



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Weekly Newsletter*

*March 3, 2019*

## ***Order of Worship***

*Song Leader*  
*Kerry Cole*

*Opening Prayer*  
*Jon Davis*

*The Lord's Supper*  
*Matt Keener*

*Our Contribution*  
*Matt Keener*

*Message*  
*Bill McFarland*

*Announcements*  
*Bob Snider*

*Closing Prayer*  
*David Grimm*

## **Serve Communion**

*Josh Luna*  
*Tim Marsolf*  
*Andy McFarland*  
*Aaron Morrison*  
*Travis Morrison*  
*Colton Orum*  
*Eddie Sanders*  
*Aaron Schwartz*  
*John Stayton*  
*Jerry Stockdale*

## **What a Stretch**

Oh, man. What a time we are working through in our life together right now. Our church meetings have not been the only things set on a Sunday/Wednesday schedule. So have the winter weather systems! They seem to be passing through right at the wrong time, and always with us right on the edge, leaving us unable to plan what to do. At the same time, unfortunately, the bug is visiting many of our families and is being passed around among members of them.

I know none of this is news to you. We are missing our ability to have everyone together, and we are feeling the limitations of our ability to schedule and follow through, either with activities, topics we want to address, or other matters. It's a circumstance that reminds me of some things.

One is that, even though church services are important, each of us needs a healthy spiritual life the rest of the time. We already know this, but sometimes the point gets underlined. Our walk with the Lord is real when it takes in each word and deed when we are by ourselves as well as what we offer him when we are all together. Each of us needs to be hearing something from him, saying something to him, and doing something for him every day on our own.

Another thing that gets even clearer than it already was is how much of the church's life depends on our daily interaction with each other away, and how much our work depends on individuals who actively serve as an ordinary part of their everyday lives. Members of the body who take the initiative in contact and caring for other members are a huge blessing in our life together.

But there's another thing. It's just how integral our assembling together is to our identity and our well-being. Oh, we know that it isn't always possible, and most of us can even find some peace in having no choice but to pause and wait. But still, we need to see each other, and to bless each other, and to serve beside each other.

We are hoping everyone is done with the bug soon. And we are really looking forward to Spring's arrival—hopefully soon. In the meantime, we are grateful for the patient love and dependable service of our brothers and sisters.

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 24

Bible Study:	149
Morning:	285
Evening:	165
Wednesday (2/27):	126
Contribution:	\$10,388

### 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!!

You crown the year with Your goodness,  
And Your paths drip with abundance.

PSALM 65:11



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

◆ 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 suffered a mini-stroke recently.
- ◆ Bob Stockstill was in and out of the hospital this past week after suffering a mini-stroke.
- ◆ Cecil Frost is recovering from surgery.
- ◆ 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.
- Janet Barrier's breast cancer surgery went well and the doctor thinks he got all of the cancer out. Wayne's prostate surgery is scheduled for Monday (Mar. 4). (with Voice of Truth)
- The Mahons' daughter-in-law's mother, Barbara Groce, has aggressive liver cancer.
- Ellie Swartz, former member, is recovering from knee surgery and 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 not doing well.
- Susan Green, Oran & Nadean's daughter-in-law is being moved back to a nursing facility in Republic.
- 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's 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  
Cecil Frost  
Wanda Frost  
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 Pingent  
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.



I am collecting Box Tops for Education to help Lyon Elementary in Republic,

where I teach 2nd grade. The school receives 10 cents for every Box Top. This can really add up! If you have Box Tops, please bring them by Wed. March 6 if possible. We're having a contest among grade levels and our 2nd graders are determined to win! Thank you in advance for your help!

Alice Buckner

Happy Birthday

### Birthdays

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  
11 Pat Harp  
Bob Snider  
Ella Mae Findlay  
Laurie Atwood  
Tom Meeks  
12 Bob Horton  
13 Anthony Kraus  
16 Gene Kenyon

Remember our shut-ins and those with special needs.

# News and Activities

## Pizza with the Elders

Our elders will be hosting a time 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. THIS EVENT WILL BE RESCHEDULED.

## 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 Cindy Hannah. All ladies are encouraged to attend and enjoy the study and fellowship.

- Quilters/Sewers meet each Thursday at 9 am before Ladies Class.
- Elders meet March 12 at 5 p.m.
- March 16-17 Youth Weekend at Fordland Church of Christ

## LTC DRAMA/PUPPETS

All Day—Bring Lunch  
March 17, 24



Friday, April 12  
from 6 to 9 pm.

## Area Events

March 8-9 Ladies Day at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho  
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 10** 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.



Lifetouch will be taking pictures to update our pictorial directory on **March 28** from 2 - 8 p.m. Be sure to sign up if we didn't get your picture last time. We will all receive new directories after the update. Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk.  
Johnnie



## Parents vs, Kids LTC Bible Quiz Bowl

Sunday, March 10, 6-7 p.m.  
in Room 126.

## 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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### Deacons

Tim Buckner	Russell Lilly
Tom Davis	Aaron Morrison
Jim Elliff	John Stayton
Matt Keener	Mike Thurlkill

### Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



## Ties that Bind An Inter-generational Ministry

### The Mystery of Who's History:

I was drafted and played in the NFL in 1975 with the Miami Dolphins.  
Who am I?

Last week's answer: **Kerry Cole** performs with Tony Orlando and performed at the Presidential inaugurations of Presidents Bush and Trump!

*Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged has been cancelled until some issues are worked out. Thank you so much for those who help with this service.*

## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** *Byrle & Virginia Hayter*  
**Van Driver:** *Tucker Jobes/894-0826*  
**Nursery:** *Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan*

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** *Jeremy Thurlkill*  
**Opening Prayer:** *John Mahon*  
**Lesson:** *Bill McFarland*  
**Closing Prayer:** *Tim Stockstill*  
**Communion:** *Jason Luna/G. Lund*  
**Nursery:** *Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin*

### Wednesday, March 6

**Scripture Reading:** *John Mahon*  
**Song Leader:** *Patrick Springer*  
**Prayer:** *Scott Barton*  
**Van Driver:** *Jason Luna/838-7152*

### NEXT WEEK, March 10

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Jeremy Thurlkill</i>
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<i>Jerry Milligan</i>	<i>Gene Kenyon</i>
<b>Communion:</b>	<i>John Hulett</i>	<i>Jason Luna/G. Lund</i>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<i>Russell Lilly</i>	<i>Larry Baggett</i>
<b>Greeters:</b>	<i>Linda Barnett/Julie Alexander</i>	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	<i>Kevin Wuench/833-6134</i>	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<i>AM: Wanita Duncan/Donna Jordan</i>	
	<i>PM: Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic</i>	

## 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

Or do you despise the riches of His  
*kindness, restraint, and patience*  
 not recognizing that God’s *kindness,*  
 is intended to lead you to *repentance?*

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 Romans 2:4

### 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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