



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 3, 2017

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Davis

Opening Prayer
Russell Lilly

The Lord's Supper
Travis Morrison

Our Contribution
Travis Morrison

Lesson
Adam Blaney

Announcements
Bob Snider

Closing Prayer
Jonathan Pendergraft

Serve Communion
Luis Tovar
Kevin Westerman
Patrick Springer
David Grimm
Mike Ussery
Allan McCann
Adam Barton
Brian Carroll
Aubrey Cobb
Charles Crum



What is Better than Smelling the Roses?

By Dennis R. Smith

Surely we have all heard the old expression, “better stop and smell the roses.” This, of course, has reference to the thought of slowing down and quit pushing life for things that really are not all that important. That is good advice, but there is something that precedes our doing so which is more important by far in the long run.

To answer this question I will refer you to the Psalm 46:10: “*Be still, and know that I am God.*” In the most part the rose is a symbol of love and beauty. Many songs have been written about the rose and then there’s the famous quote by Shakespeare, “*A Rose by any other name would smell as sweet.*” As far as I can tell there are only two times in the Bible where the rose is mentioned. They are as follows: “..... *and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose (Isa. 35:1).I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys*” (Song of Sol. 2:1). Both of these are metaphors relating either directly or indirectly to Jesus himself or the peace and serenity of his kingdom.



Now, what is better than smelling the roses? The answer is to stop and acknowledge that the God of heaven, who is the creator of all things, has brought the rose into being and many other beautiful things which we enjoy. While it might help us to stop and view all these things, it is better that we understand “*all things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made*” (John 1:3). The first order of business then is to “*be still and know God.*”

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.,

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 26

Bible Study:	207
Morning:	288
Evening:	174
Wednesday (11/29):	206
Contribution:	\$11,161
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(14,417)



We extend our sympathy to Larry Baggett and his family in the loss of his mom, Bonita Duncan, who passed away 11/25.

We also extend our sympathy to David Grimm's sister's family in the loss of a twin great grandchild recently. The other twin is doing well.



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

◆ David Ratterree is recovering from appendectomy surgery and cancer surgery on his head.

- ◆ Bill McFarland's cornea transplant went very well.
- ◆ Frances Grann fell this past week; she has a cracked pelvis and a crack in her lower back. She is in Republic Nursing Home and Rehab for a couple of weeks. Cards can be sent to Nancy's address (10518 W. Farm Road 156, Republic, MO 65738).

Friends & Family

- John Mahon's brother and sister-in-law who were involved in a wreck are now home recovering.
- Karen Griffin's father has serious health issues.
- Lisa Stayton's friend and co-worker, Tom Nash, is now home and doing well
- 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; she is doing a lot better and will now have her chemo treatments in Springfield.
- 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 Feeney
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!!

From the Elders:

With the recent tragedies and concern for safety, we will be taking extra steps to better prepare us in the event someone might enter our building with the intent to harm us. A step we will take, effective immediately, is to see all of our exterior doors are locked after services have begun including our main entrance which will be locked shortly after we begin services. Individuals will be identified to monitor movement in and out of the building when it is necessary to leave and re-enter or arrive after services have begun. Further steps to be taken will follow guidelines by our insurance company and communicated to you. Let any elder know if you have questions.

Thank You!

Words cannot express how touched we are at the acts of kindness shown our family during our time of grief. The cards and attendance at my mom's visitation mean so much. I re-read the cards often as they bring so much comfort. Thank you all for

lifting us up in prayer. **The Tovars**

Thank you all for the special thoughts, cards, phone calls and well wishes. It made my birthday a very happy one. Blessing to you all. **Betty Holden**

Thank you all for the many cards and well wishes for my birthday. Your kindness never ceases to amaze me. It makes my heart so warm. In Christian love, **Ann Fahr**

Thank you for the many cards for my birthday. It made my day special. In Christian love, **Wayne Harmon**

News and Activities



LAST CHANCE

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET HAD YOUR PICTURE TAKEN, PLEASE SEE LINDA CURRIER OR GO TO THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICES TODAY. WE WANT YOU TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY. IF YOUR PICTURE IS INCLUDED, YOU WILL GET A FREE COPY OF THE DIRECTORY WITHOUT THE CHURCH HAVING TO PAY EXTRA FOR IT.

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.



Caroling at the nursing homes. Kids of all ages. Join us after church this morning for card making before heading out to go caroling at our local nursing homes. The buses will leave the building at 1:00. Wear your Christmas gear!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Quilters meet on Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet at Fair Haven on the 7th and will be at Thrift Haven on the 14th.
- ◆ Elders meet the 12th at 5 p.m.
- ◆ December 31: 5th Sunday—
No potluck

HARDING CHORUS



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

Birthdays

- 1 Sheryl Low
- 3 Ashlyn Wuench
- 4 Marsha Bower
- Gavin Payne
- 6 Nancy Johnson
- Adam Barton
- 9 Alyssa Snitker
- 10 Eliza Blaney
- 11 Dennis Smith
- 12 Charlyn Lines
- Logan Winters
- 13 Seth Sekulic



THANK YOU

Thank you for donating toys for kids in the hospital. We collected over 1,000 toys and were able to make 200 bags! Thank you for your help!
Love,
Dalton Morrison

December Anniversaries

- 7 Jackie/Virginia Buck 59 yrs.
 - 10 Jim/Ruth Reaves 52 yrs.
 - 17 Eric/Wanita Duncan 23 yrs.
 - 20 Andy/Kirsten McFarland 9 yrs.
 - 22 Tom/Jammie Davis 23 yrs.
 - 30 Barney/Debbie Crawford 45 yrs.
 - 31 Eddie/Linda Currier 46 yrs.
- Happy Anniversary!!**

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *John & Lisa Stayton*
 Van Driver: *Jon Davis/864-9872*
 Nursery: *Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan*

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Jeremy Thurlkill*
 Opening Prayer: *Barney Crawford*
 Lesson: *Adam Blaney*
 Closing Prayer: *Tom Easterly*
 Communion: *Gene Kenyon/Randy Blackburn*
 Nursery: *Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin*

NEXT WEEK, December 10

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Jeremy Thurlkill</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Barry Hannah</i>	<i>Josh Luna</i>
Communion:	<i>Verl Duncan</i>	<i>G. Kenyon/R. Blackburn</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Brock Snitker</i>	<i>Jerry Milligan</i>
Greeters:	<i>Gene & Ruth Lund</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Tucker Jobes/894-0826</i>	
Nursery:	<i>AM: Wanita Duncan/Donna Jordan</i>	
	<i>PM: Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic</i>	

Wednesday, December 6

Devotional: *Tim Stockstill*
 Song Leader: *Travis Morrison*
 Prayer: *Todd Kraus*
 Van Driver: *Tim Stockstill/849-7678*

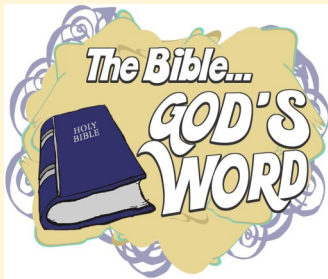
Bible Classes (Adult)

Sunday AM

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."

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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