

WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 28, 2018

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Filtered Through Promises

Have you ever considered what kind of power a promise has? In a day when integrity and honesty may not be as valued quite as it once was, promises are tossed around rather carelessly. Sometimes it causes them to lose their meaning, their power, their value. Sometimes it has something to do with the promise-er. If the shady, used car-salesman *promises* you that the car runs just fine, how likely are you to trust him? How likely is that promise to impact your decision? Realities like these make the simple statement about God in Hebrews 10:13 all the more powerful: "He who promised is faithful." What assurance there is in knowing that the One who has made so many "precious and very great promises" (2 Peter 1:4) is able and abundantly willing to keep every promise ever made to His people.

So God has made promises and will keep them... what does that mean for me on a day to day basis? Consider the next chapter in Hebrews, when the saints were praised for their faith. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob trusted and believed as "heirs of the...promise" (11:9). Sarah was able to bear Isaac because "she considered him faithful who had promised" (11:11). When tested, Abraham was willing to offer Isaac because he "had received the promises" (11:17).

There is an interesting confession made by Paul when he was standing before Agrippa in Acts 26. When given permission to speak to the king and give a defense, he appealed to his belief in God's ability to be faithful: "And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers..." (26:6). Of all the defenses Paul could have made for the validity of his ministry, he chose to say, "I am here because I believe in what God has promised me." He was willing to change and sacrifice his life because of a promise. *That* is the power that God's promises can have.

I read a story of a man who developed a tremor in his thumb. Knowing his father had passed away from ALS, panic ensued, sure the disease was beginning its attack on him as well. When the neurologist tested and examined, he came back with good news: "No need to worry." The argument began: "*You're sure?*" "I'm sure." "*Positive?*" "Positive." "*No treatment?*" "Nothing." Then, the man recounted the next words of the doctor: "I *promise*... it's nothing to worry about." From that point, the problem was met with new vision. The *promise* assured him the thumb should have no control over him anymore – "I could choose anxiety or I could choose hope. I chose hope."

God's promises are like that. If life's troubles can be filtered through the promises God has made, a new and different way to approach life is possible. What a comfort to us, "heirs according to promise" (Galatians 3:28).

- Adam

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

October 21

Bible Study:	202
Morning:	323
Evening:	130
Wednesday (10/24):	186
Contribution:	\$ 9,476

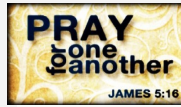
AREA EVENTS

11/10 **Women's Conference** at Northside Church of Christ in Harrison, AR

Brochures on Bulletin Board

Our thoughts are with you

Jeanetta Hardy's aunt, her mom's youngest sister, died last week after a long stay in a care center. Her name was Barbara Dunkin Vestal. Her funeral is 2:00 TODAY at Day Funeral Home in Marshfield.



Continue to remember Rachel Lilly, Ron Bower

- ◆ Marsha Bower is in Mercy with pneumonia.
- ◆ Mike Thurkill's recovery from surgery to reattach his bicep on the right arm is going well.
- ◆ Former members Bob & Ellie Swartz need our prayers; would love to hear from us: 220 NW Georgetown Ave., Unit 6, Ankeny IA 50023.
- ◆ Jim & Ruth Reaves' apartment was flooded last week due to a plumbing issues. They were only able to get a few things out which included only a few clothes. Ruth thinks it may be sometime next week before they can get back in. The apartment complex has put them at the Arbor Suites and is taking care of all of their expenses including eating. Please keep them in your prayers as they deal with all of this.

Friends & Family

- Continue to remember Lanae Gillespie's aunt, Ople Thomson; Lowell Kennemer (friend of the Lunas); Dang Naguyen (11508 Finnegan Way, Oregon City, OR 97045); Neal Rosenburg, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father;
- Frank Cunningham, Elizabeth Lilly's dad, has a brain lesion; has an appointment with neurologist November 21.
- Bill's mom, Pauline Redmon, Care Manor, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653 as she continues to have health issues.
- ◆ Arlan Parker, Illene Birdsong's brother, has been moved to a nursing home in Kansas. Prayer requests for Arlan and his wife Juanita.

We are continuing our Wednesday night series, **OUR ONE ANOTHER WORK.** You don't want to miss it.

Food for Sekulic Family

If you can provide a meal for the Sekulic Family, please sign up at the Information Desk.

Long Term/

Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower
Ron Bower
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 Pingent
Nancy Snider
Lonnie Wilkinson



Expectant Moms

Christina Snitker

Jan. 2019/BOY

Thank you!

Mom enjoyed all her cards and visits for her 92nd birthday. We appreciate all your kindness, words of encouragement, love and support. Thank you for making her day so special. In Christian love, Frances Grann, Greg and Nancy Johnson

Thank you all for your concern during my recent stay in the hospital. Your cards, food, but especially your prayers were and are a great encouragement to Barney & I. We love you all. Debbie Crawford

I sincerely want to thank you for calls, cards and concern and the wonderful support of well wishes to a speedy recovery. I am truly grateful. Please continue to keep me in prayer through it all. Thank you again. Brent Looney

I hope all is well. Things are still going well. I'm a member now at Hillcrest. God bless you all. Have a very happy week. Suzanne Dabbs



VETERANS

Glendale High School invites you to

be their Guest at their Veterans Day Assembly on November 12; refreshments at 9:30 a.m.; assembly begins at 10 a.m. Catered lunch to follow. Please enter through the south doors near the gym. Thank you for your service to our country.

News and Activities

Adult Bible Classes

Our second meeting to discuss our Adult Bible Classes will be **November 11** at 4 P.M. in room 126. Anyone with ideas for our classes and who want to help plan for 2019, please come on **November 11** and/ or **December 2**. You're invited to attend one or all of the meetings. - Jon Ewing

Ladies Bible Class

LADIES CLASS WILL MEET THURSDAY **AT 10:30 AM.**

This week's lesson, "Ask for Directions" will be led by Beverly McCormick. All ladies are invited to attend.

Quilters/Sewers meet each Thursday at 9 a.m. before Ladies Class.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS are served from 5 to 6 p.m. \$3 each. Sign up at Info Desk.



Birthdays

28 Truman Coltrane
Adam Blaney
29 David Grimm
30 Emmie Eilenstein
31 Jeanetta Hardy
Ronald Horton
11/1 Ron Stokes
2 Ruth Raines
Jerry Young
Kerry Cole
Landon Sekulic
3 Ron Bower
4 Lanae Gillespie
Daniel Wilson
5 Hannah Stayton
7 Cooper Griffin
9 Tecumseh Ussery
10 Cindy Hannah
Kasey Sekulic

HELPS FOR HOMES

is the theme of our sermon series through the first Lord's day in November in both our morning and evening assemblies. So far, we have discussed Meaning; Self with the identity and character that corresponds to that meaning; Honor; Empathize. These are action words that are important and scriptural. *Be sure to be with us Sunday as we discuss two more important words.*



November 2

Sign up sheets are on the Information Desk!



- 11/2-4 Harding football trip
- 11/9-10 Deeper Youth Conference in Fayetteville, AR



The next book club meeting will be Monday, November 12th. We will be reading and discussing a biography or historical fiction of your choice.



Baby Shower for Christina Snitker

Sunday, November 25, beginning at 3 p.m. Christina and Brock are expecting a boy. They have not registered anywhere as of this printing.



Thank you to all the ladies who have spent many hours over the past weeks meeting and planning for our Sisters in Service weekend. Watch for pictures and more in next week's bulletin!!

Volunteers are always needed at Thrift Haven! Any time that you can give them would be appreciated.



Saturday, November 3rd

We will meet at Thrift Haven at 2 pm and hang clothes in the back (primarily, hang clothes. We may be asked to do some other things). Feel free to come and go between 2 and 5. Some of our littles will be "done" within an hour and that's okay- anytime between 2 and 5. For the older kids, this is a great opportunity to rack up community service hours for LTC! All in all, it's a great opportunity to help out Thrift Haven and thereby help out Fair Haven! It is eye opening to see first hand how many "hands" it takes to run the store and how many people give so much stuff and so much of their time for the benefit of Fair Haven! It's also a great opportunity to remind our kids while they're out and about that they are not just representing themselves, their families, the Water Mill congregation, but we are representing Christ. - Ussery

Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged

SUNDAY, December 2

Immediately after AM worship service/806 N. Jefferson Ave
Contacts: Aaron/Brittany Morrison
MARK YOUR CALENDARS



November Anniversaries

1 Fred/Amy Winters 21 yrs.
2 John/Teresa Mahon 44 yrs.
3 Denzil/Ruth Raines 57 yrs.
6 Larry/Jo Baggett 42 yrs.
16 Aubrey/Anita Cobb 50 yrs.
24 Verl/Karen Duncan 57 yrs.
26 Lance/Teresa Griter 24 yrs.
27 Randy/Orvella Blackburn 14 yrs.
Happy Anniversary!!

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
Van Driver: Kevin Wuensch/833-6134
Nursery: Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum

Serve Communion

Gene Kenyon	Brendan Carroll
Allen McCann	Aubrey Cobb
Adam Barton	Charles Crum
Randy Blackburn	Don Gaunt
Jackie Buck	Barry Hannah

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Jon Davis
Opening Prayer: Jonathan Pendergraft
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Jerry Milligan
Communion: John Dutton/Todd Kraus
Nursery: Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton

NEXT WEEK, November 4

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	Allen McCann	Tim Stockstill
Communion:	John Stayton	J. Thurlkill/A. Barton
Closing Prayer:	Jonathan Pendergraft	Ron Stokes
Greeters:	Jackie & Virginia Buck	
Van Driver:	Brock Snitker/405-694-9774	
Nursery:	AM: Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan	PM: Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin

Wednesday, October 31

Devotional: Matt Keener
Song Leader: Adam Blaney
Prayer: John Mahon
Van Driver: Jason Luna/838-7152



Bible Classes (Adult)

Sunday AM

Adult	"Here in the Power of Christ I Stand"	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 Thurlkill

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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