

# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 17, 2017

## Order of Worship

**Song Leader**  
Jon Ewing

982

**Opening Prayer**  
Adam Barton

738  
80

**The Lord's Supper**  
John Stayton

261

**Our Contribution**  
John  
Stayton

929  
951

**Lesson**  
Bill McFarland

384

**Announcements**  
Scott Barton

645

**Closing Prayer**  
Randy Blackburn

### Serve Communion

Brian Carroll  
Aubrey Cobb  
Charles Crum  
Jon Davis  
William Downing  
Tom Davis  
Verl Duncan  
John Dutton  
Tom Easterly  
Don Gaunt

## The Church and the Fatherless

The God of the Bible has a heart for the fatherless. As he made himself known to man, he could not have made this point more clearly. In his holy habitation, God is Father of the fatherless and protector of widows. He watches over sojourners, and upholds the widow and the fatherless. He executes justice for them and loves them. If this had not been his nature, God would never have had a people for his own possession.

The law God gave his people emphasized that being holy to him had to mean sharing this characteristic of his heart. It required that they not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. Justice and consideration were always to be extended to the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow.

But this aspect of godliness is easy for God's people to neglect. The prophets confronted them over it. Sojourners were suffering extortion in their midst; the fatherless and the widow were being wronged in them. Repentance was necessary: wrong or violence to the innocent was to cease; justice was to be brought to the fatherless, and the widow's cause was to be upheld. Kindness and mercy was to be restored among them.

The necessity of this quality only grows deeper as the people of Christ come into view. His standard is "merciful, even as your Father is merciful...Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over." To love neighbor as self is to show mercy to one who needs it. To care for the fatherless and widows in their distress is the practice of pure religion.

The church learns that in real experience there are challenges in doing this. God's people would never have needed the demands of the law or the corrections of the prophets if there were not. The challenges are not always big sins. One problem is assumption: assuming that the government or somebody else is attending to this. Another problem is debate: identifying imperfection in the approach without doing anything to address the needs. A third problem is familiarity: overlooking a continuing need right in front of us because it has always been there and is not new.

Other people in other places at other times are not the only ones who need to be reminded about the heart of God for the fatherless.

—Bill McFarland

(Scriptures referred to in this article are: Ps. 68:5; Ps. 146:9; Deut. 10:18; Ex. 22:22; Deut. 24:17; Deut. 27:19; Ezek. 22:7; Jer. 22:3; Isa. 1:17; Zech. 7:9-10; Lk. 6:36, 38; Lk. 10:27, 37; and James 1:27.)

# 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 The Record

September 10

Bible Study:	247
Morning:	341
Evening:	211
Wednesday (9/13):	198
Contribution:	\$10,123
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(8,412)



We extend our deepest sympathy to Jim and Johnnie Elliff and family in the loss of Jim's mother, Loren who passed away Monday, September 11th. Funeral services were Friday the 15th in Fulton, MS. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



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

- ◆ [Eula Compton](#) is doing better back home now.
- ◆ [Shirlane Horton](#) is doing well after gall bladder surgery.

- ◆ [Mary Jo Rookstool](#) is recovering from pneumonia.
- ◆ [Ron Bower](#) as he deals with serious health issues.
- ◆ [Julie Alexander's](#) surgery went well.

### Friends & Family

- [Bob & Ellie Swartz](#), are both needing our prayers. [Ellie](#) will be getting cortisone shots. [Bob's](#) cancer has returned in his right lung. He will be having some scans to see if it is anywhere else.
- [Carol Tovar's](#) mom, [Patricia Washburn](#), goes back for more chemo on the 25th to treat her multiple myeloma, bone cancer.
- [Nancy Snider's](#) sister, [Paula Hunt](#), has started 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](#), as he has 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.
- [John Mahon's](#) friend, [Marc Goldman](#), having some neurological issues after a triple bypass.

Dear Church Family,

We can't thank you enough for all the wonderful acts of kindness we have received from our church family through Clyde's illness and death. Thank you for all the visits, food and so many beautiful cards and the delicious meal prepared for us by the ladies and delivered to our home before the funeral. Also the donations to Fair Haven and the final tribute to our family of those who attended the service. We are most grateful, and a special thank you to Kerry Cole for singing for us. We love you all and will always remember that the Water Mill Church of Christ Family will always be there for you whatever your needs and won't let you down. In Christian love, [Doris Iorg & Family](#)

Thank You!

Watermill Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you for all your prayers over the last 21 days. I will start treatment in 2 or 3 weeks for 6 weeks. Thanks for your thoughts going in with me. I feel great just get tired easily and rest a lot. In Christian love, [Maegan Sanders](#)

Thank You

## Long Term/ Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower  
Eula Compton  
Ola Jean Feeny  
Doris Iorg  
Doris Tobler  
Nursing Homes  
Ella Mae Findlay  
Ann Freeze  
Chloe Gaddis  
Jerry Gillespie  
Terry Loveland  
Sandra Pingenot  
Nancy Snider



Saw my oncology doctor on Friday. Had all good news. My red blood count is high, which is good. The white count is about the same. Doctor said I would probably be good for another ten years and there is a chemo pill I can take then if needed. I said, I doubt if I would do anything at that time. I am on a three month monitoring schedule. God is good and Bill & I are thankful. Thank you for all of your caring ways and kind words. It increases our faith in an already strong faith. Love to each of you for your concern.

Blessings, [Gail](#)

Our many thanks for well wishes and prayers. It means so much to have support when things seem so tough. We know God is on our side. Love & faith, [Bob & Janice Griter](#)

Thank You

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

# News and Activities

## Placing membership

*Please give them a special  
Water Mill welcome.*

Angela Asher  
442 S. Duke Ave,  
Springfield, MO 65802  
417-893-8239

Allen & Carol McCann  
1256 Evington Court  
Springfield, MO 65803  
314-954-5155

Kim Maples  
& Wyatt, Madelyn  
(& Mckenzi at Oklahoma  
Christian)  
7090 N. State Hwy. 125  
Strafford, Mo 65757  
417-736-3221

*Bill has started a new series of lessons in the Wednesday evening Auditorium class on "Heaven." This is going to be a great series of lessons that we should all be interested in. Now would be a great time to get started attending our Wednesday evening service. Come early and enjoy a meal and then find a class that's right for you. You will be blessed by being a part of the midweek service.*

*Your help  
is needed!*

*Julie Alexander is in need of 2 to 3oz. containers to store food and a scale to weigh food according to instructions after her surgery.*

**We are still in need of a male 5th grade teacher for our Wednesday evening class. Please see Tom Davis if you are interested in helping with this work.**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

**IT'S TIME FOR A NEW  
PICTORIAL DIRECTORY.  
Photo Dates: OCTOBER 24 - 28  
Watch for more information coming soon.**



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Quilters** meet Tuesday.
- ◆ **Show-Me Youth Conference** September 23rd.

## Ladies Bible Class

*meets Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Chelsea Thrasher's lesson will be "Stock your Spiritual Pantry" from the book A Recipe for Peace*



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

## Area Events

- 9/30: Ladies Day at Lincoln Church of Christ
- 10/1-4 Gospel Revival with Morne Stephanus at Hwy 13 Church of Christ, Bolivar, MO
- 10/7: Ladies Day at Strafford Church of Christ
- 10/8-11 Gospel Meeting with Bill McFarland at Bona Church of Christ
- 11/11: Legacy Daughters of Christ Conference at Brookline Church of Christ, ages 10 & up



**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

17 Susan Crum  
19 John Hulett  
Katelynn Wilson  
21 Mark Friend  
23 Jim Reaves  
Steve Prewitt  
25 Lukas Thrasher  
27 Ruth Essex  
Trenton Essex  
28 Tim Stockstill  
Grace Trogdon



# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** Gene & Ruth Lund  
**Van Driver:** Team Hulett/889-5344  
**Nursery:** Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker

## THIS EVENING

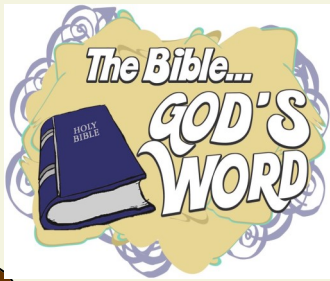
**Song Leader:** Adam Blaney  
**Opening Prayer:** John Mahon  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Aaron Morrison  
**Communion:** David Kern/Jason Luna  
**Nursery:** Virginia Buck/Teresa Mahon

## NEXT WEEK, September 24

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Adam Blaney
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jackie Buck	Barry Hannah
<b>Communion:</b>	Eddie Sanders	David Kern/Jason Luna
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Devin Carroll	Bryan Hannah
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jerry & Pat Milligan	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Kevin Wuench 833-6134	
<b>Nursery:</b>	AM: Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum	
	PM: Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton	

## Wednesday, September 20

**Devotional:** Jon Davis  
**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison  
**Prayer:** Aaron Schwartz  
**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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