

WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 3, 2017

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#282 (1,2,4)
#500

Opening Prayer
Andy McFarland

#283
#752 (1,3,5)

The Lord's Supper
James Simons

Our Contribution
James Simons

#416 (1,4)

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#71 (1,3)

Announcements
Scott Barton

#836 (1,3)

Closing Prayer
Byron Nichols

Serve Communion

Brian Carroll
Aubrey Cobb
Charles Crum
Jon Davis

William Downing
Tom Davis
Verl Duncan
John Dutton
Tom Easterly
Don Gaunt

Harvey

The people all around Houston are in are prayers. Our families have relatives, friends, or brothers and sisters in the Lord who are impacted by overwhelming flooding in the wake of Harvey. The danger, displacement, and destruction many of them are experiencing moves us with compassion.

It also brings us face to face with some realities about life in this world. Two of them are quite sobering, and two are deeply encouraging.

Consider first the truths which are always present, but which are being vividly imprinted upon our imaginations now. One is that none of our stuff will last. Our hearts break with families who are losing all their possessions—every keepsake, all their clothing, each furnishing, the whole house, and their entire life savings. But, whether gradually or suddenly, that will happen to us, too.

That, of course, is because we won't last either. At least not in this mortal body. It is as uncertain and as subject to being consumed as the things we gather for its care and enjoyment. This is the second sobering fact: each of us will go the way of all the earth. We have here no lasting city; we live in an earthly tent that is wasting away.

Yet, there are aspects of reality in the midst of these circumstances that impress themselves upon us and encourage us. At least, they will if we are thinking. One is the humanity that emerges—the good in people. So many put themselves out to help. Caring and kindness and generosity exist.

The other is the hope that is expressed. Could it ever be more obvious that human beings need to know that there is a brighter day ahead? How else would anyone have the heart to wait, to clean up, to start over, and to keep on anyhow. Hope set in God, not on the uncertainty of things, is a precious treasure, an anchor for the soul.

It seems to me that the moments in life the bring reality to light also make the value of the faith of Christ shine.

—Bill McFarland

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 27

Bible Study:	251
Morning:	326
Evening:	208
Wednesday (8/30):	245
Contribution:	\$11,429
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ (4,454)



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

- ◆ [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](#) had gall bladder surgery last Friday
- ◆ [Ron Bower](#) as he deals with serious health issues
- ◆ [Julie Alexander's](#) surgery is scheduled for 9/11.

Friends & Family

- [Lisa Joseph's](#) laser surgery on her good eye went well; will follow up in 3 months to see if successful; address is 126 Micahs Crossing, Reeds Spring, MO 65737.
- Carol Tovar's mom, [Patricia Washburn](#), has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma, bone cancer. It is treatable with a good diagnosis. Will start chemo soon.
- Nancy Snider's sister, [Paula Hunt](#), will 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.
- 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 stage 4 brain cancer.



We extend our sympathy to Doris Iorg in the loss of her husband, Clyde. Graveside service will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Sparta IOOF Cemetery.

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



Congratulations to Brittany & Patrick Springer on the safe arrival of Charlotte Eileen born Friday night, weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. All are doing well.



Thanks to everyone for all the cards and prayers. I miss you all very much. [Eula Compton](#)

My appointment in St. Louis went well last week. Their diagnosis remains inclusion body myositis, which is a slow progressing muscle disease that is not treatable. They did a muscle biopsy on Friday which will confirm the diagnosis or there is a slim chance it could reveal something else that might be treatable. The good news is that my muscle strength had not changed any since I was there in March. Thank you ALL so much for all your prayers and love for me as we journey on. I appreciate all your encouragement and love you all. YOU are my family. [Johnnie](#)

ASSISTANCE FOR TEXAS

Bill talked with Gerald Nichols this past week. He said they and their family are ok. He said several of you had asked how to help. The church they attend will be taking monetary donations. You can either give a check to Johnnie and we will send a combined check or you can send a check directly to the church: League City Church of Christ, 1801 E. Main Street, League City, TX 77573, attention Disaster Relief.

We were saddened Sunday to learn that the Prewitt Family will now be working with the Mt. Vernon congregation since it is so close to where they live. We will miss them and wish them well. We know the Mt. Vernon church will be blessed by them. Love you Prewitt Family.

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. Ruth Lund's lesson will be "The Recipes" from our new book A Recipe for Peace by Janie Craun.



CAMP TO-KNOW-HIM

2017/Sept. 29- Oct. 1

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See flyer at Information Desk.



Birthdays

9/5 Thomas Eilenstein
Laramy Prewitt
7 Betty Stockstill
Tiffany Meeks
Makesha Davis
8 Dewayne Jackson
10 Raleigh Ussery
12 Leah Prewitt
14 Leah Freeze
Kyrh McFarland
15 Eddie Sanders
Linda Barnett

Upcoming Events

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

- ◆ **Quilters** will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. **NEW QUILTERS ARE NEEDED!** Please consider helping out. Talk to Jeanetta Hardy if you have questions.
- ◆ **Book club meeting** Monday the 11th
- ◆ **Elders** meet the 12th at 5 p.m.
- ◆ **FAIR HAVEN AUCTION** Saturday the 16th beginning at 10 a.m.



FALL LADIES RETREAT

LADIES, you don't want to miss this year's retreat so mark your calendars for November 3-4. It will be a sleepover at the church building. Ages 8 and up. Watch for more details to follow.



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
- 10/7: Ladies Day at Strafford Church of Christ
- 11/11: Legacy Daughters of Christ Conference at Brookline Church of Christ



SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Byrle/Virginia Hayter*
 Van Driver: *Brock Snitker/405-694-9774*
 Nursery: *Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan*

THIS EVENING

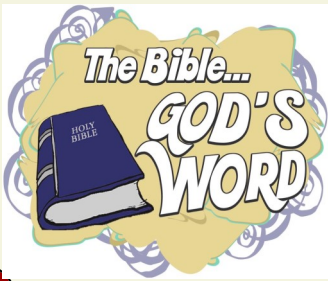
Song Leader: *Adam Blaney*
 Opening Prayer: *Russell Lilly*
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
 Closing Prayer: *Todd Kraus*
 Communion: *David Kern/Jason Luna*
 Nursery: *Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin*

NEXT WEEK, September 10

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Adam Blaney</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Matt Keener</i>	<i>Jeremy Thurlkill</i>
Communion:	<i>Jeremy Thurlkill</i>	<i>David Kern/Jason Luna</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Larry Baggett</i>	<i>Paul Lines</i>
Greeters:	<i>John/Michelle Hulett</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Tom Easterly/848-9158</i>	
Nursery:	<i>AM: Wanita Duncan/Emily Simons</i>	<i>PM: Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic</i>

Wednesday, September 6

Devotional: *Adam Barton*
 Song Leader: *Travis Morrison*
 Prayer: *Barney Crawford*
 Van Driver: *Jason Luna/838-7152*



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 and click on "Live Video."

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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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Have a safe Labor Day

