

WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 23, 2018

Order of Worship

Greeting

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

*“How Deep the Father’s
Love”*
#85
#454

Opening Prayer
Travis Morrison

#621

The Lord’s Supper
Cambre Thrasher

Offering
Cambre Thrasher

#463

#519

Message
Bill McFarland

#714

Announcements
Jon Ewing

#612

Closing Prayer
Jason Luna



Being Prepared to Make a Defense

As you know, we are currently in the middle of a series of responses to questions a gentleman cared enough to ask of us. We are offering answers because we expect that many of us wonder about these things, too, but we also have another purpose. It is to illustrate how we may go about something that is asked of us all. It’s this: “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect” (1 Pet. 3:15, ESV).

What Peter is calling us to do assumes some things about us. It assumes the church will be meeting, offering spiritual sacrifices, taking in these instructions, living the faith out in the community, and actively serving in word in deed. In other words, the assumption is that a people who honor Christ as Lord will be doing some things that might lead other persons to ask why.

And any of us who honor him as holy are called to be putting ourselves in a position to be able to say why. Is Christ your Lord? Is there hope in you? Why? What is your reason? None of us will be able to answer every question anyone may ask of us. People often wonder about things for which there is no scriptural answer! But any of us can benefit from the discipline of being able to put into words why we hope in Christ. And besides the blessings that will bring to ourselves, it will put us in position to bless.

The apostle says this is a task that is always to be attended to with a gentle spirit, with a tone of respect, and with a sincere conscience (the next verse adds). It’s not just the answer that’s important, but also the attitude. How could one know why he hopes in Christ and not be humbled by it? Pray for us that we may be heard that way, today and always.

–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

September 16

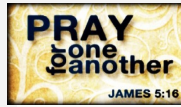
Bible Study:	213
Morning:	285
Evening:	130
Wednesday (9/19):	203
Contribution:	\$8,642

New Address

Suzanne Dabbs
106 N. Washington
#201
Neosho, MO 64850

AREA EVENTS

- 9/29 **Ladies Day** at Aurora church of Christ
9/30-10/3 **Gospel Meeting** at Bona Church of Christ
10/6 **Ladies Day** at Strafford Church of Christ
10/7-10 **Gospel Meeting** at Sparta Church of Christ
10/7-10 Mountain Grove **Church of Christ Lectureship**
Brochures on Bulletin Board



Continue to remember Rachel Lilly, Eula Compton, Ron & Marsha Bower

- ◆ Mike Thurlkill will have surgery on his arm on October 19th.
- ◆ Leona Snider will have hip replacement surgery Tuesday at Mercy Orthopedic Hospital.
- ◆ Marsha Bower spent some time at the ER and will have gall bladder surgery next week.
- ◆ Devin Carroll as he heals from his ACL surgery and the repair of the meniscus.
- ◆ Cecil Frost is home. Visits are ok, just call first.
- ◆ Virginia Morgan has been moved to Ravenwood Assisted Living, Room 20, 1950 E Republic Rd, Springfield, 65804.
- ◆ Jedonna Griter has had some issues with high blood pressure, low blood sugar, and an irregular heartbeat recently.
- ◆ Christina Snitker as she is dealing with some health issues.

Friends & Family

- Randy Blackburn's daughter, Erica, will have serious surgery Wednesday at Cox South. Also, Randy's sister as she deals with a spot of cancer.
- Lanae Gillespie's aunt, Ople Thomson, fell and broke her hip. She is in Mercy Hospital.
- Nancy Snider's sister, Paula Hunt, is in Mercy Hospital, room 4118 after a fall and other health issues.
- ◆ Lowell Kennemer (Cheryl Thompson's father) (good friends of the Lunas) has Stage 4 cancer.
- ◆ Dang Nguyen is showing some improvement. His address is 11508 Finnegan's Way, Oregon City, OR 97045.
- Neal Rosenberg, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father, continues to deal with cancer. He's holding his own.
- Bill's mom, Pauline Redmon, is at Care Manor, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653. She continues to have health issues.
- ◆ Sandy Long, Shirlane Horton's mom is at the Maples, 610 W. Sunset in room 316A for rehab after having a back procedure but hopes to go home tomorrow with home health care.

Daily Bible Reading schedules for the 4th Quarter are available at the Information Desk. Pick up a copy and get started now!



Dear Family, Thank you so much for your encouragement and concern during these past few months. It has been exhausting at times, but we are both feeling and doing better. We greatly appreciate all of you, and the prayers sent up in our behalf. Love,
Jackie & Virginia Buck

Thank you for all your concerns about my surgery. All the cards, pictures, food, calls and prayers have been a blessing. We love you all and we have been blessed to be a part of such a loving family. In Christian love, **Don & Linda Tracy**

Long Term/ Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower
Ron Bower
Eula Compton
Don Essex
Ola Jean Feeney
Doris Iorg
Doris Tobler
Nursing Homes
Ella Mae Findlay
Ann Freeze
Chloe Gaddis
Jerry Gillespie
Frances Grann
Virginia Morgan
Sandra Pingnot
Nancy Snider
Lonnie Wilkinson

B A B Y

Expectant Moms
Kasey Sekulic
Late October/Girl
Christina Snitker
Jan. 2019/BOY

A baby is a blessing.
A gift from Heaven above,
A precious little angel
To cherish and to love.



News and Activities

Leslie and Betty Bean and Mike & Glenda Thurlkill invite you to celebrate with their children

Alison and Jeremy on their wedding day
October 13th at 2 p.m. CST
 Calvert City Church of Christ, 4625 US-62, Calvert City, KY
 Reception to follow



Ladies Bible Class

LADIES CLASS WILL MEET THURSDAY AT 10:30 AM.

This week's lesson, "Look for a Good Rest Stop" will be led by Virginia Buck. All ladies are invited to attend.

- ◆ **Quilters** will meet each Thursday at 9 a.m. before Ladies Class.
- ◆ **PNO Oct 5th**
- ◆ **FALL FEST** at the Lunas Oct. 20

Save the Date

"Sisters in Service" October 26-27

You can expect devotional time, fellowship & edification, fun and opportunities for serving one another. Sign up sheet is on the Information Desk.

Also watch for details to come soon on a Winter Ladies Retreat and our traditional Spring Ladies Tea for 2019.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

They serve from 5 to 6 p.m.
 Be sure to sign up at the Information Desk if you plan to attend.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE OPEN HOUSE. PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION DESK IF YOU CAN HELP.

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, JUSTIN HATFIELD WILL SPEAK AT OUR AM WORSHIP SERVICE IN KEEPING WITH FAIR HAVEN'S HOMECOMING AND OPEN HOUSE. FAIR HAVEN IS NEAR AND DEAR TO OUR HEARTS SO MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO BE A PART OF THESE SPECIAL EVENTS.



CAMP TO-KNOW-HIM

2018/Sept. 28-30

Hidden Valley Outfitters
 27101 Marigold Drive, Lebanon, MO 65536. Info is on the education desk.
 You can still sign up to attend & register on line for your campsite.
www.hvoutfitters.com
 Phone: 417-533-5628

You're invited!



Baby Shower

For **Kaizlee Sekulic**

Sunday Afternoon
 Oct. 7th at 2:00 PM
 3905 E Farm Rd 94
 (Southwest Electric Cooperative)

Kasey has registered at Target on the Target baby registry but other items such as diapers, wipes, and clothing are needed so feel free to shop other places as well. Your attendance is a blessing. You don't need to RSVP, but if you have questions, contact Becky Marsolf, (Nanny), at 417-298-1838

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Hortons invite you to join them for fellowship and fun for Ronnie's 3 year birthday party. There will be pumpkin decorating and a clown to give balloons for the kids. Rogersville City Park 10/6/18, 2-4PM

Birthdays

23 Jim Reaves
 24 Stephen Fisher
 25 Lukas Thrasher
 27 Ruth Essex
 28 Tim Stockstill
 Grace Trogdon
 10/1 Tommy Grabber
 4 Emma Winters
 6 Charles Crum

Happy Birthday

September Anniversaries

29 Paul/Carrie Lines 28 yrs.
Happy Anniversary!!

We are in need of a 5th grade Bible class teacher on Wednesday evenings. Please see Tom Davis if you are interested in this work.

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Gene & Ruth Lund*
 Van Driver: *Aaron Schwartz/816-309-9286*
 Nursery: *Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum*

Serve Communion

<i>Travis Morrison</i>	<i>John Stayton</i>
<i>Colton Orum</i>	<i>Jerry Stockdale</i>
<i>Eddie Sanders</i>	<i>David Grimm</i>
<i>Aaron Schwartz</i>	<i>Mike Ussery</i>
<i>Brock Snitker</i>	<i>Kevin Westerman</i>

THIS EVENING

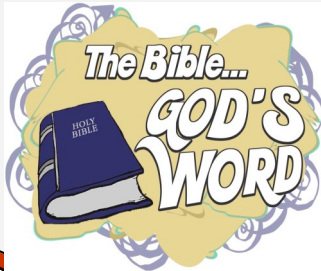
Song Leader: *Adam Blaney*
 Opening Prayer: *Barry Hannah*
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
 Closing Prayer: *Bryan Hannah*
 Communion: *Gene Kenyon/Allen McCann*
 Nursery: *Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton*

NEXT WEEK, September 30

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Adam Blaney</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Byron Nichols</i>	<i>Tim Stockstill</i>
Communion:	<i>Russell Lilly</i>	<i>G. Kenyon/A. McCann</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Ron Stokes</i>	<i>Eddie Currier</i>
Greeters:	<i>Jerry & Pat Milligan</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, September 26

Devotional: *Barney Crawford*
 Song Leader: *Tom Easterly*
 Prayer: *Paul Lines*



Bible Classes (Adult)

Sunday AM

Adult	2nd & 3rd John	Room 126	Bill McFarland
Adult	Things Surely Believed Among Us	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

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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