



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 23, 2016

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Adam Blaney

#685

Reading:
1 Tim. 6:12b-16

#19 (1,3,4)
#238

Opening Prayer
Aaron Morrison

#951
#137 (1,4)

The Lord's Supper
Matt Keener

Our Contribution
Matt Keener

#738
#100

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#937

Announcements
Scott Barton

#976 (1)

Closing Prayer
Gene Lund

Serve Communion

Kevin Westerman
David Grimm
Randy Blackburn
Jackie Buck
Aubrey Cobb
Patrick Springer
Josh Luna
JJ Blevins
Brendan Carroll
Charles Crum

Strong Medicine for Us All

David Smith; Missouri St. Church of Christ, Baytown, TX

The night before last (Tuesday) I dedicated two hours to systematically going through my Facebook friends list with one specific question in view: what are my fellow church members posting regarding current events? Why? Curiosity and to be informed. I found many good things, and for that, I thank God.

However, I must say, it was, to say the very least, and all too very often - by no means an edifying exercise. I would certainly not recommend this exercise to the faint of heart and I would warn the depressed or doubting to not do anything like it. And, given the dates of posting, it was apparent that such matters have only increased in darkness and intensity over the past several weeks as a national election date draws ever closer. It was as if I was witnessing points of light being dimmed, or even completely overcome, by darkness. (sigh)

As I scrolled and read, five passages of Scripture kept popping up in my mind, firing off like popcorn. What were those passages? Here they are (with my own application points inserted in all CAPS, within brackets).

1. Our Lord Jesus said..."I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter [VIA SHARING ON SOCIAL MEDIA]." (Matthew 12.36)

2. An apostle of our Savior said..."[POSTING] Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes [ON SOCIAL MEDIA] — these are not for you." (Ephesians 5.4)

3. And he said..."Let your [SOCIAL MEDIA] conversation be always full of grace ..." (Colossians 4.6a)

4. An unknown preacher, inspired by the Holy Spirit said..."Make every effort to live in peace with everyone [ON SOCIAL MEDIA] and to be holy, for without holiness no one will see the Lord." (Hebrews 12.14)

5. And our Lord Jesus' half-brother said..."With our tongues we bless God our Father; with the same tongues we curse the very men and women he made in his image [VIA SOCIAL MEDIA]. Curses and blessings out of the same mouth! My friends, this can't go on. A spring doesn't gush fresh water one day [OR POST] and brackish the next, does it?" (James 3.9-11)

And so ... Let us re-dedicate our tongues and typing fingers to the Lord, my brothers and sisters. May we do that by re-dedicating our heart to him in repentance and profession of faith. Daily. And may we never forget that along with our God who knows even the motives unknown to us that help give rise to our thoughts, feelings, words, and ways, a world full of people, yet to believe, are also closely watching us and reading us, along with brothers and sisters of greatly varying degrees of strength, burden, understanding, and maturity.

Let us not stumble, and let us not unwittingly lead others to do the same, or worse. Rather, may we be an example of humility and godliness not only to fellow all believers, but to all who are yet to believe. Deliver us from evil, Lord. Grant us, by your grace, to rise to this occasion, reflecting your light, and by no means, or media, adding to this world's darkness. Amen.

Grace and PEACE, my fellow sheep.

Prayer List and 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

October 16

Bible Study:	209
Morning:	275
Evening:	201
Wednesday (10/19):	184
Contribution:	\$ 8,673
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ (9,143)



Birthdays

30 Emmie Eilenstein
31 Jeanetta Hardy
Ronald Horton
11/1 Ron Stokes
2 Ruth Raines
Jerry Young
Kerry Cole
Landon Sekulic
3 Ron Bowers
4 Lanae Gillespie
Daniel Wilson
Aaron Tovar
5 Hannah Stayton



**In Need
of Your
Prayers**

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Jim Reaves, Wanda Wilkinson
 - ◆ Terry Loveland is at Mercy Rehab Hospital off Evans Road, Room 120, 5904 S. Southwood, Springfield, 65804. He expects to be there for another week or 10 days.
 - ◆ Jon Davis is recovering from surgery for a broken leg
 - ◆ Donna Sanders will begin her Cyberknife treatments on the 27th with additional treatments on the 28th, 31st, 11/1, 2, 3
 - ◆ Ellie Swartz is dealing with kidney stone and other issues
 - ◆ Jacee Simons as she continues to recover from back surgery
 - ◆ June Jean is at Wilson's Creek Nursing Home, 3403 W. Mt. Vernon St., 65802 under hospice care. She would welcome short visits.
 - ◆ Marsha & Ron Bower are dealing with health issues
- Friends & Family**
- ◆ Justin Hatfield, Bill & Kay's son-in-law, will have serious surgery in Texas on November 1.
 - ◆ Kelly Snider as he continues his treatment for leukemia
 - ◆ Jerry & Carolyn Young's neighbor, Merlean Baty
 - ◆ Nadean Green's friend, Sandy Mayernik
 - ◆ Roger Thompson, husband of Nadean Green's cousin, has been diagnosed with liver cancer
 - ◆ Kerry Cole's Uncle Jim, who lives in Illinois, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
 - ◆ JJ's grandma, Bobbie Stafford, who continues to struggle after emergency hip replacement surgery following a fall



We extend our sympathy to the friends of Kay Adams, one of our members who has been in a nursing home for several years. She passed away last Sunday morning. Her sister is Pat Bauer, 4434 Hall Park, San Antonio, Texas 78218, for those who would like to send a card.



Laurie Atwood is feeling better and would like to thank all of you for your prayers and acts of kindness recently.

**Your help
is needed!**

The International Friends program at MSU is in need of families to host students. They have 35 students to place; 10 males and 25 females. If you would like to offer a small amount of your time to get to know these students, it would be very appreciated. Contact Michelle Hulett for more information.

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower
Eula Compton
Ola Jean Feeney
Doris Iorg
Doris Tobler

Nursing Homes

Doris Burch
Fern Davis
Ella Mae Findlay
Ann Freeze
Chloe Gaddis
June Jean
Jerry Gillespie
Thelma Pendergrass
Sandra Pengenot
Nancy Snider



Expectant Moms

Amanda Eilenstein/
November
Leah Prewitt/March/
GIRL

The Horton Family invite you to the 1st birthday party for Ronnie Horton next Sunday afternoon from 2—4 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

News and Activities



LADIES FALL RETREAT

October 28 beginning at 6 p.m. with dinner
29th beginning at 9 a.m. with breakfast
(here at the building)

Please bring dessert or snack!! Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk!!



You are invited to a baby shower

honoring Amanda and Adam Eilenstein THIS afternoon from 2-4 p.m. They are registered at Babies R Us.



Congratulations to Ann Thiesen and Clyde Barganier on their recent engagement. They will be married in a private ceremony on October 31.

They invite you to join them at their wedding reception on Sunday, November 6 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Omission of gifts is requested.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Jill Morrison will be leading the class and her topic is "It Was Good for Paul and Silas, And That's Encouraging to Me."

November

- ◆ 5 - Men's Breakfast
- ◆ 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- ◆ 11-13 - Harding Football Weekend
- ◆ 13 - Alissa Buckner Wedding Shower

February 2017

- ◆ 24-25 - Married Couples Retreat



Next Sunday immediately after AM services. Team 1 is responsible for working that day: Blackburn, Holden, Kraus, Milligan, Tindall, Young Families, Gerri Dickens, Leah Freeze



Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Scott Barton	417-234-2679
Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Jon Ewing	417-569-8698
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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Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney	304-520-9800
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Deacons

Tim Buckner	Aaron Morrison
Tom Davis	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	James Simons
Matt Keener	John Stayton
Russell Lilly	Mike Thurlkill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

Area Events

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Forsyth Church of Christ with Earl Edwards / Oct. 23-26
Sparta Church of Christ with Walter Buchanan / Oct. 23-26
Highlandville Church of Christ with B.J. Clarke, Chase Green, Colton Wilson, Aaron Ownbey / Oct. 30—Nov. 3
(See flyers on the bulletin board)

If you are unable to attend services, don't forget that all of our services are "Live Streamed." Go to info@watermillchurchofchrist.org and click on "Live Video."

Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday. All contributions that day will go towards our building. The Elders ask that you consider increasing your contribution next Sunday to help us stay on budget. As you can see, our contributions are over \$9,000 below our budget for this year. Thank you for your always generous hearts.

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Byrle/Virginia Hayter*
 Van Driver: *Todd Kraus/207-7877*
 Nursery: *Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum*

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Travis Morrison*
 Opening Prayer: *Brock Snitker*
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
 Closing Prayer: *Brian Carroll*
 Communion: *Todd/Trevor Kraus*
 Nursery: *Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton*

NEXT WEEK (October 30)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Jon Davis</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Russell Lilly</i>	<i>David Grimm</i>
Communion:	<i>Tim Bowling</i>	<i>Todd/Trevor Kraus</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>James Simons</i>	<i>JJ Blevins</i>
Greeters:	<i>Bob & Ellie Swartz</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Allison Bean/615-981-1320</i>	
Nursery:	<i>Lora Luna/Jill Morrison</i>	
Wednesday, October 26		
Devotional:	<i>JJ Blevins</i>	
Song Leader:	<i>Byron Nichols</i>	
Prayer:	<i>Tim Stockstill</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Jason Luna/838-7152</i>	



Bible Classes (7th Grade thru Adult)

Sunday AM

Adult	Nuts & Bolts of Christian Living & Contemporary Culture	Fellowship Rm	David Grimm
Adult	This is Our God	Room 126	Bill McFarland
Adult	Philippians	Auditorium	Byron Nichols
Adult	The Portrait of God	Room 129	Jon Ewing
Adult	Chronological Study of the Bible	Room 130	Paul Lines
College	Scorched and Choked	Room 119	Patrick Springer

*We need
 YOU in
 BIBLE
 CLASS
 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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