

# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 8, 2017

## Order of Worship

**Song Leader**  
Jon Ewing

**Opening Prayer**  
Jon Davis

**The Lord's Supper**  
David Grimm

**Our Contribution**  
David Grimm

**Lesson**  
Adam Blaney

**Announcements**  
Barney Crawford

**Closing Prayer**  
Brian Carroll

### Serve Communion

Barry Hannah  
David Kern  
Byrle Hayter  
Trevor Kraus  
John Hulett  
Todd Kraus  
Tucker Jobes  
Paul Lines  
Matt Keener  
Gabe Mahon



## ***“By What Authority?”***

*Most of us can see the need for submitting to the proper authorities in our daily lives. Someone must exercise authority in government, on the job, at school, and even in the games we play.*

*Authority is also of vital importance in our spiritual lives. People often try to justify their religious practices by what they think, or by what their preacher said, or by what others do. All such standards are unreliable and doomed to failure. In spiritual matters there is only one safe authority: the word of God. Without the authority of God, religious activities are useless.*

*For example, **faith without the authority of God's word is mere superstition.** It is unfortunate that so many in our world have been led to think that all that matters is whether one believes. The real question is whether what one believes is true! Bible faith must be based upon what God's word says (Rom. 10:17), and souls are purified through obedience to the truth (1 Peter 1:22).*

***Hope without the authority of the scriptures is only a wish.** Many people wish for things they have no real reason to expect. Bible hope, on the other hand, is expecting something because God's word promises it. A Christian can take the Word and give a reason for his hope (1 Peter 3:15). He will have learned what God promises in His word and will have met God's conditions. One whose hope is not based upon truth is of all men most to be pitied (cf. 1 Cor. 15:19).*

***Love without the guidance of the scriptures is empty sentiment.** Whatever is not guided by God's word cannot really be love for God. Jesus, for example, said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15). Love is not just a feeling. It is a commitment to obey the Lord in how we serve Him and in how we treat others. John wrote, “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments” (1 John 5:3).*

*Jesus was once asked, “By what authority are you doing these things?” (Matt. 21:23). All of us ought to examine our convictions and practices, asking ourselves the same question. Having God's authority is the difference between being a Christian and merely being religious.*

*- 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

### October 1

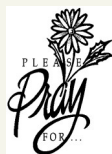
Bible Study:	161
Morning:	241
Evening:	201
Wednesday (10/4):	192
Contribution:	\$ 8,895
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(10,739)



*Our Deepest Sympathy*

We extend our sympathy to Lance Griter and his family in the loss of his dad, Robert, this past Sunday.

We also express our sympathy to Billie Luna in the loss of her daughter-in-law, Karen Luna, who passed away recently.



Continue to remember Rachel Lilly, Gracie Taylor, Gail White, Tim Timmons, Wanda Wilkinson, Eula Compton

◆ Ron Bower as he deals with serious health issues.

### Friends & Family

- Bob & Ellie Swartz are both needing our prayers. Ellie as she continues to deal with pain. Bob's cancer has returned in his right lung.
- Elizabeth Lilly's dad, Frank Cunningham, is recovering from surgery for an infection. He is now at Glendale Gardens Nursing and Rehab. The address is 3535 E Cherokee St., which is out by SAMS on E Sunshine. He's on B hall, room 216. He would love your visits.
- Lanae Gillespie's dad, Loy Treat, has recently had some issues with pneumonia. He is in Strafford Care Center.
- Yvonne Tindall's sister, Ruth Kenerson, is in the hospital in Myrtle Beach, SC. Her address is 366 Worthington Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
- Carol Tovar's mom, Patricia Washburn, was to be dismissed Saturday from the hospital to a skilled nursing facility.
- Nancy Snider's sister, Paula Hunt, as she deals with 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.
- Bill's mom, Pauline Redmon, in rehab at Care Manor, Room 305B, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653.
- Bill White's brother-in-law and his wife, Elva and Nadine West. They live in Anaheim, CA.
- Friend of Amanda Eilenstein, Maegan Sanders, diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer.

### 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 Pingent  
Nancy Snider



Daily Bible Reading Schedules for the 4th Quarter of 2017 are available in the foyer. Be sure to pick one up and get started reading!



Congratulations to Charlie Cruse who will be a part of the Honor Flight of the Ozarks trip to Washington, D.C. on October 24th. Thank you Charlie for your service to our country, and we are happy you are being honored in this way.

*Thank You!* Thank you so much to the ladies who have been providing meals for us. The food was wonderful and we appreciated the short visits of all who came by. Thank you also for your prayers and the beautiful cards. Love, Lonnie & Wanda Wilkinson

Address (at college)

Madison Davis  
Freed-Hardeman University  
Box 552  
158 East Main St.  
Henderson, TN 38340  
I'm sure she would love some letters or cards.



We are accepting monetary donations on a continuing basis for the Food Pantry. Your donation can be given to Johnnie or Jason Luna. So far this year you have donated a total of \$2,840. We are giving out around \$70 in groceries each week. We sincerely appreciate your continued support of this work. Thanks to Jason & Lora for shopping for groceries to fill the pantry!

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

# News and Activities

## Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged

**TODAY**

Immediately after the morning worship service/806 N. Jefferson Ave

**Contacts:** - Aaron/Brittany Morrison

**We need servers!**

**Thank you for always supporting this good work!**



## **FALL LADIES RETREAT**

**November 3—6 p.m. -  
November 4 at 1 p.m.**

**LADIES, come join us for a sleepover at the church building. Pajama contest Friday night! Dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Ages 8 and up.**



## Birthdays

**9 Dustin Stokes  
Zowie Thayer-Louden  
10 Aaron Schwartz  
Randy Blackburn  
11 Dave Blackburn  
14 Bruce Tindall  
Amy Winters  
16 Lisa Stokes  
Ike Ussery  
18 Patrick Springer  
Brenley Keener  
21 Frances Grann**

## *Upcoming Events*



## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY.

**Photo Dates:  
OCTOBER 24 - 28**

**SIGN UP TODAY AT THE INFORMATION DESK so you will be a part of our Directory. As before, you will receive a free 8X10 picture and a directory.**

- ◆ **Elders meet Tuesday at 5 p.m.**
- ◆ **5th Sunday Potluck on 10/29.**



Congratulations to the Buckner Family on the upcoming wedding of Kyle and Brielle McKenna on the 14th in Searcy, AR. Our best wishes and prayers are with you and with Kyle and Brielle.

WITH *God* ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.  
MARK 10:27



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

## *Ladies Bible Class*

**meets Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Brittany Morrison's lesson will be "A Binding Prayer" from the book A Recipe for Peace by Janie Craun.**

**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.**

## *Area Events*

- **10/8-11: Gospel Meeting with Bill McFarland at Bona Church of Christ**
- **10/14: Ladies Day at Marshfield Church of Christ**
- **10/21: Women's Conference at Northside Church of Christ in Harrison, AR**
- **10/21: Ladies Day at Mountain Gove church of Christ**
- **10/22-25: Gospel Meeting at Hickory County church of Christ in Hermitage**
- **10/22-26: Gospel Meeting at Sparta Church of Christ with Phil Sanders**
- **11/11: Legacy Daughters of Christ Conference at Brookline Church of Christ, ages 10 & up**  
**Flyers on Bulletin Board**

## **CAMP TO-KNOW-HIM 2017**



# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** Luis & Carol Tovar  
**Van Driver:** Jon Davis/864-9872  
**Nursery:** Wanita Duncan

## THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison  
**Opening Prayer:** Brendan Carroll  
**Lesson:** Ron Brown  
**Closing Prayer:** Adam Barton  
**Communion:** A. Cobb/E. Sanders  
**Nursery:** Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic

## NEXT WEEK, October 15

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Travis Morrison
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Tom Davis	Jackie Buck
<b>Communion:</b>	Mike Ussery	A. Cobb/E. Sanders
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Eddie Currier	Tom Easterly
<b>Greeters:</b>	John & Lisa Stayton	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Tucker Jobs/894-0826	
<b>Nursery:</b>	AM: Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker	PM: Virginia Buck/Teresa Mahon

## Wednesday, October 11

**Devotional:** Aaron Morrison  
**Song Leader:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Prayer:** Jason Luna  
**Van Driver:** Charlie Crum/840-2632

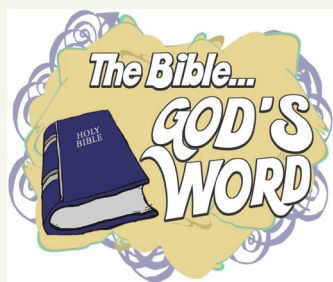
## Bible Classes (Adult)

### 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
Adult	Chronological Study of the Bible	Room 130	Paul Lines
College	The Church of the Bible	Room 119	Jeremy Thurlkill

### Wednesday Night

Adult	Heaven	Auditorium	Bill McFarland
Adult	Encounters With Jesus: Everyday Life	Room 126	Jon Ewing
Ladies	Characteristics of God	Room 130	Shawna S./Ruth L.
Adult	Singing Class	Room 119	



*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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