



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 31, 2016

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

Greeting

**"How Deep the
Father's Love"**
#618

Opening Prayer
Todd Kraus

#916
#621

The Lord's Supper
Brendan Carroll

Contribution
Brendan Carroll

#238
#883

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#405

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

#523

Closing Prayer
Brock Snitker

Elder of the Month
Eddie Sanders



The Church: Organism or Organization?

Lonnie Jones from Huntsville, AL

Friday, February 5

7:00 PM - Two Are Better Than One (Ecclesiastes)
(Everyone)

Saturday, February 6

8:00 AM - Meet with the elders

Raising Spiritually Reliant Children

(each of the group sessions Saturday will center around this theme -
we all have a responsibility in raising the next generation
for the Lord's church)

9:30 AM - Adults with children at home

(Youth or adults in the 12:30 session can take care of children)

11:00 AM - Pot-luck (soup, sandwiches, desserts)

12:30 PM - All other adults

2:00 PM - Devo at James River Nursing Home

3:00 PM - Youth

7:00 PM - Significant Obscurity *(Everyone)*

Sunday, February 7

9:00 AM - The Duh-huh Sermon (Matthew 25)

10:00 AM - My Role In The Body (1 Corinthians 12)

***We would like to encourage every family to make a special effort to be
a part of this special weekend event. - The Elders***

Prayer List

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 24

Bible Study:	242
Morning:	310
Evening:	195
Wednesday (1/27):	193
Contribution:	\$ 8,373
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above	
(Below) Budget:	(\$4,863)

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Marsha Bower, Dale Harp, Thelma Pendergrass, Jackie Buck, Tim Timmons, Don Essex
- ◆ It is so good to see Bill & Pat Culley back with us
- ◆ Denzil Raines had foot surgery this past week
- ◆ Ellie Swartz and Jennifer Franklin are both dealing with kidney stones; will have procedures this week to break those up
- ◆ Karen Duncan is doing well after breast cancer surgery; no further treatment is necessary
- ◆ Deniece Breckner had breast cancer surgery recently; hopes no further treatment is necessary
- ◆ Ruth Essex will have to have carotid artery surgery but does not have a date yet.
- ◆ Illene Birdsong was back with us last week
- ◆ Seldon Essex and his ongoing health issues

Friends & Family

- ◆ Bill White's niece, Linda West, Benton, AR, has a brain tumor and will have surgery Feb. 3rd.
 - ◆ Coyatte Ewing's dad, Jim Hammond
 - ◆ Leah Freeze's mom, Glynda Gardner, and her continuing battle with cancer
 - ◆ Ruth Reaves' brother, Jimmie Hocker, as he deals with cancer
 - ◆ Debra Davis' 19-year old great-niece, Courtney Price, as she deals with leukemia; if you would like to send a card, her address is Ms. Courtney Price – P4, American Family Children's Hospital, 1675 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 53792.
- Prayer Request: Kim Maples asked for prayers as she deals with struggles in her life.



PM Service TONIGHT will be an evening of singing. Please plan to join us!

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Ella Mae Findlay
Ann Freeze
Chloe Gaddis
Jerry Gillespie
Doris Iorg
Thelma Pendergrass
Sandra Pengenot
Nancy Snider
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd

Expectant Mom

Sara Stipp/July



We extend our sympathy to Gregory Johnson in the loss of his brother, Glenn, this past week. He had been very ill for sometime with cancer.



Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting THIS afternoon at 3 p.m. Please be present if at all possible.



Birthdays

7 Denzil Raines
Yvonne Tindall
8 Christina Snitker
9 Verl Duncan
Betty Glenn
10 Kirsten McFarland
Mary Jo Rookstool
11 Claudia Morrison
Elijah Morrison
13 Clarence Feeny
Brent Looney

February Anniversaries

8 Raymond/Alice Daniels 47 yrs.
10 Ron/Lisa Stokes 32 yrs.
14 Don/Linda Tracy 47 yrs.
15 Kevin/Connie Westerman 30 yrs.
27 Bob/Betty Stockstill 62 yrs.
28 Clint/Betty Holden 58 yrs.
Happy Anniversary

Phone Numbers

Staytons (no home phone)
John (c) 417-224-5655
Lisa (c) 224-3594

TODAY is the 5th Sunday this month. All contributions will go toward the building.

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

Hope Has a Reason

I'm writing this Thursday evening, January 28, 2016. Thirty years ago today, not far past mid-morning, I was standing in a hospital room at Cox North visiting someone. The TV up in the corner was on, and suddenly the programming was interrupted by a special report delivered in a very sober news voice. An eerie scene appeared on screen: the tentacle-shaped plumes of smoke left from the catastrophic explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.

It's odd how there are moments like that in your life that stay with you. One thing that struck me was something said by the reporter that morning. It was impossible to look on that picture without contemplating the fate of the seven crew members, one of whom was a teacher. The newsman observed, "We all hope for the well-being of everyone on board, but at this point we don't have much reason to expect it."

Many times since, I have thought of the implications of that comment. Hope without a reason is a tragedy. Hope without a reason is an unfounded wish, fashioned in the shadow of dread, and expressed in preparation for heartbreak.

How different is the hope of the gospel! It is a deep desire for a known object along with a solid reason for expecting to possess it. God has loved us and given us good hope through grace, to which he has called us through the gospel. Our blessed hope springs from the grace that brought salvation at our Lord's first appearing, and it awaits the glory of his appearing again. Our Father has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and it is kept in heaven for us. Jesus has already gone there as a forerunner on our behalf, bearing our hope, which we have as a sure and steadfast anchor of our souls.

Christian hope has a reason—a sufficient one. The time will come for us when this one thing will be all that matters.

—Bill McFarland

Community service opportunity for Hillcrest High School

We have learned of an immediate need for backpacks and supplies for students at Hillcrest High School. We have set a goal for our congregation to provide 150 backpacks - please see below details:

- ◆ Backpack with a laptop pocket
 - ◆ Notebook paper
 - ◆ Pencils & Pens
- This is going to require involvement by a very large portion of our congregation - please help if you can brethren. It will be a blessing to students with very limited resources in our community. This effort will, Lord willing, help those who need the backpacks and supplies at this time. We would also like to do this once again toward end of summer for the younger kids. Please place the backpacks along the south wall of the multipurpose room. If you happen to have any additional notebooks, folders, pencils & pens, feel free to bring them as well and they will be passed on to those who need these items. Thank you in advance!! Aaron

Ladies Bible Class

Thursday Ladies Class will resume on *Thursday at 10:30 a.m.* The topic will be "Which Way is Forgiveness?" taught by Leah Prewitt. All ladies who can are encouraged to attend.

- Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- James River Nursing Home Devo Sat. at 2 p.m.
- Elders meet 2/9 at 5 p.m.

Upcoming Events

LTC Dates

- ◆ *Puppets/Drama meet after services (all day) on 2/7, 21, March 6, 13, 20*
- ◆ *2/16 Pre-convention 2 deadline*
- ◆ *2/29 Registration deadline*
- ◆ *3/20 Presentation night after evening services*
- ◆ *3/25-27 Convention*



◆ *2/14 Areawide Youth Night at Water Mill*

- ◆ *5/28 Ultimate AWY day*
 - ◆ *6/7-16—West Virginia Mission Trip*
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

LADIES EVENTS:
Women's Conference at Harding University, February 19-20, The Sacred Journey

Women Walking With God conference, The Greatest of these is Love, at the Hartman Arena, Park City, KS, April 15-16
See Brochures on the Bulletin Board.

THANK YOU

I want to thank all those who gave me the lovely cards on my birthday. It made an ordinary day seem special. *Betty Grabber*
Thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls after my accident. I am doing pretty good now. God bless everyone, In Christian love, *Illene Birdsong*

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Tim & Jan Bowling*
Van Driver: *Kevin Wuench/833-6134*

Serve *Scott Nichols/Steve Prewitt*
Communion: *Aaron Schwartz/James Simons*
John Stayton/Adam Stipp
Jerry Stockdale/Tim Stockstill
Colton Orum/Jon Davis

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Travis Morrison*
Opening Prayer: *John Mahon*
Lesson: *Singing Service*
Closing Prayer: *Larry Baggett*
Communion: *Eddie Currier/John Dutton*

NEXT WEEK (February 7)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>J. Ewing/K. Cole</i>	<i>Travis Morrison</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>John Dutton</i>	<i>Jon Ewing</i>
Communion:	<i>Barney Crawford</i>	<i>J. Luna/G. Lund</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Tom Easterly</i>	<i>John Hulett</i>
Greeters:	<i>Eddie & Linda Currier</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>AM/James Simons</i>	<i>PM/Tucker Jobs</i>

Wednesday, February 3:

Devotional: *Steve Prewitt*
Song Leader: *John Mahon*
Prayer: *Todd Kraus*
Van Driver: *Tim Stockstill/849-7678*

MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

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

We need YOU in Sunday School each week!

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

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



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