



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 11, 2016

## **Order of Worship**

**Song Leader**  
**Jon Ewing**

#215

**Opening Prayer**  
**Brendan Carroll**

#642

#732

#190

**“How Deep the Father’s  
Love”**

**The Lord’s Supper**  
**John Mahon**

**Our Contribution**  
**John Mahon**

**“In Christ Alone”**

**Lesson**  
**Bill McFarland**

#438 (1,2,3)

**Announcements**  
**Jon Ewing**

#722

**Closing Prayer**  
**Russell Lilly**

## **Serve Communion**

**Matt Keener**  
**Trevor Kraus**  
**Jerry Milligan**  
**Colton Orum**  
**James Simons**  
**David Kern**  
**Gabe Mahon**

**Jonathan Pendergraft**  
**Aaron Schwartz**  
**Brock Snitker**

## **Thursday**

The unexpected call comes, the unimaginable series of events unfolds, and the unspeakable sense of loss is left. That is the old process that began anew for us Thursday evening, and very personally. We are missing a sister so precious to us, and a family so dear to us is bearing the unbearable, and all of us are trying to be of some support to each other.

Through these few hours I have been making mental notes of realities in this process that have re-impressed me. May I share a few of them with you?

We take mornings and evenings for granted, but it really is true that we do not know what a day may bring forth. Bad things happen in the world. They happen in a moment. Life is uncertain in a way that has the capacity to leave us in shock.

This is the kind of thing from which the Lord wants so badly to rescue us. There is no glossing over reality with him. He considers death an enemy to be destroyed. He is engaged in a patient, costly, loving project to do so.

Not even the Lord can love us and make us capable of loving him and each other without our also being capable of experiencing the hurt of loss. Real love is vulnerable. But, it is worth whatever happens.

One life lived for the Lord certainly touches many other lives. Knowing how fleeting we are, we should express our love and respect to his servants who have blessed us while we have time.

The Lord’s people want—and need—to be together. For us to seek each other’s presence is like an instinct in life’s most meaningful moments. We care for one another. When one suffers, all of us suffer together.

Congregational life is so important. It is in the day to day, week after week, laboratory of life and work as a local church that people who are prepared for realities like these are built. There is no partnership like it.

—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

December 4

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Bible Study:                          | 201       |
| Morning:                              | 325       |
| Evening:                              | 195       |
| Wednesday (12/7):                     | 183       |
| Contribution:                         | \$ 7,427  |
| Weekly Budget:                        | \$10,025  |
| Year-to-Date Above<br>(Below) Budget: | \$(4,654) |



## 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 has a broken ankle
- ◆ Barbara Barnes remains in Kansas University Hospital in Kansas City, KS after surgery to repair a broken ankle and skin graft surgery

## Friends & Family

- ◆ Leon Wake has been in and out of the hospital this past week as he deals with his ongoing serious medical problems.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Friends of the Lilly family, Doug & Debbie Reynolds, who lost a second son this past week to cancer; their address is 320 East Park Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203, if you would like to send cards.

## 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 Mom  
Leah Prewitt/March/  
GIRL



We are all saddened and broken hearted by the sudden loss of our dear friend and sister, JILL MORRISON, who passed away after a car accident Thursday afternoon. We express our deepest sympathy to Travis, Claudia, Elijah,

Clyde & Robbie Heavin, Ty Heavin and the many, many friends whose lives have been touched and forever changed by their friendship with Jill. The family is planning a memorial service, and we will pass along the details as soon as they are complete. Memorials can be made to Happy Hollow Bible Camp or Fair Haven.

We also extend our sympathy to Mary Bratcher in the loss of her sister, Virginia Madden, who passed away last Sunday.



## December Anniversaries

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!!**

Thank you!



My thanks to everybody for the beautiful cards, flowers and cookies for my birthday. I so appreciate everything everybody does for us.  
**Marsha Bower**



We have been emptying our food pantry as fast as Jason can fill it. We are accepting monetary donations on a continuing basis. Your donation can be given to Johnnie or Jason Luna. We sincerely appreciate your continued support of this work.

# News and Activities

**Bible classes from 5<sup>th</sup> grade up will meet in the auditorium TODAY for a period of prayer and singing. All other classes up thru (and including) 4<sup>th</sup> grade will meet as usual.**

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

## 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. Ann Thiesen will give a report on her Africa trip and then we will assemble treats for the shut-ins. Be sure to bring your favorite Christmas treats to share with others.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Elders meet Tuesday 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

## Birthdays

18 Anna Luna  
19 Aubrey Cobb  
Erica Ewing  
Jedonna Griter  
20 Shirlane Horton  
23 Gabby Gellen  
24 Linda Tracy  
Greg Donoho



## 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 |
|----------------|--------------|

### Youth/Associate Minister

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Adam Blaney | 304-520-9800 |
|-------------|--------------|

### 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 |

## 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: *Geri Dickens/Pat Harp*  
 Van Driver: *Kevin Wuench/863-6134*  
 Nursery: *Wanita Duncan/Emily Simons*

## THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *JJ Blevins*  
 Opening Prayer: *John Hulett*  
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*  
 Closing Prayer: *Paul Lines*  
 Communion: *Randy Blackburn/Jackie Buck*  
 Nursery: *Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic*

## NEXT WEEK (December 18)

|                               |  |                             |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
|                               | <i>AM</i>                                | <i>PM</i>                   |
| Song Leader:                  | <i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>              | <i>JJ Blevins</i>           |
| Opening Prayer:               | <i>Jason Luna</i>                        | <i>Ron Stokes</i>           |
| Communion:                    | <i>Andy McFarland</i>                    | <i>R. Blackburn/J. Buck</i> |
| Closing Prayer:               | <i>Devin Carroll</i>                     | <i>David Grimm</i>          |
| Greeters:                     | <i>Brendan &amp; Jenny Carroll</i>       |                             |
| Van Driver:                   | <i>AM: James Simons/ PM: Tucker Jobs</i> |                             |
| Nursery:                      | <i>Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker</i>  |                             |
| <b>Wednesday, December 14</b> |  |                             |
| Devotional:                   | <i>John Dutton</i>                       |                             |
| Song Leader:                  | <i>Jon Davis</i>                         |                             |
| Prayer:                       | <i>Adam Blaney</i>                       |                             |
| Van Driver:                   | <i>Charles Crum/840-2632</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 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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