



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 14, 2018

## Order of Worship

### Greeting

**Song Leader**  
**Jon Ewing**

#436

**Opening Prayer**  
**Patrick Springer**

#238 (1,3,4)  
#19 (1,3)  
#874 (1,2,4)

**The Lord's Supper**  
**Paul Lines**

**"How Deep The  
Father's Love"**

**Our Contribution**  
**Paul Lines**

#363 (1,4)

**Message**  
**Bill McFarland**

#449

**Announcements**  
**Jerry Young**

#22

**Closing Prayer**  
**Cambre Thrasher**

### Serve Communion

**Jon Davis**  
**Tom Davis**  
**William Downing**  
**John Dutton**  
**Tom Easterly**  
**Don Gaunt**  
**Barry Hannah**  
**Byrle Hayter**  
**John Hulett**  
**Matt Keener**

## How We Can Pray For Us

When Paul writes letters to churches that are dear to him, it is his practice to include expressions of his prayers for them. For example, after letting the Colossians know he has heard of the faith and love hope is causing in them, he says, "And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you..." (1:9). In the next few verses, he lists specific requests he is making for them.

As we make our way through this new year, we may all share in a ministry of intercessory prayer for the well-being of our congregation. We will do well to ask Heaven for the same blessings the apostle is seeking for them.

Increasing in the knowledge of God. Paul prays for them to be filled with knowledge of the Lord's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding in such a way that they increasingly know their Father and are like him (1:9b, 10c). We may join him in asking that there may be a maturing love for God in the congregation.

Walking in a manner worthy of the Lord. His unceasing petition is that the congregation's fellowship with God may be reflected in daily practices and habits that are befitting his children. We can pray, too, for the church to have a manner of life worthy of the Lord, entirely pleasing to him (1:10a).

Bearing fruit in every good work. Paul's request of the throne of grace is that his brothers and sisters may be interested in all kinds of good works, actively involved in doing them, and being blessed with fruitfulness to Lord's glory (1:10b). We might pray with him that our congregation be doing all that our God can bless.

Being strengthened for endurance and patience with joy. The apostle knows that to endure this way requires the power that comes from his glorious might (1:11). He prays for the church to be strengthened with it, and we must, too. Who knows how our congregation will need it this year?

Giving thanks to the Father. Paul always prays that the church be animated with a spirit of gratitude to the One who has made them fit to share in the heritage of the saints (1:12). Let us also pray we may be a congregation of thankful hearts that are ruled by peace and serve with gladness.

—Bill McFarland

**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

January 7

Bible Study:	183
Morning:	231
Evening:	127
Wednesday (1/3):	185
Contribution:	\$ 9,815
Weekly Budget:	\$ 10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ (304)

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!



Continue to remember Rachel Lilly, Tim Timmons, Eula Compton, Ron Bower, Beverly McCormick, Jim Reaves, Gabe Mahon, Tim Bowling

- ◆ Sandra Pingnot's eye surgery went well; she will have surgery again on the 24th.
- ◆ Frances Grann is back in Republic Nursing Home and Rehab after hip replacement surgery following a fall. She has a long recovery ahead. 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.
- ◆ Julie Alexander has been in Cox South this past week.
- ◆ Shawna Stockdale will have additional back surgery on the 29th.

### Friends & Family

- Jan Bowling's grandmother, Haseltine Pendergrass, who suffered a stroke this past week.
- Ron Bower's sister, Margerie Ann Herzig, as she continues to recover from injuries due to a fall
- Neal Rosenburg, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father-in-law, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- 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.

**KEEP OUR YOUTH GROUP IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR SAFE TRAVELS AS THEY RETURN FROM CONWAY THIS AFTRNOON.**



We extend our sympathy to Yvonne Tindall and her family in the loss of her sister, Ruth Kenerson, who passed away peacefully Friday night in Myrtle Beach, SC.

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!



I want to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and food when I had surgery. It all meant so much to us. We love our church family.  
**Ruth Raines**

Words cannot express the thanks we have for your love, friendship and support. We truly appreciate the many cards, kind words, visits, and delicious meals provided during this time of loss. Love, **Tim, Marty & Family**

### 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 Pingnot  
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 AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE. If you have previously used the envelopes but do not plan to this year, please let Johnnie know.**

# News and Activities

## 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.



Friday, Jan. 26, Feb. 16  
from 6 to 9 p.m. Sign-up sheet is at the Information Desk or contact Lora Luna.

## Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged

**SUNDAY, January 28**

Immediately after the morning worship service/806 N. Jefferson Ave  
Contacts: - Aaron/Brittany Morrison

We need enough food to feed approximately 80 people!!

**We need servers!**

**WATCH FOR SIGNUP SHEETS!**

## Upcoming Events

♦ **Ladies Bible Class** will meet **THURSDAY at 10:30 a.m.** The new book they are studying is **"Sweet Truths."** Virginia Buck will be teaching the lesson, **"Eating the Whole Thing."**

### HOT POT DINNER

A hot pot dinner for college-aged members and guests will be held at the building on Saturday, January 20 at 6pm. Please sign up at the info desk by Wednesday, Jan 17. See Travis Morrison or Michelle Hulett for more information.

**Feb. 11: Areawide Youth Night at Water Mill. Watch for more information on ways you can help.**



### Birthdays

14 Gayle Gaunt  
15 Anita Cobb  
18 William Morrison  
19 Jim Elliff  
20 Betty Grabber  
21 Pat Blackburn  
Gena Ussery  
23 Jerry Milligan  
25 Sherry Sherman  
Lota Luna

## 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



Pick up a 2018 book club brochure (from the information desk) and start this year reading with us.

Readings for our meeting March 12 are on the topic of prayer. Suggestions that can be found in the church library are:

**PRAYER** the voice of faith by Charles B. Hodge, Jr.

**THE CIRCLE MAKER: Praying Circles Around Your Biggest Dreams And Greatest Fears** by Mark Batterson.

**PRAYER: Does It Make Any Difference** by Philip Yancey

**FERVENT: A Woman's Battle Plan to Serious Specific, and Strategic Prayer** by Priscilla Shirer

# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Tim & Alice Buckner*  
 Van Driver: *Jon Davis/864-9872*  
 Nursery: *Wanita Duncan/Donna Jordan*

## THIS EVENING

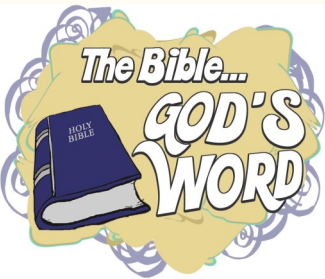
Song Leader: *Adam Blaney*  
 Opening Prayer: *Aaron Morrison*  
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*  
 Closing Prayer: *Russell Lilly*  
 Communion: *David Kern/Josh Luna*  
 Nursery: *Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic*

## NEXT WEEK, January 21

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Adam Blaney</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Gene Kenyon</i>	<i>Eddie Sanders</i>
Communion:	<i>Jason Luna</i>	<i>David Kern/Josh Luna</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Adam Barton</i>	<i>Byron Nichols</i>
Greeters:	<i>Gerri Dickens/Johnnie Elliff</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Tucker Jobes/894-0826</i>	
Nursery:	<i>AM: Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker</i>	
	<i>PM: Virginia Buck/Teresa Mahon</i>	

## Wednesday, January 17

Devotional: *Jon Davis*  
 Song Leader: *Jackie Buck*  
 Prayer: *Brock Snitker*  
 Van Driver: *Tim Stockstill/849-7678*



## Bible Classes (Adult)

### Sunday AM

Adult	Topical Studies	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](http://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**  
**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 Study ....9:00 AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM  
 Sunday Evening Worship... .....5:00 PM  
 Wednesday Night Bible Class....6:30 PM



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