



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 20, 2016

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Adam Blaney

#982
#287

"Highest Place"

Opening Prayer
Byron Nichols

#430 (1,2,4)
#916

The Lord's Supper
Paul Lines

Our Contribution
Paul Lines

"Greatest Command"

Lesson
Steve Tandy

"Jesus is Lord"

Announcements
Barney Crawford

#225

Closing Prayer
Brian Carroll

Serve Communion

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

The Power Of A Thankful Heart

Some form of the word "thanks" appears almost 140 times in the English Bible. Obviously, God's people are to be known for their thankful hearts.

Have you ever thought about why it is so necessary that we give thanks to God? It's certainly not because God needs it! The scriptures teach that we need to give thanks because of what gratitude will do for our own lives.

Gratitude will give us the desire to serve God. Those who genuinely appreciate what the Lord has done for them gladly obey his will. The apostle Paul, for example, was so thankful for the Lord's grace and mercy that he was willing to do anything for the Lord's cause (1 Tim. 1:12). Thankfulness destroys indifference.

Gratitude will give us peace of mind. Someone said, "It is not the happy people who are thankful. It is the thankful people who are happy." Thanksgiving helps us to fix our eyes on the brighter side and erase the anxiety which stands in the way of peace (Phil. 4:6,7). The peace of God can rule in hearts which are thankful (Col. 3:15).

Gratitude will contribute to spiritual strength. It is not easy to face the temptations and trials which come our way in this life. The inner strength required to be patient and longsuffering is inevitably linked to the giving of thanks (Col. 1:11, 12). People who are strong in the faith will be found "abounding in thanksgiving" (Col. 2:6,7).

Gratitude will increase harmony among brothers. Thankful people are not as likely to struggle with envy and hurt feelings. Those who are "giving thanks always for all things" have no trouble submitting themselves to one another (Eph. 5:20,21). A grateful spirit opens the heart to others.

Gratitude will keep us from the path of sin. For example, the first chapter of Romans shows how people sink through uncleanness to vileness and finally reach the level of a reprobate. Paul says that this tragic process begins when people are unthankful (Rom. 1:21). A thankful heart can prevent this sad fall.

No wonder the scriptures so often call for the giving of thanks! A sincere spirit of gratitude is a giant step toward a better life.

- 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

November 13

Bible Study:	233
Morning:	307
Evening:	159
Wednesday (11/16):	212
Contribution:	\$10,617
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ 695

Happy Birthdays

Birthdays

28 Adam Eilenstein
29 Wayne Harmon
Johnnie Elliff
Jerry Stockdale
30 Amanda Eilenstein
Travis Morrison
12/1 Sheryl Low
12/3 Ashlyn Wuench



In Need of Your Prayers

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Donna Sanders
- ◆ Terry Loveland is now at the home of James & Mary Kellett, 50835 S. Burrows, 65810.
- ◆ Jerry Gillespie is at the Missouri Veterans Home, 1600 S Hickory St, Mt Vernon, MO 65712.
- ◆ Ellie Swartz will have knee replacement on the 28th
- ◆ Bill McFarland is recovering from cataract surgery
- ◆ Sherry Sherman has been in and out of the hospital this past week
- Friends & Family**
- ◆ Connie Fortner's mother, Mary Todd, is in the last days of her journey.
- ◆ Gaitha's brother-in-law, Darrin (George's brother), had a heart attack on Monday and had to have 3 stents
- ◆ Kelly Snider has completed his scheduled chemo treatments in Springfield; he is tentatively scheduled to go to Barnes in St. Louis after the first of the year for bone marrow transplant
- ◆ Roger Thompson, husband of Nadean Green's cousin, has been diagnosed with liver cancer
- ◆ Kerry Cole's Uncle Jim has lung cancer.
- ◆ JJ's grandma, Bobbie Stafford, as she recovers from a broken hip



Dear Watermill family,
Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, texts, and prayers during my surgery and recovery. Also, thank you for the sunshine basket. It all really meant a lot to me. **Jacee Simons**

Thanks so much for attending the recent reception honoring our marriage. The kind and encouraging remarks by members at Watermill are truly appreciated. We pray for the Lord's blessings as we all continue serving Him through serving others. Love and blessings, **Clyde and Ann Thiesen Barganier**



We will have a combined devotional period on Wednesday evening, November 23. If you are in town, we encourage you to spend this special evening with us.

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 Pengenot
Nancy Snider



Expectant Moms

Amanda Eilenstein/
November 28
Leah Prewitt/March/
GIRL



Thrift Haven,

Fair Haven's thrift store, is always in need of volunteers. Even if you can only volunteer for a small amount of time, it really helps. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Brian York at Fair Haven 417-862-6675.

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."

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

News and Activities

TODAY Steve Tandy from the Know Your Bible program, hosted by the Northside Church of Christ in Wichita, will be here to discuss the program and our continued involvement. All of the Adult Bible Classes will meet in the auditorium for Bible class at 9 a.m. Steve will then bring our lesson during our AM worship service. Immediately after service, there will be a luncheon for all those who are presently involved with KYB or those who are interested in learning more about this program.



*A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.
(Prov. 17:17)*

Steven Ashcraft (and Karen) will be here this evening to report on his work in West Africa. We hope you will be present to see the great work Steven and his team are doing.

“Hope for Amy’s Healing”

We received a letter from Chris Harper, minister with the Black Water Church of Christ. He spoke during our summer series last year and also works with Bill every year at Green Valley. He wanted to let us know about a fundraiser that has been established to help with ongoing medical expenses for his daughter-in-law, Amy Harper, who was diagnosed with bone cancer earlier this year. Due to the aggressive type of cancer, she will undergo chemo thru March 2017. Donations can be mailed to “Hope for Amy’s Healing”, c/o April Kearns, P.O. Box 365, Baxter, Iowa 50028. (See full letter on the bulletin board.)

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

“SUCH AS I HAVE GIVE I THEE”

By Dennis R. Smith

These are the words of Peter in Acts 3:6 as he conversed with the lame man who daily laid at the gate of the temple. He had been lame from birth and was now over forty years old (Acts 4:22). As Peter and John passed by, this lame man asked an alms from them. What a reply was made by Peter! *“Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.”* This the man did! Think about those startling words *“such as I have.”* This leads us to understand that what we have may vary from one person to another but the principle is the same. You may have more physical holdings than someone else and the tables here could be reversed, but surely we all have something that we can give to the Master. The scriptures teach us to *“give as we have been prospered”* (1st Cor. 16:2) and that our giving must be *“according as purposed”* (2nd Cor. 9:7). In reading these verses we normally relate them to the actual giving of money. However, there is much more that we can give to the Lord in addition to whatever we may have to give in dollars and cents. There are such things as always *“giving our best to the master”* as well as *“giving ourselves”* in response to the Lord’s invitation (Matt. 11:28-30). Then there is the *“time and talent”* element (Eph. 5:16; Matt. 25) which we offer to our Lord in doing good (Gal. 6:10). Whatever we have to give to the Lord will be returned to us in the commodity of his *“GRACE”* (2nd Cor. 9:8). No other investment will pay such *“AMAZING Dividends.”*

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Jerry & Carolyn Young*
 Van Driver: *Brock Snitker/405-694-9774*
 Nursery: *Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker*

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Travis Morrison*
 Opening Prayer: *Russell Lilly*
 Lesson: *Steven Ashcraft*
 Closing Prayer: *Brent Looney*
 Communion: *G. Lund/J. Mahon*
 Nursery: *Virginia Buck/Teresa Mahon*

NEXT WEEK (November 27)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Travis Morrison</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Andy McFarland</i>	<i>John Stayton</i>
Communion:	<i>Jason Luna</i>	<i>G. Lund/J. Mahon</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Aaron Morrison</i>	<i>Jon Davis</i>
Greeters:	<i>Luis & Carol Tovar</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Jon Davis/864-9872</i>	
Nursery:	<i>Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum</i>	
Wednesday, November 23		
Devotional:	<i>Jason Luna</i>	
Song Leader:	<i>Adam Blaney</i>	
Prayer:	<i>Eddie Currier</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	Job	Room 126	Barney Crawford
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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