

# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

August 27, 2017

## Order of Worship

*Song Leader*  
Jon Ewing

528  
157 (v.1,3,4)  
76 (v.1,2)

*Opening Prayer*  
David Kern

732  
511

*The Lord's Supper*  
Mike Thurlkill

*Our Contribution*  
Mike Thurlkill

738

*Lesson*  
Bill McFarland

255 (v.1,2,3)

*Announcements*  
Jerry Young

842

*Closing Prayer*  
Steve Prewitt

*Serve Communion*  
Kevin Westerman  
Jonathan Pendergraft  
David Grimm  
Mike Ussery  
Adam Barton  
Randy Blackburn  
Tim Bowling  
Jackie Buck  
Brendan Carroll  
Cambre Thrasher

## "It's Still Today"

A few weeks ago I ran across a shirt for sale in a coffee shop, and it struck me in just the right way that I bought it. It was plain and simple, with only the words, "It's Still Today." Maybe it was because we were in the middle of our WMY summer study on making the most of every day we are given by God, of course using Psalm 118:24 as our foundation: "This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it."

I read recently of a father experiencing what many have and will, and what many may be experiencing these last few weeks: standing in the dark hallway, trying to be strong, holding back the tears, pretending like everything is just fine... all the while your son or daughter is unpacking the boxes in their new dorm room or apartment. It was a day he had dreaded for so long, and yet had finally arrived. The writer recounted his experience in that lonely dorm hallway, when he noticed a bulletin board in front of him, decorated with the simple words of Psalm 118:24. "This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it."

His thought? Today – good day or bad day, smooth day or rough day – today, deserves a chance. All deserve a chance, as all are a gift from God. "**This**" is the day – that includes birthdays and promotion days, but also surgery days, pink-slip days, and yes, even dorm move-in days. In fact, if you read the paragraph from Psalm 118, the Psalmist is rejoicing over a familiar event to us: "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone" (118:22). Yes it was Jesus' enthronement as King in His kingdom, but the event of the cross had to happen first for that to take place. Yet the Psalmist encourages, "...we will rejoice and be glad in it." How? Verse 23 is the answer: "**This was the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**" In the midst of it all, the writer was able to observe the Lord's hand at work.

That's easier said than done. His work is sometimes more difficult to spot in certain times than in others. Yet, what if we intentionally and purposefully approached every day with the mindset that each day is a gift of God, and worthy of gladness and rejoicing, because we know (seen or unseen) He is at work? Maybe I bought the shirt because it was a good reminder to me of this very thing. Even when days are tough, "It's still today" – there is still time to rejoice, still time for gladness, still time for me to recognize His gracious hand. After all, It is Still Today.

Adam

# 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

August 20

Bible Study:	275
Morning:	304
Evening:	155
Wednesday (8/23):	224
Contribution:	\$ 6,911
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(5,764)



Continue to remember [Rachel Lilly](#), [Gracie Taylor](#), [Gail White](#), [Tim Timmons](#)

♦ [Eula Compton](#) is recovering from surgery at her daughter's home; cards can be sent to her c/o Shirley Kepley, 108 W. Nixon, Strafford, 65757.

♦ [Shirlane Horton](#) as she continues her long recovery from shoulder surgery

♦ [Ron Bower](#) as he continues to deal with serious health issues

♦ [Julie Alexander's](#) surgery is scheduled for 9/11.

♦ [Wanda Wilkinson](#) continues to have health issues.

♦ [Aaron Alexander](#) leaves for his semester abroad 9/1.

### Friends & Family

• [Clyde Iorg](#) is critically ill

• Carol Tovar's mom, [Patricia Washburn](#), is recovering from surgery for a broken arm.

• Nancy Snider's sister, [Paula Hunt](#), will go to Barnes Hospital later this month for MRI and PET scan; she will then have surgery and radiation to treat her cancer; if you would like to send her a card of encouragement, her address is 847 S. Patton Ave., 65802.

• Marsha Stipp's nephew-in-law, [Darin Moore](#), and his battle with pancreas cancer.

• The mother of Scott Barton's brother-in-law, [Jill Jackson](#), who suffered a serious stroke recently

• Lance Griter's dad, [Robert](#), is back at Cox South with multiple health issues.

• Bill's mom, [Pauline Redmon](#), in rehab at Care Manor, Room 305B, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

• Bill White's brother-in-law, [Elva West](#), had a stroke. His wife [Nadine](#) fell and has multiple health problems. They live in Anaheim, CA.

• Friend of Amanda Eilenstein, [Maegan Sanders](#) diagnosed with brain cancer.

*Johnnie's doctor in St. Louis said that her condition is not any better and not any worse. She will now be waiting on the biopsy results.*

*To the Elders of the Water Mill Church of Christ:*

*It has been a joy and an honor to serve with you, as shepherds, of this great congregation. My prayer is for your continued example of steadfastness as described by Peter in 1st Peter 5. May God continue to guide you in all your responsibility.*

*To the congregation, thank you for giving me this honor of serving as one of your Elders. Continue to be watchful, and make your election sure, in the Lord. Honor and follow those who lead, and preach, the true gospel found in God's Holy Word.*

*May we all persevere until that great day. Then we will receive the reward that is promised to those who are in Christ Jesus.*

*May God bless each one of you as my prayer.*

*Your brother in Christ, Eddie Sanders*

## Long Term/ Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower  
Eula Compton  
Ola Jean Feeney  
Doris Iorg  
Doris Tobler

## Nursing Homes

Ella Mae Findlay  
Ann Freeze  
Chloe Gaddis  
Jerry Gillespie  
Terry Loveland  
Sandra Pingnot  
Nancy Snider



## Expectant Mom

*Brittany Springer  
girl/September*

## Ministry Opportunity

Be a  
Blessing!!

Be sure to check the table in the foyer!!

**Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.**

# News and Activities



Everyone is invited to a **Wedding Shower** honoring **Kyle Buckner and Brielle McKenna** on **Sunday, September 10, from 2 to 4 p.m.** in the fellowship room. They are registered at Walmart and Amazon (state-Arkansas).

**Ladies Bible Class** meets **Thursday at 10:30 a.m.** **Leona Snider's** lesson will be **"Peace on Earth"**, the first lesson from our new book **A Recipe for Peace** by **Janie Craun**



**CAMP TO-KNOW-HIM**  
2017/Sept. 29– Oct. 1  
**PLACE:** Hidden Valley Outfitters  
27101 Marigold Drive,  
Lebanon, MO 65536  
Email: [info@hvoutfitters.com](mailto:info@hvoutfitters.com);  
[www.hvoutfitters.com](http://www.hvoutfitters.com);  
Phone: 417-533-5628

**PLEASE MENTION WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION. See flyer at Information Desk.**



### Birthdays

27 Carolyn Smith  
31 Cambre Thrasher  
9/5 Thomas Eilenstein  
Laramy Prewitt  
7 Betty Stockstill  
Tiffany Meeks  
Makesha David  
8 Dewayne Jackson

## Upcoming Events

### OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING SUMMER SERIES

Thanks to Joe Bright for bringing us another great lesson in our Wednesday night summer series on "Self-Control." This series will conclude



Wednesday night with our guest speaker **Johnathan House**. If you have missed any of the lessons or if you want to hear the lessons again, they are posted on the website,

[www.watermillchurchofchrist.org](http://www.watermillchurchofchrist.org).

**"BE A BLESSING" MEETING NEXT SUNDAY AT 4:30 IN ROOM 126.**



Friday, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, and Nov. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m.  
Sign-up sheet is at the Information Desk or contact Lora Luna.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY.**

**Photo Dates: OCTOBER 24 - 28**

**Watch for more information coming soon.**

## Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

### Elders

Scott Barton	417-234-2679
Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Jon Ewing	417-569-8698
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

## Area Events

- 9/9: Annual Ladies' Day at Mountain Home Church of Christ
- 9/30: Ladies Day at Lincoln Church of Christ



## SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

3 Jim/Johnnie Elliff 52 yrs.  
4 Brendan/Jenny Carroll 18 yrs.  
10 Robert/Kasey Sekulic 12 yrs.  
12 Ron/Kenna Taylor 8 yrs.  
20 Jeremy/Christy Young 3 yrs.  
22 Adam/Amanda Eilenstein 5 yrs.  
29 Paul/Carrie Lines 27 yrs.

**Happy Anniversary!!**

# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Barney & Debbie Crawford*  
 Van Driver: *Allison Bean/615-971-1320*  
 Nursery: *Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum*

## THIS EVENING

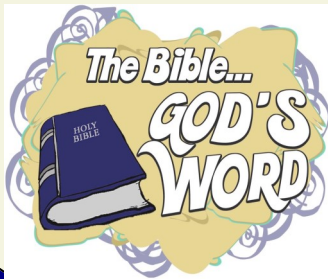
Song Leader: *Jon Davis*  
 Opening Prayer: *Josh Luna*  
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*  
 Closing Prayer: *John Stayton*  
 Communion: *Gene Lund/John Dutton*  
 Nursery: *Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton*

## NEXT WEEK, September 3

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Jon Davis</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Andy McFarland</i>	<i>Russell Lilly</i>
Communion:	<i>James Simons</i>	<i>David Kern/Jason Luna</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Byron Nichols</i>	<i>Todd Kraus</i>
Greeters:	<i>Byrle/Virginia Hayter</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Brock Snitker/405-694-9774</i>	
Nursery:	<i>AM: Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan</i>	
	<i>PM: Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin</i>	

## Wednesday, August 30

Van Driver: *Charlie Crum/840-2632*



## Bible Classes (Adult)

### Sunday AM

Adult	The Beginning of Your Story. (Genesis)	Fellowship Rm	Jon Davis/David Grimm
Adult	Practical James	Room 126	Bill McFarland
Adult	A Few Questions From Jesus	Auditorium	Byron Nichols
Adult	Pray Without Ceasing	Room 129	Jon Ewing
	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

*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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