



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 18, 2018

## Order of Worship

**Song Leader**  
Adam Blaney

#738  
#9 (1-3)  
"Magnificat"

**Opening Prayer**  
Allen McCann

"How Deep the  
Father's Love for Us"  
#644

**The Lord's Supper**  
John Stayton

**Reading: Phil. 1:3-6**

**Our Contribution**  
John Stayton

"Ancient Words"

**Message**  
Bill McFarland

#299 (1,5)

**Announcements**  
Barney Crawford

"My Only Hope"(1,2,4)

**Closing Prayer**  
Brian Carroll

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

## A Tree of Life

*The tree of life is an important Bible theme. In the beginning of the Biblical account, fallen man is separated from the tree that was in the midst of Eden (Gen. 3:22). At the end of the record, redeemed man is restored to the tree at the throne of God (Rev. 22:2).*

*In between these two books, however, the phrase "tree of life" appears only in Proverbs. The wise man uses it to speak of things which are sources of the kind of life that a man ought to live. It symbolizes those qualities, which add beauty, joy and vitality to life.*

**1. Wisdom.** *The wise man said of wisdom, "She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed" (Prov. 3:18). Wisdom is not merely knowledge, but the proper use of knowledge. It comes from God (Js. 1:5), and it is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere (Js. 3:18). One who finds wisdom finds life and will obtain the favor of the Lord (Prov. 8:35).*

**2. The fruit of the righteous.** *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30). A good man's example and teaching is a source of blessing and life to others. His words and deeds are like the fruits of a tree which nourish many souls and lead them to God. Our lives ought to be filled with the fruits of righteousness through Christ (Phil. 1:11).*

**3. Hope fulfilled.** *The wise man observed, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life" (Prov. 13:12). Few things are as disheartening as dashed hopes. But when our deepest longings are met, it is as satisfying and refreshing to our spiritual lives as a tree of life. This is a blessing we always have in Christ, for our hope is sure and steadfast because of him (Heb. 6:19).*

**4. A gentle tongue.** *"A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit" (Prov. 15:4). Harsh words have broken many a heart, but a gentle tongue has a healing influence. Wholesome words refresh and build up those who hear. Our speech ought to be a source of grace and encouragement to others (Eph. 4:29).*

*If you long for real life, seek wisdom, bear fruit, speak gently, and have a secure hope. These qualities will help us along the road until we finally come to the tree of life at the throne of God.*

- 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

March 11

Bible Study:	209
Morning:	280
Evening:	182
Wednesday (3/14):	188
Contribution:	\$ 9,455



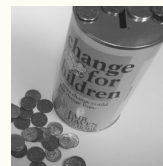
A big THANK YOU to all who helped make my 90th birthday a very happy time. It's a great blessing to be a member of the Water Mill church. My love and blessings to all. Bob Snider

Please add Bob & Leona Snider's home phone # to your new directory:

417-833-3498

We extend our sympathy to Byrle Hayter in the loss of his sister-in-law, Ruth Hayter, this past week.

New Sunday Morning Bible Classes  
Today Jon Ewing will start a new study on "The Gift of the Holy Spirit" in Room 129. Bill McFarland's new study in Room 126 is "The Letters of John." Please join us for Sunday and Wednesday Bible Study. You will be blessed!



Fair Haven needs your help with a "Change for Children" fund drive. Watch for cans in the foyer soon and PICK UP YOUR CAN AND CHANGE THE LIFE OF A CHILD!



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

- Truman Coltrane is in Mercy Hospital, room D-3264 due to complications from a fall last week.
- Glenda Thurlkill is in Mercy Hospital, room 4168 at this writing with some heart issues.
- ◆ Don Essex has been in and out of the hospital this past week. It was determined he has multiple fractured ribs from his fall a few weeks ago.
- ◆ Lonnie Wilkinson has moved to The Gardens, Room 204.
- ◆ Shawna Stockdale's back surgery is scheduled for March 26.
- ◆ Doris Iorg is dealing with several health issues.
- ◆ Wayne Harmon is in Manorcare following hip surgery.
- ◆ Frances Grann is in Republic Nursing Home and Rehab. Her hip is healing well and she is ready for visitors! Cards can be sent to Nancy's address.
- ◆ Julie Alexander was in and out of the hospital last week.

### Friends & Family

- Elizabeth Lilly's dad, Frank Cunningham, continues to have several health issues.
- Russell Harber, Jan Bowling's dad, had his pacemaker replaced last Thursday.
- Debbie Crawford's dad has been in the hospital in Texas with severe vertigo and now is in rehab slowly improving.
- Lucile High's niece, Marj Hooper in ID, has breast cancer
- 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 Strafford Care Center.
- Gerri Dickens' daughter, Karen Davis, is now at home.
- Bobby Kern, David & Debbie's son, as he deals with 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.

### Long Term/ Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower  
Eula Compton  
Don Essex  
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!



Expectant Mom

Chelsea Thrasher/  
July/boy



# News and Activities



If you have not picked up your new Pictorial Directory, stop by the office and pick up a copy for your family (1 per family). Also, the church Mobile Directory is now available for your use. If you did not receive an email with the link and instructions, please see Linda Currier or Johnnie.



*“Sisters in All Seasons”*

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

## 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



*Friday March 23, April 13,  
May 11 from 6 to 9 p.m.  
Sign-up sheet is at the  
Information Desk or contact  
Lora Luna.*

## Bags for Homeless

We are collecting items to be packed in plastic bags to give to the homeless. See the list of items needed on the Information Desk. Please place your items on the table in the Fellowship Room. Bags will be packed immediately after the Sunday morning service on April 8.

## Happy Hollow Bible Camp

### Work Days

*Saturday, April 14 @ 9 AM  
Saturday, May 5 @ 9 AM  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS*

- ◆ Areawide Youth Night at Fordland tonight
- ◆ Elders meet tomorrow at 5 p.m.
- ◆ Ladies Class will meet Thursday at 10:30. Jan Bowling will be the teacher.
- ◆ March 25—LTC Presentation
- ◆ March 30-31—LTC Convention
- ◆ April 8—LTC Awards Night

### Birthdays

- 18 Kevin Westerman
- Erica Dutton
- 20 Johnna Duncan
- 21 Barry Hannah
- 22 Jackie Buck
- 25 Fred Winters
- McKenna Jobs
- 27 Mason Blaney
- 28 Lucile High
- Marlene Matthews
- 29 Oran Green
- Tom Davis
- 30 Mary Bratcher (90)
- Glenda Thurlkill



## AREA EVENTS

March 24: Clinton Church of Christ  
Ladies Day/Speaker Jane Maynard

*“How to Evangelize Your Community” by Dr. Stafford North at the Hollister Church of Christ, March 24*

*Flyers are on the Bulletin Board!*

## LTC 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: 3/18, 25 (also PRESENTATION NIGHT!).



**Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.**

# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Brendan & Ginny Carroll*  
 Van Driver: *Team Hulett/889-5344*  
 Nursery: *Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker*

## THIS EVENING

Song Leader:  
 Opening Prayer: *Gene Lund*  
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*  
 Closing Prayer: *Josh Luna*  
 Communion: *Jon Davis/John Dutton*  
 Nursery: *Virginia Buck/Teresa Mahon*

## NEXT WEEK, March 25

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Adam Blaney</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Randy Blackburn</i>	<i>Barry Hannah</i>
Communion:	<i>Luis Tovar</i>	<i>Jon Davis/John Dutton</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Tom Easterly</i>	<i>Bryan Hannah</i>
Greeters:	<i>Tom/Jammie Davis</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Jon Davis/864-9872</i>	
Nursery:	<i>AM: Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum</i>	
	<i>PM: Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton</i>	

## Wednesday, March 21

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

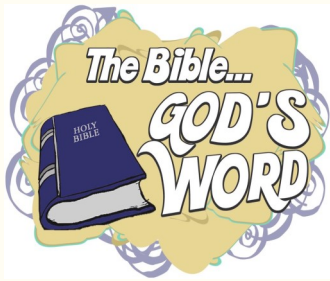
## Bible Classes (Adult)

### Sunday AM

Adult	The Letters of John	Room 126	Bill McFarland
Adult	Proverbs and 2018	Auditorium	Byron Nichols
Adult	The Gift of the Holy Spirit	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](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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