



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 6, 2016

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#717
#800

Opening Prayer
David Grimm

#190
#752

The Lord's Supper
David Kern

Our Contribution
David Kern

#298
#209

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#779

Announcements
Barney Crawford

#585

Closing Prayer
Steve Prewitt

Serve Communion

Tom Davis
John Dutton
Trenton Essex
Barry Hannah
Mike Ussery
William Downing
Tom Easterly
Don Gaunt
Byrle Hayter
Tucker Jobs

"After He Had Served the Purpose of God in His Own Generation"

It's a thought-provoking line, isn't it? It comes from the first of Paul's speeches in Acts. It was in the synagogue at Antioch of Pisidia, and he was demonstrating by the scriptures that God has fulfilled what he promised to the fathers by the resurrection of Jesus. Having noted their hope in "the holy and sure blessings of David," the apostle observed, "For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption" (Acts 13:36, 37).

Consider the implications of this awe-inspiring thought. Each of us lives in our own generation. It will pass. As all generations have, my own generation will fall asleep and be laid with its fathers. Yours will, too, whether you ever take the time to contemplate what this fact must tell us about the meaning of our lives, or not.

God will still be God. He is the God of a thousand generations. His character is the measure of each of them. He continues to work his purposes in all of them. His power and wisdom are far superior to any of them. Without this fact, wouldn't any generation simply be destined for corruption?

But something wonderful is possible. A person can "serve the purpose of God in his own generation" and "fall asleep." He can be quite a blessing to his own generation by doing the will of God within it (see the KJV of verse 36). By serving the counsel of God in his own generation, he may not only impact succeeding generations for good, but also be at peace with the passing of his own (note the ASV rendering of our verse).

What changes everything is that God raised up his Son. He did not see corruption. He is the interruption of what has been the inevitable end of every generation. He is "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor. 15:20). Through him, we will awake to life.

It is more meaningful than ever that we serve the purpose of God in our own generation. We must do his will, follow his counsel. Where we are. While we live. In whatever ways we can. Until we fall asleep.

—Bill McFarland

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

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.



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.
 - ◆ Donna Sanders has completed her Cyberknife treatments
 - ◆ Jacee Simons as she recovers from back surgery
 - ◆ Jerry Gillespie has been moved to the Missouri Veterans Home, 1600 S Hickory St, Mt Vernon, MO 65712.
 - ◆ Ellie Swartz will have knee replacement on the 28th
- Friends & Family**
- ◆ Justin Hatfield, Bill & Kay's son-in-law, is recovering from thyroid surgery
 - ◆ 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
 - ◆ 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, as she recovers from a broken hip

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower
Eula Compton
Ola Jean Feeny
Doris Iorg
Doris Tobler

Nursing Homes

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



Expectant Moms

Amanda Eilenstein/
November
Leah Prewitt/March/
GIRL

For The Record

October 30

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| Bible Study: | 202 |
| Morning: | 338 |
| Evening: | 187 |
| Wednesday (11/2): | 202 |
| Contribution: | \$ 23,541 |
| Weekly Budget: | \$10,025 |
| Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget: | \$ 2,724 |

Dustin Littlewood, 6th grader from the Brookline congregation and one of our Green Valley Bible Campers, passed away suddenly earlier this week. Please be praying fervently for the Littlewood family, for the congregation and for the Brookline Youth Group.



THANK YOU

Ladies Retreat

Thank you so much to the Ladies Retreat Committee

(Leah Prewitt, Lisa Stayton, Coyeatte Ewing, Gerri Dickens, Jill Morrison and Lora Luna) for all their work in providing a wonderful weekend of fun, food, and fellowship and helping us to understand the importance of being "the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

If you can provide food for the Eilenstein Family after the baby arrives, please sign the sheet at the Information Desk.



Birthdays

13 Tyson Pasco
14 Reid Hollingsworth
15 Carol Tovar
Richmond Griter
Zeven Thayer-Louden
16 Ann Fahr
17 Suzanne Dabbs
Kay McFarland
18 Van Barnes
19 Doris Burch
Carol Jackson



Thanks to everyone for all the birthday cards and well wishes on my birthday. Jerry Young

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."

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23

News and Activities



Congratulations to Ann Thiesen and Clyde Barganier who were married on October 31.

They invite you to join them at their wedding reception this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Omission of gifts is requested.



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

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| 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

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| Bill McFarland | 417-833-0110 |
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Youth/Associate Minister

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| Adam Blaney | 304-520-9800 |
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Deacons

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

Staff

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| Johnnie Elliff | Secretary |
| Tim Bowling | Custodian |

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Ladies Bible Class** will meet **Thursday at 10:30 a.m.** **Ruth Essex** will be leading the class and her topic is **“It will Do Me When I’m dying (But Will I do it When I’m Living?)”**
- ◆ **Elders meet Tuesday at 5 p.m.**
- ◆ **Youth Harding Football Weekend 11-13**
- ◆ **13 - Youth Night at Sunset**
- ◆ **24 - Thanksgiving Day February 2017**
- ◆ **24-25 - Married Couples Retreat**



Autumn Wuench’s school is collecting used pairs of shoes for The Shoeman Water Project. The gist is we donate used pairs of shoes which are bartered/sold in third world countries and the receipts are used to go back into those communities for water purification projects. Once again they can be used pairs, as long as they are in good enough shape that they can be used again. Any sizes from children to adults are welcome. **The shoes have to be to the school by 11-11-16, so last call for shoes would be on Wed. 11-09-16.**



Book Club Meeting

- **Monday, 11/14 at 6:30 at the Curriers**
- **Light supper before discussing**
- The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis**
- A Pretty Good Person by Lewis B. Smedes**
- The Strategies of Satan by Warren W. Wiersbe**



Team Bible Trivia

If you’re interested in hanging out for an hour or so, eating and playing a friendly game of **Team Bible Trivia**, Sunday night is the Night! Bring your families and have some fun. Details:

- **This Sunday night, right after services.**
- Food will be provided.
- Sign up Sunday morning so we know how many to expect. - Kids are welcome.

We received a letter from Pleasant View School inviting Veterans and their families to a Veteran’s Day Assembly at 8:15 a.m. on **FRIDAY**. Veterans will have special seating at the front of the gym. If you are interested in attending, please see letter on Information Desk for more information.



SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Gene & Ruth Lund*
 Van Driver: *Team Hulett/889-5344*
 Nursery: *Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan*

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Travis Morrison*
 Opening Prayer: *Scott Nichols*
 Lesson: *Prayer Service*
 Closing Prayer: *Ron Stokes*
 Communion: *G. Lund/J. Mahon*
 Nursery: *Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin*

NEXT WEEK (November 13)

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| | <i>AM</i> | <i>PM</i> |
| Song Leader: | <i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i> | <i>Travis Morrison</i> |
| Opening Prayer: | <i>Randy Blackburn</i> | <i>Brock Snitker</i> |
| Communion: | <i>Todd Kraus</i> | <i>G. Lund/J. Mahon</i> |
| Closing Prayer: | <i>Tim Bowling</i> | <i>J. Pendergraph</i> |
| Greeters: | <i>John & Lisa Stayton</i> | |
| Van Driver: | <i>Tom Easterly/736-2393</i> | |
| Nursery: | <i>Wanita Duncan/Emily Simons</i> | |

Wednesday, November 9

Devotional: *Adam Blaney*
 Song Leader: *Adam Blaney*
 Prayer: *Jackie Buck*
 Van Driver: *Tim Stockstill/849-7678*



Bible Classes (7th Grade thru Adult)

Sunday AM

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

Happy Veterans Day!

"Thank You"

...to our Veterans for their Service to our Country.

