

Weekly Newsletter

January 22, 2017

Order of Worship

Song Leader Jon Ewing

> # 500 # 638

Opening Prayer Paul Lines

519 # 495

The Lord's Supper James Simons

Our Contribution
James Simons

682 "How Deep The Father's Love"

Lesson
Bill McFarland

237

Announcements
Eddie Sanders

417

Closing Prayer
Brian Carroll

Serve Communion
Kaven Mahon
Jerry Stockdale
Kevin Westerman
Randy Blackburn
Jonathan Pendergraph
John Stayton
Luis Tovar
Patrick Springer
David Grimm
J.J. Blevins

The Ruler of the Kings on Earth

Thursday I read the first chapter of Revelation, the scripture in our reading schedule for the day. Friday I watched as another man took the oath of office entering into a term as President of our country. It occurs to me how important it is that I see the latter in light of the former.

That chapter was written to churches of the Lord scattered through a country and facing troubled circumstances. They were having to deal with all the challenges to faithful living that are encountered in the routines of life throughout a long journey. Their already difficult task, however, was being complicated by the pressures and threats of forces devoted to some other lord and his ways.

How are the people of God to be sustained in such a situation? As if to say that this is always our primary need, Revelation offers first a profound vision of the glorified Christ walking in the midst of his churches. This is how John describes his own response, and the Lord's to him:

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. – Rev. 1:17-18

As we read we are being reminded that the one who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood is also the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

I am so grateful to live in a country where civil power can be handed from one to another in a respectful and orderly manner guided by constitutional law. I always pray that whoever bears that responsibility may exercise it as the servant of God so that people may assume to the responsible exercise of freedom as servants of God. But I do so because I hold Christ in awe more than whoever that leader is, and because I expect Christ's hand to comfort me more than any government can, and because I realize my real enemies are those over whom no one but Christ can rule.

-Bill McFarland

Trayer List and Notes

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 vou 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 January 15

Bible Study:	222
Morning:	285
Evening:	201
Wednesday (1/18):	211
Contribution:	\$7,792
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ (559)



- ♦ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Donna Sanders, Terry Loveland, Barbara Barnes, Ed Murray
- ♦ Ellie Swartz is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- ♦ <u>Dennis'</u> surgery went well. He is recuperating at home.
- ♦ Randy Blackburn is recovering from hernia surgery.
- ♦ Nancy Snider is recovering from pneumonia but can now have visitors.
- ♦ Marlene Matthews is back to Specialty Select Hospital after having a track put in. Because of this Illene Birdsong will have to put off her knee replacement surgery.
- ♦ <u>Sherry Sherman</u> was admitted to the hospital Tuesday the 17th with a severe infection.
- ♦ Carl Tindall will have cataract surgery on his other eye Tuesday afternoon, January 24th.
- ♦ <u>Donna Sanders</u> will have a C. T. scan on January 30th.
- ♦ Jerry Young will have surgery on January 30th Friends & Family
- ♦ Debbie Ratterree's father is under hospice care. He would like cards—Ray Williamson, 6182 State Wyw. Z, Thornfield, MO 65762
- ♦ Kelly Snider's doctors say he is doing well & they plan a bone marrow transplant at Barnes in St. Louis in March
- ♦ Justin Hatfield is recovering from surgery to remove the remaining thyroid
- ♦ Bill's mom, Pauline Redmon, is in a rehab facility in Mountain Home dealing with serious health issues
- ♦ Tim Timmons' new baby great grandson, <u>Kaydon</u> Alexander, is showing some improvement.
- ◆ Sara Keener's mom, Kristie Deffenbaugh, is recovering

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 Mom Leah Prewitt/March/ GIRL

Birthdays

23 Jerry Milligan 25 Sherry Sherman Lora Luna 27 Gage Starr 28 Bill Culley 29 Illene Birdsong Tim Marsolf 31 Pat Culley

Ministry Opportunity for Shut-ins!!

Be sure to check the table in the foyer!!



To my dear, dear church family—a heartfelt and sincere thank you all for all your prayers, cards and good wishes. A special thank you to the days of the same of t and good wishes. A special thank you to the Aaron Morrison children for their get well card, pictures were so sweet. My love and blessings to you all—Christian love, Mary Jo Rookstool

Thanks to all of you for my beautiful cards—cookies were delicious—My love Bonnie Cole

Donna and I want to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, and cards while Donna was going through all her treatment. For the Christmas cards, anniversary cards, they meant so much to us. Donna will have a C.T. on Jan. 30. Please, help us pray the results will be great. With Love and Gratitude, Eddie & Donna Sanders

Carolyn and I thank you all for the anniversary cards and for the encouraging get-well cards. Thank you for your prayers and calls, and special thanks to you who visited us or sat with us at the hospital—Dennis

News and Activities

Valentine Baskets for Shut-ins

We will be gathering items for Valentines baskets for the shut ins until Sunday, February 5.. There is a box labeled shut-ins on the information desk where you can place your items. Homemade items, snacks, crossword puzzles, coloring books, and personal care items are just a few ideas. Please see Sara Keener for more information.

Bible & Christianity Basics Thursday evenings in room 126Time: 7 - 8 p.m./taught by David Grimm

Ladies Bitte Class

Ladies Bible Class will meet
Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The book is
entitled "You're Not the Only One:
 How to Handle Emotional
Overload." Jan Bowling will be
teaching the class this week titled
"Persistent Sadness." All ladies are
encouraged to attend.

There will be a soup and sandwich luncheon on January 29th after the morning service. Bring your favorite soups, chili,

sandwiches and, of course, desserts. Team 2 will be responsible for working that day: The Blaney, Buck, Carroll, Cobb, Crawford, Jon Davis, Low, Marsolf, Wilson families. Please let Travis Morrison know if you cannot be here. If you missed ordering the Fall Ladies Retreat "Salt and Light" 3/4 sleeve tshirts and would like one, please signup on the signup sheet at the information desk or contact Lora Luna by Sun. 1/29.

LTC PUPPETS AND

DRAMA will meet next Sunday after AM service all day; bring your lunch.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

A meal is being served each Wednesday evening from 5 to 6 p.m. for all who would like to come to the building and eat before service. JUST SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION DESK EACH WEEK IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.



We will have a Parents' Night
Out on Friday, February17 and
March 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. We
plan to have enough helpers to
open the nursery, so be sure to
bring your littlest ones too! Sign
-up sheet is on the Information
Desk or contact Lora Luna.

The 23rd annual WINGS (Women in God's Service) Conference will be held at Harding University February 24-25, 2017. This year's theme is "You Are Here" and the keynote speaker is Dr. Elaine Denman of Wichita, Kansas. See brochure on the bulletin board.



Married Couples Retreat February 24-25, 2017 IN BRANSON

SIGN-UP SHEETS ON THE INFORMATION DESK.

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 12th.

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



AREAWIDE YOUTH NIGHT

As has been our custom in the past, we again ask for your assistance in providing drinks (bottled water, individual cans of soda) and cookies, brownies, etc. for about 300 young people who will be attending <u>Youth Night Sunday evening, February 12th.</u> Please bring the drinks at your convenience. There will be a sign up sheet for bringing desserts. Thanks for your assistance.

SERVICE ROSTERS

Song Leader:

Communion:

Nursery:

Opening Prayer:

THIS MORNING

Jerry & Pat Milligan Greeters: Van Driver: Team Hulett/889-5344 **Nursery:** Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Adam Blaney **Opening Prayer: Brock Snitker** Lesson: Bill McFarland **Closing Prayer:** Eddie Currier

Communion: Jon Davis/John Dutton

Nursery: Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton

NEXT WEEK (JANUARY 29)

PM Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing Adam Blaney John Hulett Aaron Schwartz Scott Nichols J. Davis/J. Dutton

Oran Green

Closing Prayer: Aaron Morrison **Greeters:** Jackie & Virginia Buck

Van Driver: Kevin Wuench/833-6134

Lora Luna

Wednesday, January 25 **Devotional:** Barney Crawford Song Leader: Travis Morrison Prayer: Tom Easterly

Tim Stockstill/849-7678 Van Driver:

Bible Classes (Adult)

Sunday AM

Nuts & Bolts of Christian Living Adult Fellowship Rm David Grimm

& Contemporary Culture

Adult Room 126 Barney Crawford Adult Learning from Bible Characters Auditorium Byron Nichols Adult Pray Without Ceasing Room 129 Jon Ewing

A Study of the Prayers of the Bible

Chronological Study of the Bible Room 130 Adult Paul Lines College Scorched and Choked Patrick Springer Room 119

We need YOU in BIBLE **CLASS** each week!

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."

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....6:30 PM

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