see, God has so made us that he does give us a choice of how we are to live. The sad part of this thought is this: How much better off we would be by accepting him at his word instead of trying to futilely direct our own steps in life (Jer. 10:23). History has shown that some want to force their doctrine on others but our Lord says, “...and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Rev. 22:17). No man must try to force his convictions on anyone but out of our love for humanity, we must invite all to “taste and see that the Lord is good”(Psa. 34:8).
**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/KSRP

## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING
- **AM Nursery:** Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
- **Greeters:** Truman & Helen Coltrane
- **Van Driver:** Daniel Wilson/773-6707
- **KYB Phone:** Daniel Meinsen/E. Tieszen
- **Serve:** Aubrey Cobb/Ted Crabtree
- **Communion:** Barney Crawford/Verl Duncan
- **Nursery:** Tom Davis/Eddie Currier
- **Closed by:** John Dutton/Tom Easterly

### THIS EVENING
- **Song Leader:** Larry Baggett
- **Opening Prayer:** Adam Barton
- **Lesson:** Bill McFarland
- **Closing Prayer:** Tim Bowling
- **Communion:** T. Jobes/M. Keener
- **Nursery:** Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

### NEXT WEEK, December 9

#### MORNING
- **Song Leader:** Kerry Cole
- **Opening Prayer:** Tim Timmons
- **Communion:** Jackie Freeze
- **Closing Prayer:** Dale Harp

#### EVENING
- **AM Nursery:** Pat Malanowski/Orvella Blackburn
- **PM Nursery:** Alice Buckner/Jenny Carroll
- **Greeters:** Jon & Coyeatte Ewing
- **Van Driver:**

### MONTH OF DECEMBER
- **AV Room:** Scott Barton/
- **Secure Building:** Ron Stokes
- **Devotional:** Paul Lines/
- **Song Leader:** Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, December 5
- **Devotional:** Tom Davis
- **Song Leader:** Aaron Tovar
- **Prayer:** Fred Lorenz
- **Van Driver:** Tim Stockstill/849-7678