



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Weekly Newsletter*

*February 24, 2019*

## ***Order of Worship***

*Song Leader*  
*Jon Davis*

*#250 (1,4,5)*  
*#979*

*Opening Prayer*  
*Allen McCann*

*#861*  
*#916*

*The Lord's Supper*  
*Gene Lund*

*Our Contribution*  
*Gene Lund*

*#568*  
*#600*

*Message*  
*Bill McFarland*

*#653 (1,3)*

*Announcements*  
*Barney Crawford*

*#543 (1,3)*

*Closing Prayer*  
*Brent Looney*

## **Serve Communion**

*Byrle Hayter*  
*John Hulett*  
*Tucker Jobs*  
*Matt Keener*  
*David Kern*  
*Trevor Kraus*  
*Russell Lilly*  
*Paul Lines*  
*Jason Luna*  
*Gene Lund*

## ***THE SOBERING CASE OF KING SAUL***

When we meet him, he is a tall, handsome, and apparently humble young man over whom the people come to rejoice greatly. But, what we remember him for is the way Samuel grieves over him, and the way God regrets making him king, and the way David flees from his jealous assaults. Some awareness of the factors which produce such a drastic downturn in the destiny of Saul is essential to our own spiritual health.

Both of the episodes that contribute to Saul's losing the kingdom involve failure in the service of God. In one case, Saul offers what he has no right to offer (1 Sam. 13:8f). In the other, he saves what he has no right to save (1 Sam. 15:1f). Each is indicative of the same flaw in his character.

Saul has a utilitarian approach to the things of God. He considers the offering of sacrifices, not as an expression of faithful devotion to the Lord, but as a means of holding his crowd together (1 Sam. 13:8). To him, the point is not to please God; it is to protect himself (1 Sam. 13:12). Religion is but a tool to be used in pursuit of the urgent needs of the moment.

Saul is therefore willing to do part of what God says. He will deal with the enemies, but spare their king. He will set apart what they have as an offering to the Lord, except what is good and best. He will sacrifice, but he will not obey (1 Sam. 15:22). He has no real interest in what delights the heart of God.

Saul reserves for himself the right to say which part, and when. His sin is presumption (1 Sam. 15:23). He sacrifices to God rather than to some idol, but he does it as if he himself is God!

Saul wants, however, that right without the responsibility. He credits choices to circumstances (1 Sam. 13:12) or to other people (1 Sam. 15:15). He becomes sorry for the consequences more than for the deed, and he is rejected (1 Sam. 15:20, 24f).

When our own life story is written, will what began with promise conclude with fulfillment or with disappointment? It will depend upon whether we take a different approach than king Saul did.

– 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 February 17

Bible Study:	130
Morning:	192
Evening:	146
Wednesday (2/20):	154
Contribution:	\$8,550

### March Anniversaries

16 Tim/Marty Stockstill 40 yrs.  
19 Greg/Lee Ann Donoho 43 yrs.  
19 Adam/Tabby Blaney 14 yrs.  
30 Daniel/Terry Wilson 33 yrs.  
Happy Anniversary!!

### COAT DRIVE FOR WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY

Williams Elementary is in need of coats in youth sizes for boys and girls. Their supply has been depleted. If you can donate a coat to help these children, bring as soon as possible and place in the container next to the Information Desk.



Continue to remember Rachel Lilly, Jim & Ruth Reaves, Rosalie Cruse, Bonnie Cole

◆ Clarence and Ola Jean Feeney as they both struggle with their health problems.

- ◆ Yvonne Tindall is recovering at home from her recent surgery.
- ◆ Ruth Reaves was in and out of ER Friday after suffering a mini-stroke.
- ◆ Sherry Sherman as she recovers from a minor heart attack and stroke.
- ◆ Lonnie Wilkinson is at Quail Creek, The Cedars, room 73.

### Friends & Family

- Tim/Becky Marsolf's daughter-in-law, Erin Marsolf, who is dealing with several health issues.
- The Mahons' daughter-in-law's mother, Barbara Groce, has aggressive liver cancer.
- Ellie Swartz, former member, is recovering from knee surgery and has been in the hospital recently with pneumonia. Bob continues to deal with lung cancer. Their address is 220 NW Georgetown Ave., Unit 6 Ankeny IA 50023.
- Christine Davis, former member and Sheryl Low's sister-in-law, continues her slow recovery at home.
- Bill's mom, Pauline Redmon, is about the same.
- Susan Green, Oran & Nadean's daughter-in-law is being moved back to a nursing facility in Springfield.
- Karen Duncan's uncle Jerry Selby as he has treatments for bladder cancer.
- Continue to remember Audra Bowling's grandma, Virginia Stauffacher; 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; Leon Wake, Tina Orum's dad, and his continuous health issues.

### Long Term/ Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower  
Ron Bower  
Don Essex  
Clarence Feeney  
Ola Jean Feeney  
Doris Iorg  
Jim Reaves  
Ruth Reaves  
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

Kim Stokes  
April/BOY

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



We would like to extend a warm welcome to the

Brumfield Family as they have made known their desire to work and worship at Water Mill. Please welcome Josh, Lauren, Olivia & Sophia, 6010 N. FR Route 105, Willard, MO 65781, phone 417-845-8459.



Thank you for making our 50th Anniversary so special. We have enjoyed all the cards and well wishes. Special thanks to those that came to join in our celebration. Special thanks to Kay for helping the kids with the setup and cleanup. Also, thanks to the men that helped put up the chairs and tables. God has blessed us to be part of a kind, caring and loving church. We love you all and hope that we have many years to celebrate special days with you. In Christian love, Don & Linda Tracy



### Birthdays

24 Michael Fahr  
Britton Keener  
26 McKenzi Maples  
27 Luis Tovar  
March  
1 Devin Carroll  
4 Levi Nichols  
5 Bill White (96)  
5 David White  
6 Paul Lines  
Ryden Clater  
Haddy Blaney  
8 Sam Gillham  
Titus Morrison  
9 Ann Freeze  
Scott Nichols

# News and Activities



## Pizza with the Elders

Next Sunday evening (March 3) our elders will be hosting a time after the evening service for us all to be together and for us to express to them our thoughts about the way forward in our work together, especially with regard to family/youth/involvement matters. We hope you will all plan to be with us.

## 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 Life" taught by Gloria Luallin. All ladies are encouraged to attend and enjoy the study and fellowship.*

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

## LTC DRAMA/ PUPPETS

All Day—Bring Lunch

### Area Events

March 8-9 Ladies Day at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho  
 March 16-17 Youth Weekend at Fordland Church of Christ  
 March 17-20 Gospel Meeting at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho  
 March 30 Ladies Day at Clinton Church of Christ  
 May 26-June 2 / Show Me State Bible Lectures at Branson Church of Christ  
 Flyers on Bulletin Board



You are invited to a Baby Shower for **Kim & Dustin Stokes** on March 3 from 3-4:30 pm in the fellowship room. They are expecting a boy and are registered at Target. Their colors are blue, yellow and green, and Kim is doing the nursery in a jungle theme.



Friday, March 1 and April 12 from 6 to 9 pm.

## Ties that Bind An Inter-generational Ministry

### The Mystery of Who's History:

*I have performed at two Presidential Inaugurations - Presidents Bush and Trump.  
Who am I?*

Answer in next week's bulletin!!!



Lifetouch will be taking pictures to update our pictorial directory on **March 28 from 2 - 8 p.m.** We have about 10 slots available. We especially encourage new members who were not at Water Mill when we completed our previous directory in late 2017 to sign up. Also, if you have had changes in your life since pictures were taken or you just don't like your previous picture, you are also encouraged to update your pictures. We will all receive new directories after the update. Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk. Johnnie

## Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

Immediately after the morning worship service/806 N. Jefferson Ave

**Contacts:** - Aaron/Brittany Morrison

We need enough **food** to feed approximately 80 people!!

**We need servers!**

**SIGNUP SHEETS ON THE INFORMATION DESK.**

- ◆ Devotional at Woodland Manor Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m.



Our library has several new books on the shelves and more to come (some from Adam). Here is a list of some to perk your interest: Reference books - Prayer by Timothy Keller; Making Sense of God by Timothy Keller; Poured Out by C. Leonard Allen; Motivational books - The Weight of Glory by C. S. Lewis; The Invisible War by Chip Ingram; The Rage Against God by Peter Hitchens; Fictional books - The Messenger by Siri Mitchell; Though Waters Roar by Lynn Austin; and a 20 disc audio of The Redemption Series (5 books) by Karen Kingsbury.

**Wednesday Night Meal**  
**Serving 5—6 p.m.**



## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** John & Lisa Stayton  
**Van Driver:** Jon Davis/864-9872  
**Nursery:** Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jon Davis  
**Opening Prayer:** Todd Kraus  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Eddie Currier  
**Communion:** J. Luna/E. Sanders  
**Nursery:** Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton

### Wednesday, February 27

**Scripture Reading:** Scott Barton  
**Song Leader:** Gene Kenyon  
**Prayer:** Larry Baggett  
**Van Driver:** Charlie Crum/840-2632

### NEXT WEEK, March 3

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jon Davis	John Mahon
<b>Communion:</b>	Matt Keener	Jason Luna/G. Lund
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	David Grimm	Tim Stockstill
<b>Greeters:</b>	Byrle & Virginia Hayter	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Tucker Jobs/894-0826	
<b>Nursery:</b>	AM: Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan PM: Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin	

## Teen & Adult Bible Classes

### Sunday AM

“Wonder-Life”	Teen Room	Andy McFarland
“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
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>		
“The Promises of God”	Teen Room	Jon Ewing/ Barney Crawford
“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



### 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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