



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 29, 2017

## **Order of Worship**

**Song Leader**  
**Kerry Cole**

#599 (1,4)  
#593

**Opening Prayer**  
**John Hulett**

#604 (1,3,5)  
#709 (1,2,3)

**The Lord's Supper**  
**Scott Nichols**

**Our Contribution**  
**Scott Nichols**

#453

**Lesson**  
**Bill McFarland**

#290 (1,5)

**Announcements**  
**Eddie Sanders**

#708 (1,3)

**Closing Prayer**  
**Aaron Morrison**

## **Serve Communion**

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

## **A Light for the Nations**

A beautiful, very encouraging, and badly needed illustration has been prominent in our daily Bible readings. It offers us a way of appreciating the work of Christ and understanding the role his people have in the world.

It is the picture Matthew uses as the transition from the tempting of Jesus to the beginning of his ministry in Galilee. "The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light," he says, "and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." What a wonderful picture of emerging hope!

The vision being fulfilled is a long-treasured promise from Isaiah. A son is given to govern his everlasting kingdom with justice and righteousness, a great light in the deep darkness. A servant is given as a covenant for the people and a light for the nations, opening blind eyes and bringing prisoners out of dark dungeons. By making him a light for the nations, the LORD makes his salvation reach to the end of the earth, displaying his own bright glory.

That is what the appearing of Jesus means. By the tender mercy of God, the sunrise from on high visits us to give light to those who sit in the dark shadow of death and to guide our feet in the way of peace. In him the salvation God has prepared in the presence of all peoples shines like a light for revelation to the nations and for glory to his people. He is liberty to captives, sight to the blind, and good news to the oppressed.

His church consists of those who gladly receive this news, and it exists to help the nations see him that way too. He makes his people heirs of light as he delivers them from the domain of darkness and transfers them into his kingdom by means of redemption and forgiveness. He asks them to not walk in darkness, but to follow him and to have the light of life. He then sends them with good news to open the eyes of others so they may turn from darkness to light and share the same inheritance.

This view of "a light for the nations" has its greatest meaning as the world runs its course and the purposes of God are completed. The city of God appears, and by its light the nations walk. The glory and honor of the nations are brought into it, but nothing unclean. The tree of life is there, and its leaves are for the healing of the nation. Why? Because the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. Those who are written in the Lamb's book of life will see his face, and night will be no more.

Whatever darkness comes in between, rest assured that when that time comes the Lord's people will indeed have seen a great light!

—Bill McFarland

Scriptures referenced: Matt. 4:16; Isa. 9:2, 6-7; 42:1, 6-7; 49:3, 6; Luke 1:78-79; 2:30-32; 4:18-19; Col 1:12-14; John 8:12; Acts 26:18; Rev. 21:24, 26; 22:2; 21:23; 21:27; 22:4-5.

# 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

January 22

Bible Study:	234
Morning:	311
Evening:	174
Wednesday (1/25):	218
Contribution:	\$ 7,957
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ (3,003)



Marlene wants to thank everyone for all your prayers, cards and visits. I also want to thank you very much for your prayers for us. In Christian love, **Illene Birdsong**

Thank you for your many acts of kindness shown to me during the last few months and especially for all your prayers for my recent hand surgery. I am truly blessed to have you as brothers and sisters and I love each of you. **Johnnie**



- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Terry Loveland, Barbara Barnes, Ed Murray, Ellie Swartz, Nancy Snider
- ◆ Marlene Matthews remains in Specialty Select Hospital but is making slow progress
- ◆ Sherry Sherman will most likely be moved to a rehab facility for a short time to make sure infection is clear
- ◆ Donna Sanders will have a C. T. scan tomorrow.
- ◆ Jerry Young will have surgery tomorrow at Mercy
- ◆ Teresa Griter has pleurisy and acute bronchitis; she has been sick for about 7 weeks
- ◆ Debbie Crawford had the tip of her right middle finger removed on Friday due to infection
- ◆ Thelma Pendergrass is in Mercy with pneumonia and other issues

### 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
- ◆ Bill's mom, Pauline Redmon, is in a rehab facility in Mountain Home dealing with serious health issues
- ◆ Tim Timmons' new baby great grandson, Kaydon Alexander, is still showing some improvement.
- ◆ Sara Keener's mom, Kristie Deffenbaugh, is recovering from breast cancer surgery; the lymph nodes were clear
- ◆ Ann Fahr's mother, Dora Powell, is seriously ill but has shown a little improvement in the last few days



### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Tim Buckner in the loss of his brother, Jim, who passed away last weekend. Also, Teresa Griter's Aunt Sandy, who she has helped take care of for the last few years, passed away last Wednesday.

## TODAY is the 5th Sunday.

All contributions will go towards our building. Each month we pay an additional \$2,000 towards principal on our mortgage which is built into our yearly budget. The Elders have asked that you consider increasing your contribution today to help us stay on budget. Thank you for your always generous hearts.

## 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 Pingenot  
Nancy Snider



Expectant Mom  
Leah Prewitt/March/  
GIRL



### Birthdays

2 Don Gaunt  
Chace Eaves  
Shaneice Alton  
4 Helen Coltrane  
Rosalie Cruse  
5 Todd Kraus  
Luke Lines

## February Anniversaries

8 Raymond/Alice Daniels 48 yrs.  
10 Ron/Lisa Stokes 33 yrs.  
10 Tom/Tiffany Meeks 27 yrs.  
14 Don/Linda Tracy 48 yrs.  
15 Kevin/Connie Westerman 31 yrs.  
27 Bob/Betty Stockstill 63 yrs.  
28 Clint/Betty Holden 59 yrs.  
**Happy Anniversary!!**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO RUTH LUND AND HER CREW FOR THE WONDERFUL MEALS THEY ARE PREPARING FOR US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!!**

# News and Activities



There will be a soup and sandwich luncheon TODAY after the morning service. We especially encourage our visitors to stay and enjoy good food and fellowship!

## Married Couples Retreat

February 24-25, 2017

IN BRANSON

SIGN-UP SHEETS ON THE INFORMATION DESK.

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 12th.



## Valentine Baskets for Shut-ins

We are still gathering items for Valentines baskets for the shut ins until Sunday, February 5.



Please see Sara Keener for more information.

## Ladies Bible 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." Leah Prewitt will be teaching the class this week titled "A Heavy Burden: Guilt." All ladies are encouraged to attend.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH, the Monett Church of Christ is hosting the Harding University Chorus at the Monett Performing Arts Center. [Briley Ewing is a member of this Chorus.](#)

## LTC PUPPETS AND DRAMA

will meet today after AM service all day. Will also meet on 2/12, 2/19, 3/12, 3/19, 4/2. Bring your lunch.

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

You know the drill by now. A meal is being served each Wednesday evening from 5 to 6 p.m. JUST SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION DESK EACH WEEK IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.



## 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 Youth Night Sunday evening, February 12th. Please bring the drinks at your convenience. There will be a sign up sheet for bringing desserts. Thanks for your assistance.

## Parents' Night Out

Friday, 2/17 and 3/10, from 6 to 9 p.m. Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk or contact Lora Luna.

## Bible & Christianity Basics

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

## 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

## Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 2/4, Devo at Woodland Manor Nursing Home at 10 a.m.
- Be A Blessing meeting next Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in room 126.
- Quilters meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. for about 2 hours. New quilters and sewers are needed.
- Elders meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. Please contact one of the Elders if you need to meet with them.
- LTC Convention April 14-15

## Ministry Opportunity for Shut-ins!!

Be sure to check the table in the foyer!!

# Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** Jackie & Virginia Buck  
**Van Driver:** Kevin Wuench/833-6134  
**Nursery:** Lora Luna/Kirsten McFarland

## THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Adam Blaney  
**Opening Prayer:** Aaron Schwartz  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Patrick Springer  
**Communion:** Jon Davis/John Dutton  
**Nursery:** Lora Luna/Kirsten McFarland

## NEXT WEEK, February 5

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	David Kern	Andy McFarland
<b>Communion:</b>	John Stayton	T. Jobs/M. Keener
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Todd Kraus	Devin Carroll
<b>Greeters:</b>	Tim & Jan Bowling	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Luis Tovar/864-8409	
<b>Nursery:</b>	Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan	
<b>Wednesday, February 1</b>		
<b>Devotional:</b>	Steven Prewitt	
<b>Song Leader:</b>	John Mahon	
<b>Prayer:</b>	Tim Stockstill	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Charlie Crum/840-2632	



## Bible Classes (Adult)

### Sunday AM

Adult	Nuts & Bolts of Christian Living & Contemporary Culture	Fellowship Rm	David Grimm
Adult	Job	Room 126	Barney Crawford
Adult	Learning from Bible Characters	Auditorium	Byron Nichols
Adult	Pray Without Ceasing	Room 129	Jon Ewing
Adult	A Study of the Prayers of the Bible		
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!*

*If you are unable to attend services, don't forget that all of our services are "Live Streamed." Go to [www.watermillchurchofchrist.org](http://www.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 Study ....9:00 AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM  
 Sunday Evening Worship... .....5:00 PM  
 Wednesday Night Bible Class....6:30 PM



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