

# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

July 22, 2018

## Order of Worship

*Greeting*

*Song Leader*

*Opening Prayer*  
*John Mahon*

*The Lord's Supper*  
*John Hulett*

*Our Contribution*  
*John Hulett*

*Message*  
*Bill McFarland*

*Announcements*  
*Scott Barton*

*Closing Prayer*  
*Andy McFarland*



## God and Pain

In his book *The Cross of Christ*, John Stott wrote, "I could never myself believe in God, if it were not for the cross .... In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who is immune to it? ... He laid aside his immunity to pain. He entered our world of flesh and blood, tears and death. He suffered for us. Our sufferings become more manageable in the light of his." (p. 335, 336)

The problem of pain is, and always has been, a severe challenge to faith. God does not offer a detailed defense of himself nor an explanation of his rule over a world where suffering exists. He does offer his Son to redeem us from it.

We wish pain were gone. Some day it will be. In the meantime, we are strengthened by remembering what was accomplished when Christ suffered for sins. A writer unknown to me imagined God's response to man's cry for pain to be taken away:

Then answered the Lord to the cry of the world,  
"Shall I take away pain,  
And with it the power of the soul to endure,  
Made strong by the strain?  
Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart,  
And sacrifice high?  
Will you lose all your heroes that lift from the fire  
White brows to the sky?  
Shall I take away love that redeems with a price,  
And smiles with your loss?  
Can you spare from your life that would cling unto mine  
The Christ on His Cross?"

No, we can't. He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities, and chastised for our peace. With his stripes we are healed. Some things are accomplished through suffering that can't be done any other way.

- Bill McFarland  
(reprint from 7/15/07 Bulletin)

# 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.



Continue to remember Rachel Lilly, Eula Compton, Cecil Frost, Sheryl Low, Don Essex

- ◆ Ron Bower is in Mercy Hospital ICU as doctors try to determine the source of blood loss among his other health issues.
  - ◆ Little Tate Thrasher remains in Mercy but hopefully will go home soon; he continues to do well
  - ◆ Truman Coltrane has been in and out of the hospital this past week.
  - ◆ Laurie Atwood will hopefully tomorrow have the stent put in her kidney.
  - ◆ Virginia Buck is doing well after her shoulder replacement surgery.
  - ◆ Nancy Snider has not been feeling well lately.
- Friends & Family**
- ◆ Jon Ewing's mom, Joan Ewing, is now in long-term care at The Maples, Health & Rehabilitation, Room 119B, 610 W. Sunset, 65807 for rehab. Visits would be good except for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 11:00-5:00 while she is gone to dialysis. Cards would be good too.

- Nancy Snider requested that we send cards to a 3 year old child who is in St. Jude Hospital: Merick Lutz, c/o St. Jude, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.
- Kenny Barnett, great-nephew of Illene Birdsong.
- Jason Green, Oran & Nadean's son, is now home. His address: 10317 Crowne Pointe Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76244.
- Bob & Leona's neighbor's son, Brad Kerr, is receiving treatment for pancreatic cancer and dealing with complications from the treatments
- Shirlane Horton's mom, Sandy Long, as she continues to have health issues; also Shirlane's sister, Mary Mast, and Danielle's mom, Brenda Chayer.
- Neal Rosenburg, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father, is dealing with cancer.
- Bill's mom, Pauline Redmon, is at Care Manor, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

### Long Term/ Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower  
Eula Compton  
Don Essex  
Ola Jean Feeney  
Jeanetta Hardy  
Doris Iorg  
Doris Tobler  
**Nursing Homes**  
Ella Mae Findlay  
Ann Freeze  
Chloe Gaddis  
Jerry Gillespie  
Frances Grann  
Sandra Pingenot  
Nancy Snider  
Lonnie Wilkinson

## For The Record

July 15

Bible Study:	183
Morning:	315
Evening:	151
Wednesday (7/18):	178
Contribution:	\$ 9,275

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



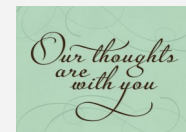
Expectant Mom  
Kasey Sekulic  
Late October/Girl



Please extend a warm welcome to Gretchen Thomas (Jasmine & Lake LeVieune), who has made the decision to work and worship with us at Water Mill. If you have not yet met Gretchen, make a special effort to meet her. **Welcome to Water Mill Gretchen & Family.**



Please say a special prayer for all those who lost loved ones and those who were injured in the tragedy in Branson last Thursday night. Our hearts and prayers are with them.



We extend our sympathy to Mary Jo Rookstool in the loss of her niece, Treva Dishman, who passed away last Tuesday due to ongoing complications from diabetes and dialysis.

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

# News and Activities

## Wednesday Evening Summer Series

Our speaker Wednesday evening will be Beau Bennett and his topic will be "I am the Vine" (John 15:1, 5). We ask that you sit in the front section if it is convenient. Fifth grade and up will remain in the

## Ladies Bible Class



All ladies all ages are invited to participate in our summer Ladies Bible Classes. We will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and the lesson will be "Meditate and Evaluate" taught by Erica Dutton.

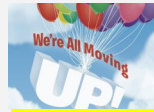
## Happy Birthday

### Birthdays

22 Cheryl Friend  
Audrey Wuench  
24 Connie Fortner  
Madelyn Hollingsworth  
25 Tim Bowling  
26 Mike Ussery  
27 Kelley Kenyon  
29 Virginia Buck  
30 Ruth Reaves  
Jason Luna  
31 Nadean Green  
Josie Eilenstein

Fair Haven's "Change for Children" fund drive! CONTINUE TO FILL YOUR CANS WITH CHANGE OR A CHECK AND TURN IT INTO THE OFFICE OR TO DAVID GRIMM.

## Upcoming Events



**BIBLE CLASS PROMOTION DAY**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5**

**Bible Camps**  
**TODAY thru SATURDAY –**  
**Happy Hollow Jason/Travis**

- ◆ Christ Quest at Mountain Home: August 3-5
- ◆ August 5: PM service/Joey Treat Report
- ◆ August 19th: Bridal shower/potluck for Alison Bean and Jeremy Thurlkill immediately after AM service. They are registered at Myregistry.com. If something is listed on the website but you buy it locally, you can go back to the website and post that it has been purchased.
- ◆ Mark your calendar—OPEN HOUSE at Fair Haven Oct. 6. Watch for more details.
- ◆ October 13: Jeremy & Alison's wedding in Calvert City, KY



**Sewing and quilting will meet Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. It is multi-generational so all women are invited to attend.**

***A Special Thank You!***

Thank you all so much for all the cards, phone calls, and delicious food you all have bestowed upon me and Jackie. We feel you are our family and are so thankful for you all. The doctor says I am doing very well after the shoulder surgery, but will still need more recuperation time and then physical therapy for a few months. Thank you for your prayers. **Virginia Buck**

Once again I come to you to say what a blessing you are in my life. It strengthened me to have my brothers and sisters in Christ praying for me. Others brought food, drove me to the doctor, called expressing care and concern, and visits. So thankful for your help and prayers. **Sheryl Low**

## *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

### **New Address**

**Maples Family**  
362 Timothy Ridge Road  
Strafford, MO 65757

# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Byrle/Virginia Hayter*  
 Van Driver: *Brock Snitker/405-694-9774*  
 Nursery: *Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum*

### Serve Communion

<i>Jonathan Pendergraft</i>	<i>Adam Barton</i>
<i>David Grimm</i>	<i>Brian Carroll</i>
<i>Mike Ussery</i>	<i>Aubrey Cobb</i>
<i>Allen McCann</i>	<i>Charles Crum</i>
<i>Gaylen Jones</i>	<i>Tom Easterly</i>

## THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Patrick Springer*  
 Opening Prayer: *Travis Morrison*  
 Lesson: *Adam Blaney*  
 Closing Prayer: *Ron Stokes*  
 Communion: *G. Kenyon/M. Putnam*  
 Nursery: *Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton*

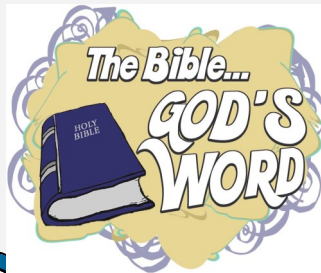
## NEXT WEEK, July 29

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Patrick Springer</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Aaron Morrison</i>	<i>Tim Stockstill</i>
Communion:	<i>David Kern</i>	<i>G. Kenyon/M. Putnam</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Aaron Schwartz</i>	<i>Briley Ewing</i>
Greeters:	<i>Leah Freeze/Melinda Barton</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Todd Kraus/417-207-7877</i>	
Nursery:	<i>AM: Lora Luna/Kirsten McFarland</i>	
	<i>PM: Lora Luna/Kirsten McFarland</i>	

## Wednesday, July 25

### SUMMER SERIES

Prayer: *Brendan Carroll*  
 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 Thurlkill

### Wednesday Night

### SUMMER SERIES IN THE AUDITORIUM

*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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