



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 4, 2018

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Adam Blaney

#943

Welcome

#250

#842

“Every Time I Kneel to Pray”

Opening Prayer
Cambre Thrasher

#732 (1,2,4,5)

#916

The Lord’s Supper
Byron Nichols

Our Contribution
Byron Nichols

#847

#76 (1)

Message
Luke Dockery

#970

Announcements
Barney Crawford

#863

Closing Prayer
Tim Bowling

Serve Communion

Brock Snitker
Jerry Stockdale
Jeremy Thurlkill
Kevin Westerman
Patrick Springer
Jonathan Pendergraft
David Grimm
Mike Ussery
Jackie Buck
Brendan Carroll

THE POWER OF PURPOSE

When the church in Jerusalem heard that people in Antioch had turned to the Lord, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. The Bible says that when Barnabas had arrived and had seen the grace of God, he was glad “and he exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord” (Acts 11:23). Notice that phrase “with purpose of heart.” What an important quality it is!

Purpose of heart has always been a key element in the lives of great servants of God. The Lord himself said, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work” (John 4:34) Paul could say, “But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” (Acts 20:24. Notice that they were both saying that they had a purpose to accomplish.

Purpose of heart can be a source of power in our lives, too. For one thing, purpose will put us to work. When one has his heart set on something, he will do his very best to reach his goal. Paul once used the illustration of a runner in the games to show that those of us who seek an incorruptible crown ought to run with purpose (1 Cor. 9:24, 25).

In the next place, purpose will simplify things for us. We all run the risk of being sidetracked so that we don’t accomplish anything. Purpose, however, gives us some priorities. Jesus told Martha, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary...” (Luke 10:41,42).

Also, purpose will cause us to sacrifice. Paul, for example, was willing to suffer the loss of all things and to count them as refuse so that he could gain Christ and be found in Him (Phil 3:8,9). No opposition, no disappointment, and no cost could keep him from his purpose.

Purpose of heart gives us the direction and the perseverance we need in Christian living. It is an essential quality, both in our individual lives and in our work as a congregation.

- 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

February 24

Bible Study:	199
Morning:	322
Evening:	181
Wednesday (2/28):	171
Contribution:	\$10,141



We extend our sympathy to Tim Stockstill in the loss of his good friend and co-worker Rick Eckley. He was 49 and a good man, a husband, father and just recently a grandfather. He was involved in a farming accident Sunday the 25th and did not survive.



Thank you all so much for all the birthdays cards I received. They made my day special. In Christian love,
Alice Daniels



Continue to remember Rachel Lilly, Eula Compton, Ron Bower, Beverly McCormick, Jim Reaves, Cecil Frost, Don Essex, Greg Larimore

◆ Lonnie Wilkinson is in Quail Creek, Willow Creek No. 49

- ◆ Shawna Stockdale's back surgery is scheduled for Friday, March 9.
- ◆ Wayne Harmon is in Manorcare rehab following hip surgery.
- ◆ Frances Grann is in Republic Nursing Home and Rehab not doing very well. Cards can be sent to Nancy's address.

Friends & Family

- Debbie Crawford's dad has been in the hospital in Texas with severe vertigo and now is in rehab slowly improving.
- Lucile High's great-grandson Luke Reynolds is doing well after hip surgery
- Lucile's niece, Marj Hooper in ID, has breast cancer
- Jan Bowling's dad, Russell Harber, is now home after getting a pacemaker.
- Betty Stockstill's good friend, Molly Patterson of Melbourne, FL, is in rehab recovering from a stroke
- Bud Creson, Carol Griffin's father, is in the Strafford Care Center.
- Gerri Dickens' daughter, Karen Davis, is at Gerri's home
- Sara Keener's uncle, David Deffenbaugh, as he recovers from serious surgery and ongoing health issues.
- Bobby Kern, David & Debbie's son, as he continues to have health issues
- Jan Bowling's grandmother, Haseltine Pendergrass, is recovering from a stroke.
- Neal Rosenburg, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father, has been diagnosed 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 Feeney
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!



Expectant Mom

Chelsea Thrasher/
July



We would like to officially welcome Mark & Hannah Hayes to Water Mill as they have made know their desire to work and worship with us. Be sure to meet them if you haven't already. Their address is 2364 S. Ingram Mill Rd., Apt. B8, 65804. 417-499-3480 Mark/417-456-9770 Hannah



Married Couples Retreat in Branson

News and Activities



The Snider Family invite you to a 90th Birthday Celebration



in honor of **BOB SNIDER** on Friday, March 9, from 6:30—8 p.m. at the Water Mill Church of Christ. Please no gifts!



“Sisters in All Seasons”

Saturday, April 28th
Mark your calendars and watch for more information coming soon.

“Be a Blessing Meeting”

today at 4:30 p.m. in Room 126. All are encouraged to attend.



Puppets & Drama Rehearsals

Each Sunday of rehearsals please bring a lunch and plan to be at the building ALL DAY until evening services. Here are the rehearsal dates: 3/11, 18, 25 (also PRESENTATION NIGHT!).

Spring Forward



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday

March 11, 2018



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

- ◆ **Ladies Bible Class** will meet **THURSDAY** at 10:30 a.m. The study is from the book “Sweet Truths.” Ruth Essex will be teaching the lesson, “Anticipating the Taste.”
- ◆ **Quilters** meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- ◆ **Elders** meet March 13 at 5 p.m.
- ◆ **March 15 Ladies Class** will work at Thrift Haven and then have lunch at the Tea House.
- ◆ **Areawide Youth Night** at Fordland Marcy 18
- ◆ March 25—**LTC Presentation**
- ◆ March 20-31—**LTC Convention**



May 26, 2018
3 P.M.

Adam Barton & Brooke Baker at Water Mill Church of Christ



Birthdays

- 4 Levi Nichols
- 5 Bill White (95)
- 6 Paul Lines
- Haddy Blaney
- 8 Titus Morrison
- 9 Ann Freeze
- Scott Nichols
- 11 Pat Harp
- Bob Snider
- Ella Mae Findlay
- Laurie Atwood
- Tom Meeks
- 12 Bob Horton
- 13 Anthony Kraus
- 16 Gene Kenyon



Here’s a sweet picture of the kids in our first grade class with their torches after studying Gideon. Thanks Gena for the picture.

THEREFORE
ENCOURAGE
ONE ANOTHER
AND
BUILD
ONE ANOTHER UP
JUST AS YOU ARE DOING
1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

AREA EVENTS

- March 17-18: **Youth Weekend Soulfit** at the Fordland Church of Christ
- March 24: Clinton Church of Christ **Ladies Day/Speaker Jane Maynard**
- March 24: **“How to Evangelize Your Community”** by Dr. Stafford North at the Hollister Church of Christ
Flyers are on the Bulletin Board!

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: Linda Barnett/Gerri Dickens
Van Driver: Aaron Schwartz/816-309-9286
Nursery: Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Kerry Cole
Opening Prayer: Adam Barton
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Verl Duncan
Communion: Jon Davis/John Dutton
Nursery: Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin

NEXT WEEK, March 11

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer:	Gene Kenyon	John Mahon
Communion:	Eddie Sanders	Jon Davis/John Dutton
Closing Prayer:	Eddie Currier	Jason Luna
Greeters:	Kerry & Sandy Cole	
Van Driver:	Todd Kraus/207-7877	
Nursery:	<i>AM:</i> Wanita Duncan/Donna Jordan	
	<i>PM:</i> Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic	

Wednesday, March 7

Devotional: John Mahon
Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Prayer: Matt Keener
Van Driver: Charlie Crum/840-2632

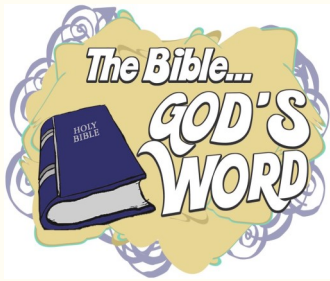
Bible Classes (Adult)

Sunday AM

Adult	Topical Studies	Room 126	Bill McFarland
Adult	Proverbs and 2018	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	Prayers of God's People:	Auditorium	Bill McFarland
Adult	"Be Still, and Know that I am God."	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
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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