



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 30, 2016

## **Order of Worship**

*Song Leader*  
Kerry Cole

*Reading: Philippians*  
3:20-4:1,4-7

#756 (1,2,3)  
#40 (1,2,3)

*Opening Prayer*  
Russell Lilly

#669  
#312 (1,2,3)

*The Lord's Supper*  
Tim Bowling

*Our Contribution*  
Tim Bowling

#658 (1,2,3)

*Lesson*  
Bill McFarland

#125 (1,2)

*Announcements*  
Scott Barton

#242 (1,3)

*Closing Prayer*  
James Simons

## **Serve Communion**

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

## **BLESSING AMERICA**

The Proverbs emphasize a truth which is well worth our consideration as we celebrate our national heritage this weekend. It is that “the righteous and the wicked each have their effect on public life” (The New Bible Commentary, p. 560). It means that the destiny of a nation depends on its having enough citizens of upright character to set a tone of honor within the society.

The principle is captured in this saying: “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Prov. 14:34). Any land is ennobled by the presence of men and women who respect the righteous way of God. But, when ungodliness is the rule, no people can avoid the degrading, corrupting impact it will have over time.

The same truth is expressed in another proverb: “By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown” (Prov. 11:11). The knowledge, the decency, and the responsible effort of the righteous are a positive influence on the entire community. But, dishonest claims, deceitful counsel, and sowing of discord on the part of the wicked are destructive and will “set a city aflame” (Prov. 29:8). The kind of character which exists among the citizens will be decisive for the whole community.

That is why the active presence of the Lord's people in the world is crucial. Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened” (Matt. 13:33). We can, and must, have an impact.

If we will maintain distinctly Christian convictions in our daily lives, we will be a purifying and preserving influence in this country. The Lord said, “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet” (Matt. 5:13).

-Bill McFarland

# 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 23

Bible Study:	228
Morning:	344
Evening:	153
Wednesday (10/26):	195
Contribution:	\$ 8,376
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ (10,792)

## Birthdays

8 Matthew Dixon  
9 Tecumseh Ussery  
10 Cindy Hannah  
Kasey Sekulic  
11 Betty Holden  
Linda Currier  
Debbie Kern  
Debbi Ratterree  
12 Judy Johnson



**In Need of Your Prayers**

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly
  - ◆ Terry Loveland is at Mercy Rehab Hospital off Evans Road, Room 120, 5904 S. Southwood, Springfield, 65804.
  - ◆ Jon Davis is recovering from surgery for a broken leg
  - ◆ Donna Sanders will continue her Cyberknife treatments on the 31st, 11/1, 2, 3
  - ◆ Jacee Simons as she recovers from back surgery
  - ◆ Marsha & Ron Bower are dealing with health issues
  - ◆ Jerry Gillespie has been moved to the Missouri Veterans Home, 1600 S Hickory St, Mt Vernon, MO 65712.
  - ◆ Mary Bratcher has been in and out of the hospital this past week.
  - ◆ Ellie Swartz will have knee replacement on the 28th
- Friends & Family**
- ◆ Justin Hatfield, Bill & Kay's son-in-law, will have serious surgery in Texas on Tuesday. Keep Bill & Kay in your prayers as well as they travel to Texas tomorrow
  - ◆ Kelly Snider as he continues his treatment for leukemia
  - ◆ Shirlane Horton's dad, Jim Long, as he continues to deal with serious health issues
  - ◆ 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, has been improving but will put a heart catheter in on Monday



THE LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ELDERS FOR HONORING THEM WITH A DELIGHTFUL BREAKFAST LAST SATURDAY. IT WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND ENJOYED BY ALL.



## 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 THIS afternoon from 2—4 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.**

## November Anniversaries

1 Fred/Amy Winters 19 yrs.  
2 John/Teresa Mahon 42 yrs.  
3 Denzil/Ruth Raines 55 yrs.  
6 Larry/Jo Baggett 40 yrs.  
16 Aubrey/Anita Cobb 48 yrs.  
24 Verl/Karen Duncan 55 yrs.  
26 Lance/Teresa Griter 22 yrs.  
27 Randy/Orvella Blackburn 12 yrs.  
Happy Anniversary!!

**Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.**

# News and Activities



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



**TOMORROW NIGHT AT 5:00 P.M. AT FAIR HAVEN. ALL ARE INVITED TO COME ENJOY THE FUN. FLYERS ON THE INFORMATION DESK.**

BE KIND  
be thoughtful  
be genuine  
but most of all  
BE THANKFUL

**TODAY is the 5th Sunday.** All contributions will go towards our building. Each month we pay an additional \$2,000 towards principal on our mortgage which is built into our yearly budget. The Elders have asked that you consider increasing your contribution today 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.

**THE MEN'S BREAKFAST WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 5 HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



**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

- ◆ **Quilters** will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- ◆ **Ladies Bible Class** will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Linda Currier will be leading the class and her topic is "Makes Me Love Everybody (And That's the Greatest Part of All!)"
- ◆ **Devo at Woodland Manor Nursing Home** Saturday at 10 a.m.
- ◆ **Youth Harding Football Weekend** 11-13
- ◆ **Elders meet the 8th at 5 p.m.**



Everyone is invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Alissa Buckner and Kaleb McLarty November 13 from 2:30—4 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. They will be married on December 29 in Searcy. They are registered at Walmart and Amazon.com.

## 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 MEETING

Highlandville Church of Christ with B.J. Clarke, Chase Green, Colton Wilson, Aaron Ownbey / Oct. 30—Nov. 3 (See flyer on the bulletin board)

**Married Couples Retreat  
February 24-25, 2017**

# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Bob & Ellie Swartz*  
 Van Driver: *Allison Bean/615-981-1320*  
 Nursery: *Lora Luna/Jill Morrison*

## THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Travis Morrison*  
 Opening Prayer: *David Grimm*  
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*  
 Closing Prayer: *JJ Blevins*  
 Communion: *Todd/Trevor Kraus*  
 Nursery: *Lora Luna/Jill Morrison*

## NEXT WEEK (November 6)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Travis Morrison</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>David Grimm</i>	<i>Scott Nichols</i>
Communion:	<i>David Kern</i>	<i>G. Lund/J. Mahon</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Steve Prewitt</i>	<i>Ron Stokes</i>
Greeters:	<i>Gene &amp; Ruth Lund</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Brock Snitker/405-694-9774</i>	
Nursery:	<i>Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan</i>	

### Wednesday, November 2

Devotional: *Jerry Young*  
 Song Leader: *Adam Blaney*  
 Prayer: *Patrick Springer*  
 Van Driver: *Travis Morrison/343-7451*



## 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 Study ....9:00 AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM  
 Sunday Evening Worship.... .....5:00 PM  
 Wednesday Night Bible Class....7:00 PM



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