

WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 12, 2017

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#500
#190 (1,3)

Opening Prayer
Larry Baggett

#163 (1,2)
#12 (1,2,3,4)

The Lord's Supper
Adam Blaney

#12 (5)

Our Contribution
Adam Blaney

#184
#293

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#29 (1,3)

Announcements
Jon Ewing

#682

Closing Prayer
Brendan Carroll

Serve Communion

Tim Marsolf
Andy McFarland
Jerry Milligan
Travis Morrison
Colton Orum
Eddie Sanders
Aaron Schwartz
Brock Snitker
John Stayton
Jerry Stockdale

WHAT IF THERE WERE NO ONE TO WHOM TO SAY THANKS?

Bill McFarland

On October 3, 1863, in the midst of the dark days of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the last Thursday of that November "as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." It began:

"The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they can not fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God."

Lincoln proceeded to enumerate specific blessings which he said must have been "the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy."

Whatever else he may also have been, Mr. Lincoln was an outstanding student of human nature. He understood that while we may forget the source from which blessings come, we still have an innate need not only to experience gratitude but also to express it. Even if we do neglect it for a while, at times that sense that we have reason to be thankful overwhelms us.

That is one of the reasons why I believe that God must be. Surely no one can deny that gratitude is a very real human emotion. Neither can anyone doubt that it is appropriate. After all, there are rains and fruitful seasons to satisfy our hearts with food and gladness. We have life and breath and everything to enjoy. If there are the gifts, and if there is a sense of gratitude welling up within my being as I enjoy them, must there not be a Giver whom I should thank for them?

For every other human instinct or hunger or thirst, there is something which may satisfy it. Where the human sense of gratitude is concerned, God himself is the fulfillment. If he is not there, for some things there is no one for us to thank.

If there is someone to thank, there is also someone for us to humble ourselves before and to whom we should submit in trusting obedience. Lincoln went ahead to recommend that his fellow citizens humble themselves in penitence before the Lord, ask for his tender care of all those who were experiencing hardship, and implore the Almighty to heal the wounds of the nation as far as he could in keeping with his own divine purpose.

What if there were no one to whom to say thanks? What if there were no thanks?

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

November 5

Bible Study:	216
Morning:	284
Evening:	201
Wednesday (11/8):	189
Contribution:	\$10,736
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(14,025)

Today will be the second in a four-lesson series on "Thanks-GIVING." Try to be present for these important lessons.



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

- ◆ Tim Bowling is recovering from extensive shoulder surgery.
 - ◆ Sandra Pingenot is recovering from a medical procedure
 - ◆ Marlene Matthews is home from the hospital.
 - ◆ Ron Bower as he deals with serious health issues.
 - ◆ Orvella Blackburn has a problem with her shoulder.
- Friends & Family**
- Bob & Betty Stockstill's son, Dan Stockstill, will have brain surgery Tuesday, November 14, in Little Rock. Betty said the surgery would take about 8 hrs.
 - Lisa Stayton's friend and co-worker, Tom Nash, who suffered a heart attack this past week
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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
Nursing Homes
Ella Mae Findlay
Ann Freeze
Chloe Gaddis
Jerry Gillespie
Sandra Pingenot
Nancy Snider

Ministry Opportunity

**Be a
Blessing!!**

Be sure to check the table in the foyer!!



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of our dear sister Wanda Wilkinson, who passed away November 5. Memorial service was held this past Friday. If you would like to make a donation in memory of Wanda, the family suggested it be made to the Caring Creations Program at Water Mill.

We also express our sympathy to family and friends of our Brother Terry Loveland, who passed away Tuesday after suffering a fall. Visitation will be Monday from 2 to 3 p.m. with the memorial service to follow at 3 p.m. at Greenlawn North. We also extend our sympathy to the Simons and Stipp families as Marsha Stipp's nephew-in-law, Darin Moore, lost his battle with cancer.



Thank you to everyone for all the birthday cards plus the words of encouragement. Not to worry, I managed to get some cookies! Jerry Young

Thank you so much for the cards, letters and kind words of appreciation for my service. Leona, thank you for offering the Veteran's tie. That was really nice and thoughtful of you. The Honor Flight was a wonderful experience I'll never forget! Thank you again, Charlie & Rosalie Cruse

Thank you for the many cards and kind words spoken to us in the death of my sister. It means a lot to us. We are thankful to be in a loving Family of God's people. Blessings to each of you. Blessings, Bill & Gail White

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

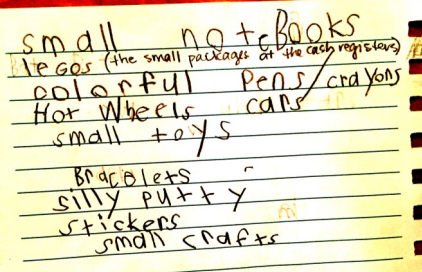
News and Activities

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. **Please bring your donations by Wednesday night, the 15th.** Thank you, Aaron Morrison



Upcoming Events

- ◆ **LADIES BIBLE CLASS** meets Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Gloria Luallin's lesson will be "Putting It All Together" from the book *A Recipe for Peace* by Janie Craun.
- ◆ **Youth Night at Sunset** is tonight.
- ◆ **Book club meeting** will be Monday at 6:30 at the Curriers. We will be discussing what we have read about our changing world.
- ◆ **Elders meet** Tuesday at 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL

Menu is turkey/dressing and all the trimmings. Join us!



Friday, Nov. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. Sign-up sheet is at the Information Desk.



IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE FAMILIES WHO WAS UNABLE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN, **GENA USSARY HAS GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO TAKE PICTURES IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICES TODAY.** HOPEFULLY YOU WILL TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO GET THIS DONE SO YOU CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

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.

LTC Registration Forms need to be turned in!



Birthdays

- 12 Judy Johnson
- 14 Reid Hollingsworth
- 15 Carol Tovar
- Richmond Griter
- Zeven Thayer-Louden
- 16 Ann Fahr
- 17 Suzanne Dabbs
- Kay McFarland
- 18 Van Barnes
- 19 Carol Jackson
- 20 David Kern
- 21 Doris Tobler
- 22 Kailey Evans
- Kora Evans
- 24 Nancy Snider
- 25 Bob Stockstill
- Russell Lilly

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Galatians 6 vs. 9

Join us for
Sunday School
Sundays @9:00 am

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

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Brendan & Jenny Carroll*
 Van Driver: *Team Hulett/889-5344*
 Nursery: *Wanita Duncan/Donna Jordan*

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Jon Davis*
 Opening Prayer: *Paul Lines*
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
 Closing Prayer: *Byron Nichols*
 Communion: *C. Thrasher/Adam Barton*
 Nursery: *Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic*

NEXT WEEK, November 19

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Jon Davis</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>John Dutton</i>	<i>Barry Hannah</i>
Communion:	<i>Allen McCann</i>	<i>C. Thrasher/A. Barton</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Russell Lilly</i>	<i>Bryan Hannah</i>
Greeters:	<i>Gerri Dickens/Johnnie Elliff</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Kevin Wuench/833-6134</i>	
Nursery:	<i>AM: Coyatte Ewing/Christina Snitker</i>	
	<i>PM: Virginia Buck/Teresa Mahon</i>	

Wednesday, November 15

Devotional: *John Mahon*
 Song Leader: *Tom Easterly*
 Prayer: *Gene Kenyon*
 Van Driver: *Tim Stockstill/849-7678*

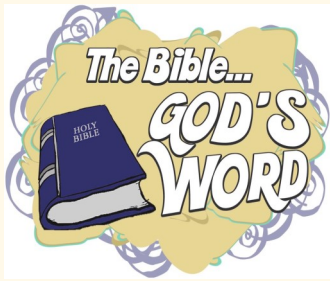
Bible Classes (Adult)

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 Thurkill

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."

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 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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