

WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

January 13, 2019

Order of Worship

Greeting

Song Leader
Adam Blaney

“Shout Hallelujah”
#153 (1-3)
#436

Opening Prayer
Verl Duncan

#883
#197 (1,2,4)

The Lord’s Supper
Jackie Buck

Our Contribution
Jackie Buck
#830 (1,3,4,6)

Message
Bill McFarland
#389

Announcements
Barney Crawford

*“Salvation Belongs to
our God”*

Closing Prayer
Aaron Schwartz

Serve Communion

Patrick Springer
Cambre Thrasher
Allen McCann
Devin Carroll
Aubrey Cobb
Charles Crum
Jon Davis
John Dutton
Don Gaunt
Barry Hannah

Remember What We’re Trying to Do

In his commentary on Isaiah, brother Don Shackelford includes some remarks he made at the memorial service for a relative and brother in the Lord. He concluded them with this exhortation:

“Let us remember that we are not citizens of this world trying to get to heaven, but we are citizens of heaven trying to get through this world. We are not a colony of earth hoping to go to heaven at the end of life; we are a colony of heavenly citizens awaiting our time to go where our true citizenship lies.” (*Isaiah*, p. 454)

That’s an important thought, isn’t it? It’s not only that it encourages us with the discipline of perspective; it’s also that it’s the picture the New Testament gives us of ourselves in the Lord. We have been delivered from the domain of darkness and transferred into his kingdom (Col. 1:13). Our citizenship is in heaven and from it we await him (Phil. 3:20). We have no lasting city here; we seek that is to come (Heb. 13:14).

So yes, let us remember that what we are trying to do is to use the time of our sojourning well. Our conviction is that our Father has an enduring inheritance reserved for us, and that we are being kept by his power until time for it (1 Pet. 1:4-5). Our intention is therefore to conduct ourselves with respect for him, with honor among citizens of this world, and with gracious humility in well-doing (1 Pet. 1:17; 2:12; 4:10, 19; 5:5-7).

We are a healthy congregation when we understand ourselves as a colony of heaven and relate to each other accordingly.

–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 January 6

Bible Study:	210
Morning:	305
Evening:	175
Wednesday (1/9):	174
Contribution:	\$11,895

Thank you!

You have been a great blessing and support reaching out with your prayers and love during Christine's hospitalization for me and my family. While she is showing improvement, it will be a slow process with hills and valleys to overcome. Your prayers make a difference. Please continue them. Sincerely, *Sheryl Low*

We just want to thank you again for all your good wishes for our 60th anniversary, and the concern you have had for us for all our health problems and other sad occasions in our life this past year. We appreciate and love you all! *Jackie & Virginia Buck*

Thank you so very much for remembering me at Christmas time with the lovely Christmas bag of so many useful gifts and goodies. It was greatly appreciated and so was the wonderful visit with Oran and Nadean Green. Thank you both for taking of your time to come by and bring the gifts as well as the visit. I love you all. Thank you. *Doris Iorg*



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

- ◆ *Rosalie Cruse* is doing well after back surgery; they do not need any help at this time but keep them in your prayers.
- ◆ *Elizabeth Lilly* is ahead of schedule on her recovery from complete left shoulder replacement.
- ◆ *Clarence Feeney* will have repair or replacement of his pacemaker Tuesday.
- ◆ *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 slow improvement.
- Bill's mom, *Pauline Redmon*, is not doing well.
- *Susan Green*, Oran & Nadean's daughter-in-law, is now in Sonshine Manor in Republic.
- 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.

Response: David Grimm came forward last Sunday asking for prayers.



Luke Miller, friend of Kenneth and Audra Bowling, passed away suddenly this past week at the age of 20. Keep his family & friends in your prayers.

If you can provide a meal for the Snitker Family after the baby arrives, please sign up on the sheet at the Information Desk.

The words of the LORD are flawless words, as silver refined in a clay furnace, purified seven times.
Psalm 12:6

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 office and put your name and the envelope # on the pad

Long Term/ Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower
Ron Bower
Don Essex
Clarence Feeney
Ola Jean Feeney
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



Expectant Mom
Christina Snitker
Jan./BOY



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

Birthdays

14 Gayle Gaunt
15 Anita Cobb
18 William Morrison
19 Jim Elliff
20 Betty Grabber
21 Pat Blackburn
Gena Ussery
23 Jerry Milligan
25 Sherry Sherman
Lora Luna

Happy Birthday

News and Activities



Wishing you both
love and happiness!

Congratulations to Pamela Murphy and Travis Morrison as they were united in marriage on January 1, 2019. May God bless your life together. We love you!



February 3rd after AM Service honoring the Blaney Family as they will be moving that week!
We will have a time to visit and then the PM Service will be at 1 p.m. Team 3 will work that day: Buckner, Cole, Donoho, Ewing, Jobs, Kern, Raines, Stayton, Ussery, Gower Families



February 2

9 am - 3 pm

LET'S GROW TOGETHER

A Spiritual Growth Seminar

Study of Titus

Mexican Potluck Lunch

Sign up at the Information Desk!

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 Sin" taught by Virginia Buck. Now would be a great time for you to get involved as the class begins a new series of lessons.

- **Quilters/Sewers** meet each Thursday at 9 a.m. before Ladies Class.
- **Book club** meets tomorrow night at the Curriers.

LTC DRAMA/PUPPETS

All Day—Bring Lunch

January 20

February 10, 24

March 10, 24

April 7 AM & PM

Wednesday Night Meal

Serving 5—6 p.m.

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



January Anniversaries

16 Bill/Gail White 9 yrs.

17 Dennis/Carolyn Smith 66 yrs.

Happy Anniversary!!

TIME TELLS THE REAL STORY

By Dennis R. Smith

To know the true meaning of loving one another comes to God's people when they have been blessed by the beautiful tie that binds their hearts in Christian love. As years roll on, genuine love is often put to the test. Time is a recorder of good things but, unfortunately, it is also true of sadness. Even so, the remedy which holds us all together is like the words of an old song: "We Travel Along, Singing a Song - Side by Side." Better still are the words of the ancient preacher: "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone. And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Eccl. 4:9-12). Here at Water Mill during the past years we have had our hearts broken many times, but the cord of love and fellowship still holds precious memories that help bind us together. We cannot turn loose of our memories, but we must use those memories to bring peace of heart and comfort to our souls. Especially is this so at this time of the year which is only natural, but again I remind you of promising words: "Be not dismayed what-e'er betide, God will take care of you." Jesus also gives us great advice as well as hope and peace of heart and mind when we follow his words.

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: Jerry & Carolyn Young
Van Driver: Brock Snitker/417-830-3851
Nursery: Wanita Duncan/Donna Jordan

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: Todd Kraus
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Gene Lund
Communion: John Mahon/Gene Kenyon
Nursery: Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic

Wednesday, January 16

Scripture Reading: Jeremy Thurlkill
Song Leader: Tom Easterly
Prayer: David Grimm
Van Driver: Charlie Crum/840-2632

NEXT WEEK, January 20

AM PM

Song Leader: Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing Travis Morrison
Opening Prayer: John Hulett Paul Lines
Communion: Brendan Carroll J Mahon/G Kenyon
Closing Prayer: Andy McFarland John Stayton
Greeters: Linda Barnett/Johnnie Elliff
Van Driver: Tom Easterly/848-9158
Nursery: AM: Coyeate Ewing/Christina Snitker
 PM: Virginia Buck/Teresa Mahon

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 Jon Ewing
"Practical Lessons for Christians Today, A Study of the Book of Colossians"	Room 129	
"A Chronological Study of the Bible"	Room 130	Paul Lines

Wednesday Evening

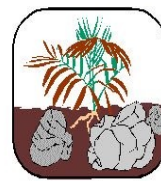
"A View of Redemption: Historically, Conceptually, and Actually"	Auditorium	Bill McFarland
"Sticky Faith"	Room 126	Scott Barton
"Follow in His Steps"	Room 129	Women's Class

The Parable of the Sower

The Seed is the Word of God



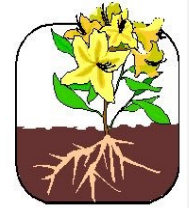
The Path



The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil

Luke 8

What type of Soil are You?

Is God Growing in Your Heart?

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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