



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 19, 2017

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Adam Blaney

*"I Will Bless the Lord
at All Times"*

Welcome/Reading
Jon Ewing

#389

*"Had It Not Been
The Lord"*

Opening Prayer
John Dutton

#732 (1-4)
#511 (2,3)

The Lord's Supper
Allan McCann

#511 (1)

Our Contribution
Allan McCann

#842
#982

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#975

Announcements
Jon Ewing

#146

Closing Prayer
Paul Lines

Serve Communion

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

Building a Tone of Gratitude Within a Congregation

First Thessalonians was written to a church having to get its feet on the ground and grow while facing opposition and without having had much time. It is instructive how often the note of thankfulness is sounded in the letter, and about what.

1. Notice, talk about, and give thanks for expressions of faith, hope, and love in the lives of members of the congregation. These readers are told that their work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope is always remembered and that thanks is constantly given for it before God (1 Thes. 1:2-3). Hearing this is sure to have a healthy impact on their image of themselves.

2. Give your brothers and sisters credit for taking the word of God to heart and believing it is at work in his people. Not everybody does, and how much the poorer any of us would be without these who do. It is a reinforcement for a people to learn that unceasing thanks is being made for its respect for God's word (1 Thes. 2:13).

3. Take joy in those who are standing fast in the Lord, and express it through thankful prayer for whatever is lacking. This kind of thanksgiving will involve having intentionally sought out good news about their faith and love, feeling joy over it, and being willing to help supply what is lacking (1 Thes. 3:6-10). Such realistic caring is truly encouraging.

4. Recognize the giving of thanks as an essential element in a way of life, not as an occasional emotion. That is what this letter calls for. Always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances. This is God's will for his people (1 Thes. 5:15-18). And it is sure to set a tone.

Thanksgiving. Not a bad starting place for building a healthier congregation.

—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

November 12

Bible Study:	209
Morning:	301
Evening:	157
Wednesday (11/15):	216
Contribution:	\$ 9,247
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(14,897)

"Thanks-GIVING."

Today will be the third in a four-lesson series on "Thanks-GIVING." Be sure to listen to these important lessons on the web site if you have missed any of them.



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

◆ David Ratterree had an emergency appendectomy this past week.

◆ Bill McFarland will have a cornea transplant on November 29.

◆ Tim Bowling is recovering from extensive shoulder surgery.

◆ Jeff Mahon is in Mercy; no visitors at this time

Friends & Family
 • John Mahon's brother and sister-in-law were involved in a bad wreck Thursday night in the San Antonio area; they are in University Hospital with multiple injuries.

• Karen Griffin's father has health issues.

• Bob & Betty Stockstill's son, Dan Stockstill, is now home recovering from brain surgery this past week; the surgery went well

• Lisa Stayton's friend and co-worker, Tom Nash, who suffered a heart attack recently is doing better

• 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 Pingent
 Nancy Snider

Ministry Opportunity

**Be a
Blessing!!**

Be sure to check the table in the foyer!!



We express our sympathy to Oran and Nadean Green and Gaitha Downing in the loss of Jason Green's wife, Jean Green, who passed away Thursday night in Dallas, TX. They have 2 young children. Please keep Jason & his children in your prayers for peace and comfort; also please keep Oran & Nadean and Gaitha & her family in your prayers.



Thank you for all your prayers for Dan Stockstill. He came through his operation very well and is now home. We are blessed by your kindness. Bob & Betty Stockstill & Family



News and Activities



IF YOU HAVE NOT YET HAD YOUR PICTURE TAKEN, **GENA USSARY HAS GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO TAKE PICTURES IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICES TODAY.** PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO GET THIS DONE SO YOU CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY. **TODAY WILL BE THE LAST CHANCE BEFORE WE SUBMIT OUR INFORMATION TO LIFETOUGH!** THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!



We will have a combined devotional period on **Wednesday evening, November 22.** All classes will meet in the auditorium. If you are in town, we encourage you to spend this special evening with us. If you plan to travel, we pray you will have a safe and happy holiday weekend.

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

Upcoming Events

◆ **LADIES BIBLE CLASS** will not meet this week but will resume on Thursday, November 30th, at 10:30 a.m. Ruth Essex's lesson will be "Well Done!"

There will not be a meal before services on Wednesday evening.

LTC Registration Forms need to be turned in!

On Thursday, January 4, our congregation is sponsoring a performance by the Harding University Chorus, in which our own Briley Ewing sings. The event will be held at the new Kickapoo Auditorium. As hosts, we will be responsible for housing the students. We would love to have volunteers to house 2 or more students per home. Mark your calendars!! More info to come.

HARDING CHORUS



Birthdays

19 Carol Jackson
 20 David Kern
 21 Doris Tobler
 22 Kailey Evans
 Kora Evans
 24 Nancy Snider
 25 Bob Stockstill
 Russell Lilly
 26 Lee Ann Donoho
 28 Adam Eilenstein
 Callie Eilenstein
 29 Wayne Harmon
 Carol McCann
 Jerry Stockdale
 30 Amanda Eilenstein
 Travis Morrison



For the next book club meeting, we will be discussing whatever book each person chooses to read. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018.

AREA EVENT

Church Workshop with Matt Vega, J.D. at the Sparta Church of Christ Saturday, November 25

"Protecting Religious Liberty—Seminar:

Flyer on the Bulletin Boazrd

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: Gerri Dickens/Johnnie Elliff
Van Driver: Kevin Wuench/833-6134
Nursery: Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker

THIS EVENING

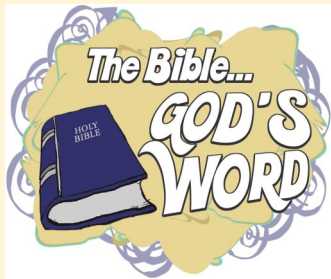
Song Leader: Jon Davis
Opening Prayer: Barry Hannah
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Bryan Hannah
Communion: C. Thrasher/A. Barton
Nursery: Virginia Buck/Teresa Mahon

NEXT WEEK, November 26

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
Opening Prayer:	Tom Davis	Brian Carroll
Communion:	Jackie Buck	C. Thrasher/A. Barton
Closing Prayer:	Scott Barton	Devin Carroll
Greeters:	Byrle & Virginia Hayter	
Van Driver:	Luis Tovar/955-4880	
Nursery:	<i>AM:</i> Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum	
	<i>PM:</i> Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton	

Wednesday, November 22

Devotional: SPECIAL DEVOTIONAL TIME
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Prayer: David Kern
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 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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