



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 7, 2018

Order of Worship

Greeting

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

#528

Psalm 19:1-6

#226 (1,2,3)

Psalm 19:7-11

#249

Psalm 19:12-14

#542

Opening Prayer

Mike Ussery

#523 (1,2,4)

#644

The Lord's Supper

Todd Kraus

Our Contribution

Todd Kraus

#531 (1,2,3)

Message

Bill McFarland

#714 (1,4,5)

Announcements

Jerry Young

#231 (1)

Closing Prayer

David Grimm

Serve Communion

Jon Davis

Tom Davis

William Downing

John Dutton

Tom Easterly

Don Gaunt

Barry Hannah

Byrle Hayter

John Hulett

Matt Keener

ENCOURAGEMENT STANDS AT THE TOP OF THE LIST WHERE FELLOWSHIP IS CONCERNED

By Dennis R. Smith

The story of the Apostle Paul, especially his three missionary journeys, his voyage to Rome, plus all the hardships and heartaches which befell him made his life a great metaphor for our own lives. He had many reasons for giving up his mission of being the apostle to the Gentiles but never did he entertain turning back.

One of the things that made him keep on going was because he was encouraged in his work. Especially was this true when he was nearing the end of that long and difficult journey to Rome. Others in Rome knew of his coming and went out to meet him. What a great lesson for us who need encouraging as well as to those who need to be encouragers. When Paul saw this group of fellow Christians, *"he thanked God, and took courage"* (Acts 28:15). No doubt this was just what he needed to give him the reassurance of his mission. From then on, what a great work he did for the Lord. Many of his epistles were written while Paul was imprisoned in that large city of Rome.

How often we all are made to share in his successes especially when we are nearing the end of our journey. The beloved epistle to the Philippians was written while Paul was a prisoner and away from those whom he loved. Consider the following: *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now"* (Phil. 1:3-5). Much is said today about fellowship in the church. Surely the idea of encouragement, based on the teachings of scripture, goes a long way and stands at the top of the list where genuine fellowship is concerned.

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

December 31

Bible Study:	189
Morning:	259
Evening:	149
Wednesday (1/3):	169
Contribution:	\$22,228
Weekly Budget:	\$ 9,928
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ 85



Continue to remember Rachel Lilly, Tim Timmons, Eula Compton, Ron Bower, Beverly McCormick, Jim Reaves, Seldon Essex

◆ Gabe Mahon as he continues to recover from a sports injury

- ◆ Frances Grann has a cracked pelvis and a crack in her lower back as a result of a fall. She is in Republic Nursing Home and Rehab. Cards can be sent to Nancy's address (10518 W. Farm Road 156, Republic, MO 65738).
- ◆ Cecil Frost is recovering from a medical procedure.
- ◆ Luis Tovar as he continues to have inner ear troubles.
- ◆ Les Horton is doing well after his dental surgery.

Friends & Family

- Ron Bower's sister, Margerie Ann Herzig, was recovering from hip surgery and fell and cracked her femur bone.
- Neal Rosenburg, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father-in-law, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- John Mahon's cousin, Charles Hoy, as he suffers from respiratory problems.
- Zach Gafford, a young man from the Brookline congregation, who has Ewing Sarcoma cancer.
- Bob & Ellie Swartz are both needing our prayers.
- Nancy Snider's sister, Paula Hunt, as she deals with cancer.
- Bill's mom, Pauline Redmon, in rehab at Care Manor, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653.
- Maegan Sanders as she continues to deal 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

Remember our shut-ins and those with special needs. Sometimes just a phone call is all that's needed!

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2018 ARE IN THE OFFICE.



Our DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULES for the 1st Quarter of 2018 are available on the Information Desk. Be sure to pick one up and begin the new year reading and studying your Bible every day!



We extend our sympathy to the following families in the loss of loved ones recently:

Connie Fortner in the loss of her mother, Mary Todd;
Marty Stockstill in the loss of her mother, Rosemary Dean;
Pat Harp in the loss of her sister, Ina Bryeans.

Keep all of these families in your prayers for comfort and peace.

The teaching materials that have been cleaned out of the Teachers' Workroom and are no longer being used are available for you to take if you find something that will be helpful to you or someone you know. They are now on the Education Desk in the East End of the foyer. Help yourself!



We keep saying "thank you" for your generous hearts because you keep giving each and every time you are asked to give a little more. We were able to meet our budget for 2017 as well as give \$25,000 to Fair Haven through the special contribution. Your love for the Lord and for this congregation is shining brightly. The Elders

News and Activities



Year-Beginning Soup/ Chili Potluck

Please remember that our first potluck of the year is TODAY after morning worship. What better way to start the year than to eat and fellowship with one another. **Team 3 is responsible for working: Buckner, Cole, Donoho, Ewing, Jobs, Kern, Raines, Stayton Families**
Our visitors are especially welcome to stay and enjoy a good meal and let us get to know you better.

Birthdays

7 Bonnie Cole
8 Raymond Daniels
9 Megan Hollingsworth
Brock Snitker
Brittany Springer
10 Jacqueline Ussery
11 Bill McFarland
14 Gayle Gaunt
15 Anita Cobb
18 William Morrison
19 Jim Elliff
20 Betty Grabber

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet January 11 at 10:30 a.m. The new book they are studying is "Sweet Truths." Jan Bowling will be teaching the first lesson, "Transforming the Bitter."
- ◆ January 10: York College Concert Choir at Buffalo High School hosted by Buffalo Church of Christ
- ◆ Jan 12-14: YOU youth rally in Conway, AR
- ◆ January 28: Feed the Homeless
- ◆ Feb. 11: Areawide Youth Night at Water Mill

TEACHER NEEDED

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.

Married Couples Retreat

Our 2018 Married Couples Retreat will be here before we know it!

February 23rd and 24th
Stone Castle Hotel & Conference Center, 3020 Green Mountain Drive, Branson MO 65616

This is for ALL married couples - those who are just married or have been married 65+ years. Detail and signup sheet coming soon. Please plan to be with us again this year. If you have any questions, please talk with Jason and Lora Luna or Scott and Melinda Barton.



Warm up to a good book and join our book club meeting January 8th at 6:30, 629 S Marlan Ave. Chicken pot pie is on the menu, followed by discussion of the book of your choice and revealing of 2018's suggested books. Look forward to seeing you! Linda Currier

What a beautiful evening we had at Kickapoo High School listening to the Harding University Chorus perform. Thanks to the many who came out to support the event, and to those who helped spread the word. We owe a special thanks to a few: 1). The elders for allowing us to be the hosts; 2) David and Debbi Ratterree for cooking, and to Ruth Lund and Tabby for helping to serve; and 3). To all the families who opened their homes to house and feed students for the night – Scott & Melinda Barton, Lance & Teresa Griter, Jackie & Virginia Buck, Cindy Childress, Kim Maples & family, John & Michelle Hulett, Tim & Alice Buckner, Jon & Coyeatte Ewing, Gaylen & Dedra Jones, Beth Trogdon & Family, Todd & Brandi Kraus, and Paul & Carrie Lines.

We enjoyed the evening, were most proud of Briley for representing his home so well, and were grateful for the Chorus for making Springfield a stop for their tour. Thanks again to all who helped make it possible! Adam



A special song for Debbi, who prepared their meal before the concert!

HARDING CHORUS



SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Randy & Orvella Blackburn*
 Van Driver: *Team Hulett/889-5344*
 Nursery: *Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan*

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Adam Blaney*
 Opening Prayer: *Travis Morrison*
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
 Closing Prayer: *Jonathan Pendergraft*
 Communion: *David Kern/Josh Luna*
 Nursery: *Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin*

NEXT WEEK, January 14

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Adam Blaney</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Patrick Springer</i>	<i>Aaron Morrison</i>
Communion:	<i>Paul Lines</i>	<i>David Kern/Josh Luna</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Cambre Thrasher</i>	<i>Russell Lilly</i>
Greeters:	<i>Tim & Alice Buckner</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Jon Davis/864-9872</i>	
Nursery:	<i>AM: Wanita Duncan/Donna Jordan</i>	
	<i>PM: Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic</i>	

Wednesday, January 10

Devotional: *Jerry Young*
 Song Leader: *Jackie Buck*
 Prayer: *Barney Crawford*
 Van Driver: *Jason Luna/838-7152*

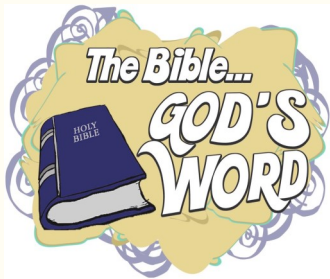
Bible Classes (Adult)

Sunday AM

Adult	Room 126	Bill McFarland
Adult	Auditorium	Byron Nichols
Adult	Room 129	Jon Ewing
Adult	Room 130	Paul Lines
College	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."

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 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands
Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission
Voice of Truth International
Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions
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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