



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 29, 2017

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Adam Blaney

“Doxology”
“Highest Places”
#646 (1,2)

Opening Prayer
Patrick Springer

**“How Deep the
Father’s Love”**

The Lord’s Supper
Randy Blackburn

Our Contribution
Randy Blackburn

#193
#450

Lesson
Bill McFarland

“Father God” (1)

Announcements
Barney Crawford

#892

Closing Prayer
Brock Snitker

Serve Communion

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

Theirs, Ours, and Good Works

Bill McFarland

A striking contrast set the stage for the task Paul assigned to his “true child in a common faith,” Titus. On the one hand, there are the Cretans among whom Titus was to work, a people described by “a prophet *of their own*” as “always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons” (Tit. 1:12). Individuals of such character, says Paul, are “unfit for any good work” (1:16). On the other hand, there are the Christians upon whom Titus was to work. The apostle’s charge to him was to “let *our people* learn to devote themselves to good works...and not be unfruitful” (3:14).

Theirs are, by nature, unfit for any good work. With neither godliness nor the knowledge of the truth which produces it, people have no appetite for good works and are not suitable tools for accomplishing them. *Ours*, however, trained by the word of his grace and awaiting the hope of his promise, must be people who have both the aptitude and the ability for every good work.

It is still urgent that the Lord’s people find themselves on the proper side of this contrast. The recurrence of the theme in the apostle’s instructions to Titus leave no doubt about it. He says:

- “Show yourself in all respects to be *a model of good works...*” (2:7)
- “...Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...gave himself for us...to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are *zealous for good works.*” (2:13, 14)
- “Remind them to be...*ready for every good work.*” (3:1)
- “...I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to *devote themselves to good works.* These things are excellent and profitable for people.” (3:8)
- “And let our people learn to *devote themselves to good works,* so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.” (3:14)

Since we are products of the good news, good fruit is to issue forth in our lives. We must therefore maintain an interest in, and a readiness for, and a devotion to, the doing of good.

The Letter to Titus offers several indications of the kinds of things which motivate and enable such action. Healthy teaching is one. The presence of capable spiritual leadership in another. Appropriate relationships among generations and genders is yet another. But always running in the background are three great thoughts which constantly inform the Christian mind: the grace of God has appeared to teach us how to live (2:11, 12); we have been purchased by the Christ who gave himself up for us (2:14); and, before his goodness appeared to save us we were also unfit for any good work (3:3-6).

May we learn to devote ourselves to the doing of what is good.

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 22

Bible Study:	216
Morning:	331
Evening:	209
Wednesday (10/25):	228
Contribution:	\$10,915
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(13,623)



We are accepting monetary donations on a continuing basis for the Food Pantry.

Your donation can be given to Johnnie or Jason Luna. We sincerely appreciate your continued support of this work.



I would like to thank you for the amazing turnout for the directory pictures this past week. I know it's an inconvenience to some to take the time to come to the church to have your picture taken but it is an important tool for the congregation. I would also like to thank Linda Currier for taking the lead on this project and handling everything from setting up chairs to organizing volunteers. That has been a great blessing for me. Thanks to all the volunteers for being here to register our families. Without you it would not have run as smoothly as it did. I look forward to seeing all your beautiful pictures in our new directory in the near future.

If you were unable to have your families' picture taken, we will set up in the fellowship room to take those pictures after a Sunday morning service, possibly beginning November 5. Again, thank you for your cooperation. You are great and I love you all. Johnnie



Continue to remember Rachel Lilly, Gracie Taylor, Gail White, Tim Timmons, Eula Compton, Shirlane Horton

- ◆ Tim Bowling is recovering from extensive shoulder surgery.
- ◆ Ron Bower as he deals with serious health issues.
- ◆ Wanda Wilkinson has been moved to Maranatha Manor for rehab.
- ◆ Verl Duncan has a problem with his knee. Will have MRI this week.
- ◆ Orvella Blackburn has a problem with her shoulder. Will see orthopedic doctor Friday.

Friends & Family

- Zach Gafford, a young man from the Brookline congregation, who has Ewing Sarcoma cancer; he has been undergoing treatments at St. Jude.
- Bob & Ellie Swartz are both needing our prayers.
- Elizabeth Lilly's dad, Frank Cunningham, is now at home as he continues to recover from serious health issues
- Carol Tovar's mom, Patricia Washburn, is in Select Specialty Hospital at this writing but will be moved to Luis and Carol's home soon.
- 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, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653.
- Maegan Sanders as she deals with treatment for brain cancer.



Long Term/ Shut-Ins

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

Bill will be speaking Monday night at the gospel meeting in Fordland. Try to attend if you can.

Beginning next Sunday Bill will begin a 4-lesson series on "Thanks-GIVING." Try to be present for each of these important lessons.

Service Opportunity



We are looking for someone with a free hour or 2 early each Tuesday morning to serve Andy McFarland's class at Hillcrest. All we need is someone to drive the bus to shuttle them down the road. Very simple, but very needed. If you are interested, please see Adam

We are needing volunteers to help with the **Know Your Bible Program**. If you are interested in either answering phones on Sunday morning or serving as a grader, please see Gene Lund. Thanks to Gene for volunteering to take over the oversight of this good work.

News and Activities



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 at 8:30 Saturday, and lunch before we leave. Bring snacks to share. Ages 8 and up. Ladies, this is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship. Signup sheet is on the Information Desk.

FROM THE ELDERS:

TODAY is the 5th Sunday.
All contributions above our budget will go to support the work at Fair Haven.
Prayerfully consider this opportunity to help a child.

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

- 1 Fred/Amy Winters 20 yrs.
 - 2 John/Teresa Mahon 43 yrs.
 - 3 Denzil/Ruth Raines 56 yrs.
 - 6 Larry/Jo Baggett 41 yrs.
 - 16 Aubrey/Anita Cobb 49 yrs.
 - 24 Verl/Karen Duncan 56 yrs.
 - 26 Lance/Teresa Griter 23 yrs.
 - 27 Randy/Orvella Blackburn 13 yrs.
- Happy Anniversary!!**

Thank You!

Words can't express the love shown to me in the loss of my dad. Thanks for all the beautiful cards, phone calls, and prayers. A special thank you to Kerry Cole for leading the song service. Thank you for the memorial donations to Fair Haven and St. Judes. Water Mill holds a special place in my heart. In Christian love, Connie Fortner

Thank you to the Curriers and Lunds for spending many hours helping Lonnie & Wanda Wilkinson this past week.

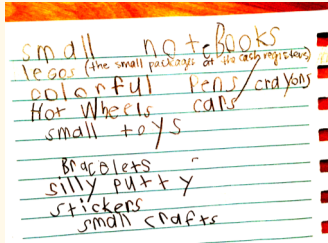


TODAY

After morning service. We especially encourage our visitors to stay and enjoy good food and fellowship!

Team No. 1 is responsible for working: R. Blackburn, Holden, Kraus, Milligan, Young Families, Gerri Dickens, Leah Freeze

- ◆ **LADIES BIBLE CLASS** meets Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Linda Currier's lesson will be "The Leaven of Optimism" from the book A Recipe for Peace by Janie Craun.
- ◆ **Woodland Manor Devo** has been rescheduled for November 11 at 10 am.



See handwritten note from Dalton Morrison (6 years old):

Ideas for pediatric inpatients. The plan is to distribute the items to the kids during Thanksgiving week. Don't feel limited to these examples - we will need items for infants up to 18 years of age. Please drop items off in Johnnie's workroom. Thank you, Aaron Morrison

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

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| 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

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| Bill McFarland | 417-833-0110 |
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Youth/Associate Minister

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| Adam Blaney | 304-520-9800 |
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Deacons

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| Tim Buckner | Russell Lilly |
| Tom Davis | Aaron Morrison |
| Jim Elliff | John Stayton |
| Matt Keener | Mike Thurlkill |

Staff

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| Johnnie Elliff | Secretary |
| Tim Bowling | Custodian |

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

- **11/11: Legacy Daughters of Christ Conference at Brookline Church of Christ, ages 10 & up**
Flyer on Bulletin Board

Birthdays

- 30 Emmie Eilenstein
- 31 Jeanetta Hardy
- Ronald Horton
- 10/1 Ron Stokes
- 2 Ruth Raines
- Jerry Young
- Kerry Cole
- Landon Sekulic
- 3 Ron Bower
- 4 Lanae Gillespie
- Daniel Wilson



SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: Scott & Melinda Barton
Van Driver: Brock Snitker/405-694-9774
Nursery: Lora Luna/Kirsten McFarland

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Adam Blaney
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: John Stayton
Communion: A. Cobb/E. Sanders
Nursery: Lora Luna/Kirsten McFarland

NEXT WEEK, November 5

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
Opening Prayer:	Aaron Morrison	Matt Keener
Communion:	Jeremy Thurlkill	C. Thrasher/Adam Barton
Closing Prayer:	Josh Luna	Patrick Springer
Greeters:	Tim & Alice Buckner	
Van Driver:	Tom Easterly/848-9158	
Nursery:	<i>AM:</i> Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan	
	<i>PM:</i> Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin	

Wednesday, November 1

Devotional: Matt Keener
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Prayer: John Mahon
Van Driver: Charlie Crum/840-2632

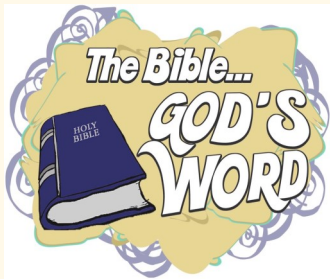
Bible Classes (Adult)

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 and click on "Live Video."

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 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 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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