

WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 6, 2019

Order of Worship

Greeting

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#847

#842

Opening Prayer

Adam Barton

#705

#80

The Lord's Supper

Jeremy Thurlkill

Our Contribution

Jeremy Thurlkill

#36 (1-4)

Reading

#248

Message

Bill McFarland

#40 (1-3)

Invitation

#481 (1,3)

Announcements

Barney Crawford

#345 (1)

Closing Prayer

Josh Luna

Serve Communion

Patrick Springer

Cambre Thrasher

Allen McCann

Devin Carroll

Aubrey Cobb

Charles Crum

Jon Davis

John Dutton

Don Gaunt

Barry Hannah

WHEN RIGHT BECOMES WRONG

If you have grown up in an active religious world, chances are that you have heard this expression many times. Mostly it was used when we questioned some plan, statement or philosophy which had rapidly sprung up and had interrupted or even threatened our manner of life. It was and still is in some circles used quite often whether or not it was brought on by some earthshaking event or circumstance. But today, we need to be asking ourselves this question as we see so many rapid changes which are bombarding our faith as well as our consciences. All of a sudden, at least measured by the hundreds of years of proven practices, the world has decided that what used to work - what used to create contentment - what used to bring on happiness and to some degree financial success - no longer is workable if not illegal. Is it possible for something to so alter the mind that people are led into thinking that the RIGHT THING is the WRONG THING and that the WRONG THING is the RIGHT THING? The prophet, Isaiah, spoke of such in the long ago and even pronounced his woes against such thinking: *"Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter"* (Isaiah 5:20).

If there is any comfort which might still be available to us, it is that movements to change the normal have always been launched to alter and even eradicate all our connections with the faith *"once delivered to the saints"* (Jude 3). In spite of such efforts the promise made by Jesus himself still proves to be true. *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"* (Matt. 24:35). Jesus also promised, *"I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"* (Matt. 28:20). The wise man of today would still do well to build his house on the Rock of Jesus Christ and Him crucified (Luke 6:48-49).

Having said these things, surely faithful Christians must be disturbed because they have been encroached on the long standing principles and policies which have successfully guided their lives in the past. As disturbing as they are, we must realize that we cannot violate the very standards which have proved themselves to be the best choice for mankind.

It bothers many of us who have seen the very basic principles of godly living being challenged. It also bothers many of us as we hear of "militant" groups who, in the name of Christianity, are actually arming themselves and participating in military type maneuvers in readiness for a "warfare" against the enemies of God. Do people actually believe that God, who brought this world into existence, who demonstrated His mighty power in the destruction of the world in the days of Noah and who struck down the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, must have "help" in physically destroying those who are against Him? God forbid!

Dennis R. Smith

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 December 30

Bible Study:	189
Morning:	272
Evening:	202
Wednesday (1/2):	184
Contribution:	\$17,014

A Special Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who provided items for the gift baskets and to those who made visits to deliver them. Here are a few of the thank you notes:

Don and I want to thank the Blessing Group and Barbey & Debbie for the wonderful bag of goodies. Love and blessings. **Don & Ruth**

God shows his love through the warmth and kindness of special people like you. Thank you so much for the wonderful gift basket. Love, **Charlie & Rosalie & of course Sandy**

Thank you so much to all that were involved in the goodie bag. I have been enjoying all of it. It really warms my heart to show the outpouring of love you always show. In Christian love, **Ann Fahr**



Continue to remember **Rachel Lilly, Ron & Marsha Bower, Ola Jean Fenney, Jeanetta Hardy, Susan Crum**

- ◆ **Ruth Reaves** is back home.
- ◆ **Elizabeth Lilly** is recovering at home from complete left shoulder replacement.
- ◆ **Clarence Feeney** had a pacemaker put in and is doing well.
- ◆ **Nancy Snider** has not been feeling well lately.

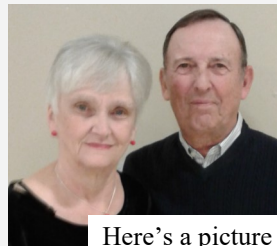
Friends & Family

- **Christine Davis**, former member and Sheryl Low's sister-in-law, is in Cox South. She is showing improvement. Doctor has ordered **NO VISITORS**.
- Bill's mom, **Pauline Redmon**, is not doing well; she is in Baxter Regional Hospital at this writing. Has been in and out of the hospital this past week.
- **Susan Green**, Oran & Nadean's daughter-in-law, remains in Cox South in poor health.
- Continue to remember **Lowell Kennemer** (friend of the Lunas); **Neal Rosenburg**, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father; **Danielle Horton's mom** as she deals with serious issues; **Frank Cunningham**, Elizabeth Lilly's dad, as he deals with health issues.



We extend our sympathy to Kerry Cole's brother Tracy and his family in the loss of his father-in-law, **Harold Scott**, recently.

We also express our sympathy to Judy Johnson and Ann Thiesen-Barganier in the loss of their sister, **Betty Jo Hicks**, recently.



Here's a picture of Sam & Julie Gillham so you can put a name with a face.. Be sure to meet them if you haven't already!

Contribution envelopes for 2019 are here. If you haven't been using envelopes but would like to do so, pick up a box from Johnnie's desk and put your name and the envelope # on the pad provided.

Long Term/ Shut-Ins

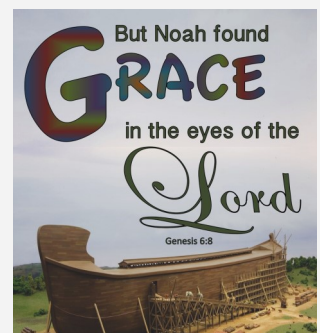
Marsha Bower
Ron Bower
Don Essex
Clarence Feeney
Ola Jean Fenney
Doris Iorg
Doris Tobler
Nursing Homes
Ella Mae Findlay
Ann Freeze
Chloe Gaddis
Jerry Gillespie
Frances Grann
Wayne Harmon
Virginia Morgan
Sandra Pingnet
Nancy Snider
Lonnie Wilkinson

B A B Y

Expectant Mom
Christina Snitker
Jan. 2019/BOY



Daily Bible Reading schedules for the 1st Quarter are available at the Information Desk. Pick up a copy and get started now!



News and Activities



TODAY after Sunday morning services, we will eat a quick lunch and get started working on our West Africa project.

- Be a Blessing Meeting TODAY at 4:30 pm in room 126.
- Quilters/Sewers meet each Thursday at 9 a.m. before Ladies Class.
- Elders meet Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class

LADIES CLASS WILL MEET THURSDAY AT 10:30 AM.

This week's lesson from the new book of study "God's Mystery" by Stafford North, is "The Creation" taught by Jan Bowling. Now would be a great time for you to get involved as the class begins a new series of lessons.



Book Club will meet Monday, January 14th at the Curriers. If you are thinking of reading with us, this would be a great time. We will be discussing the books we read on Creativity and the Imagination of God. Also, the suggested reading for 2019 will be available.

SAVE THE DATE
February 2, 2019
Sisters in Service



FYI, you contributed a total of \$3,528 to help keep the food pantry stocked this past year. Thanks to Jason & Lora Luna for their work with this ministry.



January Anniversaries

- 1 David/Debbie Kern 43 yrs.
 - 2 Tim/Becky Marsolf 38 yrs.
 - 16 Bill/Gail White 9 yrs.
 - 17 Dennis/Carolyn Smith 66 yrs.
- Happy Anniversary!!**

We are planning a special service for this evening that we hope you will enjoy and find meaningful. We encourage you to be here if you can!

Wednesday Night Meal

This Wednesday evening Ruth and her gang will prepare a full meal consisting of ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, desserts, etc. Please sign up if you plan to attend.



Once again, thank you for your generosity on the 5th Sunday and throughout the year as a need was brought to our attention.

We would also like to thank all who participated in any way as we planned for our Bible classes in 2019. -The Elders

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 Thurkill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

Please check the coat closet to see if any of the items belong to you. After TODAY the coats, etc. that are left will be taken to Thrift Haven.

Birthdays

- 6 Ben Lines
- 7 Bonnie Cole
- 8 Raymond Daniels
- Nolan May
- 9 Megan Hollingsworth
- Brock Snitker
- Brittany Springer
- 10 Jacqueline Ussery
- 11 Bill McFarland
- 14 Gayle Gaunt
- 15 Anita Cobb
- 18 William Morrison
- 19 Jim Elliff

Give ear to my words, O Lord
consider my sighing.
Listen to my cry for help,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.

(Ps.5:1-2)



Happy Birthday

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: Jerry & Pat Milligan
Van Driver: Team Thurlkill/615-971-1320
Nursery: Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: David Kern
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Aaron Morrison
Communion: John Mahon/Byron Nichols
Nursery: Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin

Wednesday, January 9

Scripture Reading: Jeremy Thurlkill
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Prayer: Jonathan Pendergraft
Van Driver: Tim Stockstill/849-7678

NEXT WEEK, January 13

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer:	Verl Duncan	Todd Kraus
Communion:	Jackie Buck	J. Mahon/B. Nichols
Closing Prayer:	Aaron Schwartz	Gene Lund
Greeters:	Jerry & Carolyn Young	
Van Driver:	Brock Snitker/417-830-3851	
Nursery:	AM: Wanita Duncan/Donna Jordan	

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday AM

"The Gospel of Mark: Here in the Power of Christ I Stand"	Room 126	Bill McFarland
"More About Jesus Would I Know"	Auditorium	Byron Nichols
"Practical Lessons for Christians Today, A Study of the Book of Colossians"	Room 129	Jon Ewing
"A Chronological Study of the Bible"	Room 130	Paul Lines

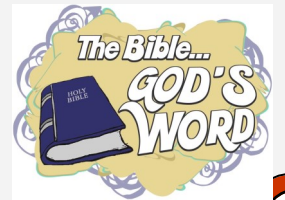
Wednesday Evening

"A View of Redemption: Historically, Conceptually, and Actually"	Auditorium	Bill McFarland
"Sticky Faith"	Room 126	Scott Barton
"Follow in His Steps"	Room 129	Women's Class

*For with God nothing
shall be impossible
- Luke 1:37*

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



WORKS WE SUPPORT

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern
 Mariana Islands

Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission

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 Missions

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"In Search of the Lord's Way"
 7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10

"KNOW YOUR BIBLE"
 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSPR



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