



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 4, 2016

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#984
#352
#730

Opening Prayer
Todd Kraus

#645

The Lord's Supper
Gene Lund

Our Contribution
Gene Lund

#274
#836

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#438

Announcements
Jon Ewing

#860

Closing Prayer
Scott Nichols

Serve Communion

Matt Keener
Trevor Kraus
Jerry Milligan
Colton Orum
James Simons
David Kern
Gabe Mahon
Byron Nichols
Aaron Schwartz
Brock Snitker

This Month at Water Mill

December is several things. It's when plans are made, but also when time for what was planned runs out. It's both the joy of a holiday time and the melancholy of a passing year. It's a break from the routine with a busy schedule. It's peace and stress, giving and wanting, belonging and loneliness. But December is something else, too: it is opportunity to understand our faith, and to speak of it at a time when aspects of it have the imagination of our friends.

So let's do something great together this month at Water Mill. Let's look a bit more carefully into what the Lord's having become a sharer in flesh and blood means in the great purpose of God. Let's appreciate how his having been born in the likeness of men—how what he did by becoming flesh and dwelling among us—so powerfully impacts our entire way of thinking and living that it sustains us all the way through whatever life brings.

Here's how we can approach it in a way that will allow us to focus and follow a line of thought. We will use the great Letter to the Hebrews—the word of encouragement, its writer calls it. We already love it for that reason, and because of its references to other scriptural practices and characters, and because of its spotlight on the superiority of Jesus, the Son, the Christ, our Lord.

But it's the other ways the epistle refers to him that are so intriguing and instructive. The writer uses the phrases of Jesus almost in passing. We might call them the “this is who Christ is to his people” words, or the “this is what he means to us” pictures, or “this is why he is worth it” terms. Here are some of them: the founder of our salvation, the apostle and high priest of our confession, the source of eternal salvation, a forerunner on our behalf, the guarantor and mediator of the new covenant, the founder and perfecter of our faith, and the great shepherd of the sheep.

This month in our meetings, Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings, we'll take these one at a time and consider their lessons to us. We'll be the richer for it. Each picture is loaded with meaning to both challenge and encourage. We hope you can be with us.

—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.

For The Record

November 27

Bible Study:	233
Morning:	305
Evening:	164
Wednesday (11/30):	182
Contribution:	\$ 9,024
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(2,056)



December Anniversaries

- 6 JJ/Ashley Blevins 8 yrs.
- 7 Jackie/Virginia Buck 58 yrs.
- 10 Jim/Ruth Reaves 51 yrs.
- 17 Eric/Wanita Duncan 22 yrs.
- 20 Andy/Kirsten McFarland 8 yrs.
- 22 Tom/Jammie Davis 22 yrs.
- 28 Eddie/Donna Sanders 59 yrs.
- 30 Barney/Debbie Crawford 44 yrs.
- 31 Eddie/Linda Currier 45 yrs.

Happy Anniversary!!



In Need of Your Prayers

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Donna Sanders, Terry Loveland
 - ◆ Ellie Swartz is recovering from knee replacement surgery
 - ◆ Also, Bob Swartz will be having tests regarding balance issues AND Jennifer Franklin fell Friday morning and broke her ankle
 - ◆ Barbara Barnes is in Kansas University Hospital in Kansas City, KS after surgery to repair a broken ankle and skin graft surgery
- Friends & Family**
- ◆ Sheryl Low's granddaughter, Cassidy, will have her 12th knee surgery in Columbia Friday, the 9th
 - ◆ Lance Griter's father, Robert Griter, as he struggles with health issues; has been in hospital/rehab for 7 weeks with no progress; also his wife Janice as she cares for him
 - ◆ Kelly Snider 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

Baptism

We rejoice with Jenifer Sturdivan on her decision to put on Christ in baptism recently. Her address is 1983 S. Farm Road 123, Springfield, 65807.



We extend our sympathy to Pat Blackburn in the loss of her cousin (who was like a brother), Tom Long, recently.

Your help is needed!

If you can help provide

food for Bob and Ellie Swartz, please sign up at the information desk. Jennifer was planning to help with their care after Ellie's surgery, but she fell Friday and broke her ankle. So, your help would be much appreciated.



Thanks to all for the pretty cards and the well wishes. You helped make my birthday very special. May God bless you all. Love the cookies.
Betty Holden

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 Mom

Leah Prewitt/March/ GIRL

Birthdays

- 4 Marsha Bower
- Gavin Payne
- 5 Joshua Dixon
- 6 Nancy Johnson
- Adam Barton
- 7 Thelma Pendergrass
- 8 Starr Fortner
- 9 Alyssa Snitker
- 10 Eliza Blaney
- 11 Dennis Smith
- Pat Harris
- 12 Wanda Wilkinson
- Charlyn Lines
- Logan Winters
- 13 Seth Sekulic
- 15 June Jean
- Nichole Stockdale

Happy Birthday

See Christmas card on the bulletin board from Marilyn Lanpher.

News and Activities

Bible & Christianity Basics

Beginning January 5, 2017

Time: 7 - 8 p.m./taught by David Grimm

Course: This course is designed to provide basic Bible instruction and fundamental teachings in regards to the Lord's church. The class will include a survey of the Old Testament, New Testament, and the function of the church. A time will be set aside during each class meeting for questions and discussion. For more information contact David Grimm at 417-509-2515 or dgrimm9831@gmail.com.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The new book is entitled "You're Not the Only One: How to Handle Emotional Overload." Ann Thiesen will be teaching the class this week titled "The Green Eyed Monster—Jealousy."

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Elders meet the 13th at 5 p.m.
- ◆ Youth Hiking Trip the 17th
- ◆ Youth Christmas Party 18th after PM services
- ◆ Y.O.U Youth Rally January 13-15 in Conway, AR
- ◆ Married Couples Retreat February 24-25

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

Together with our parents
Alissa Buckner and Kaleb
McLarty invite you to share in
our joy December 29th, 2016 at
7 p.m., Cone Chapel, Harding
University, Searcy, AR
Reception to follow
RSVP:
mclartyparty16@gmail.com

**YAY!
IT'S A
GIRL!**

Congratulations to Adam and
Amanda Eilenstein on the safe arrival
of Callie Ivy who arrived Monday
morning. All are doing well!

Ministry Opportunity for Shut-ins!!!

You likely noticed a new table out in the foyer today as you walked in. I'm excited to let you know that it is there to give **YOU** a great opportunity to do, as Paul might call it, "the work of ministry" (Eph. 4:12), and **BE A BLESSING** to some special people. This particular work focuses on those who are shut-in, in nursing homes, or are sick at home. Here's how it works:

On the table, there are cards with the names of some of these folks who need our love and support. On your way out today, **PICK ONE UP!** As a taker of a card, make a visit to that person. On the inside, write in the info about your visit, then return it to the basket where it will be recorded and placed back on the table for **SOMEONE ELSE** to do the same next week. There are some specific instructions on the table. This ministry is for **ANYONE** who might want to show some love and kindness to those who need it so much. Please consider taking part and making this little ministry a success.



SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Kevin & Connie Westerman*
 Van Driver: *AM: Luis Tovar/864-8409*
 Nursery: *Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan*

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *JJ Blevins*
 Opening Prayer: *Barry Hannah*
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
 Closing Prayer: *Bryan Hannah*
 Communion: *Randy Blackburn/Jackie Buck*
 Nursery: *Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin*

NEXT WEEK (December 11)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>JJ Blevins</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Brendan Carroll</i>	<i>John Hulett</i>
Communion:	<i>John Mahon</i>	<i>R. Blackburn/J. Buck</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Russell Lilly</i>	<i>Paul Lines</i>
Greeters:	<i>Gerri Dickens/Pat Harp</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Kevin Wuench/863-6134</i>	
Nursery:	<i>Wanita Duncan/Emily Simons</i>	
Wednesday, December 7		
Devotional:	<i>Tom Davis</i>	
Song Leader:	<i>Jon Davis</i>	
Prayer:	<i>John Dutton</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Tim Stockstill/849-7678</i>	



Bible Classes (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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