

# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Weekly Newsletter*

*March 10, 2019*

## ***Order of Worship***

***Song Leader  
Kerry Cole***

***#732 (1,3,4)  
#682  
#144 (1,3,4)***

***Opening Prayer  
Jerry Milligan***

***#299 (1,2,4)***

***The Lord's Supper  
John Hulett***

***Our Contribution  
John Hulett***

***#1 (1,2,3)  
#836***

***Message  
Bill McFarland***

***#53 (1,2)***

***Announcements  
Bob Snider***

***#631***

***Closing Prayer  
Russell Lilly***

## ***Serve Communion***

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

## ***The Nature and Value of Spirituality***

The concept of spirituality is, or should be, precious to us. The realm of the spiritual is unseen and lasting, as opposed to natural and temporary. Spiritual things are those which have their origin in God, are in harmony with his character, and reflect his purposes. Spirituality has to do with aspiring to the kingdom of God and his righteousness rather than being consumed with appetites and appearances.

There is something we should notice, however, while we are reading First Corinthians. More than half the references to the "spiritual" in the New Testament are in it. Our brothers and sisters in the Lord at Corinth were in pursuit of spirituality, and perhaps even regarded themselves as having achieved it. What is clear from this letter, though, is that they had a mistaken view of the nature of spirituality. In fact, that misunderstanding was at the root of many problems they were experiencing and it is one of the main things Paul addresses in the letter.

First Corinthians reminds us that there must ever be three great marks of Christian spirituality. One is respect for the authority of the Lord's word that can take in the truths it teaches and make proper application to life. A spiritual person will take notice of the things the apostle has written and will acknowledge them as commands of the Lord (14:37). He will understand the life principles these writings teach, and he will be developing an ability to discern the wise application of them (2:14-15).

The second indication of spirituality is upright character. A spiritual person does not behave merely in a human way, and he is not motivated by the ordinary jealousies of the flesh (3:3). In another letter, the apostle points out that if an individual is actually led by the Spirit and is walking by the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit will be found in him. His lifestyle will be dominated by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and such traits as these (Gal. 6:22-23).

A third mark of real spirituality is meeting one's responsibility toward others in a loving manner. The spiritual person is neither preoccupied with his own experiences nor acclaim for his own ability. Instead, he is interested in allowing others to be guided by the Word and to bear the fruit of the Spirit. His is the more excellent way: he loves. "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth" (12:31; 13:4-6).

I have an idea that if we would allow these three guidelines to define spirituality for us, we would have many fewer problems.

—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.

If you are in Springfield for the National Home School Tournament, thank you for being with us today.

*Thank you very much* I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls. They are much appreciated. I am doing as well as the doctors expected. I still have a ways to go, so continue to pray for me.  
**Yvonne Tindall**

Thank you for the huge Get Well card. Enjoyed reading all the messages and having fond memories of the wonderful, loving people at Water Mill. The card was a wonderful surprise and blessings. Most of all thank you for your prayers for my recovery and family. In Christian love, **Christine, Jim and Cody Davis**

Thank you for the many cards, phone calls and good wishes by song, good cookies from Jerry & Carolyn, given to me for my birthday! Your love and caring ways mean a lot to me. I thank God for each of you. Blessings to you from **Bill White**.



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.

- ♦ **Barbara Barnes** has not been feeling well for a few weeks.
- ♦ **Bob Horton** is having some health issues.
- ♦ **Yvonne Tindall** is recovering at home from her recent surgery.
- ♦ **Bob Stockstill** is doing well but will not be able to drive for six months.
- ♦ **Lonnie Wilkinson** is at Quail Creek, The Cedars, room 73 for now.

### Friends & Family

- Vickie Baker's aunt **Dena Bunch** who is in Cox South; also prayers for her uncle Jerry as he deals with these problems.
- Tim/Becky Marsof's daughter-in-law, **Erin Marsof**, who is dealing with several health issues.
- **Janet Barrier** recovering from breast cancer surgery; **Wayne** is recovering from prostate cancer surgery (with Voice of Truth).
- **Bob & Ellie Swartz**, former members, as they continue to deal with health issues. Their address is 220 NW Georgetown Ave., Unit 6 Ankeny IA 50023.
- **Christine Davis** continues her slow recovery at home.
- Bill's mom, **Pauline Redmon**, is not doing well.
- **Susan Green**, Oran & Nadean's daughter-in-law is in a nursing facility in Republic.
- Continue to remember The Mahons' daughter-in-law's mother, **Barbara Groce**; Karen Duncan's uncle **Jerry Selby**; Audra Bowling's grandma, **Virginia Stauffacher**; **Neal Rosenburg**, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father; **Danielle Horton's mom**; **Frank Cunningham**, Elizabeth Lilly's dad; **Leon Wake**, Tina Orum's dad.

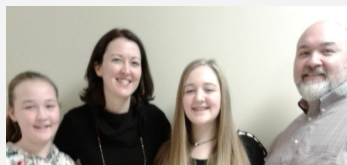


David & Ginger White



Chris & Trish Andrews

## Some of our New Members



Josh, Lauren, Olivia & Sophia Brumfield



Mike, Constance & Cierra Jackson

### 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

## B A B Y

### 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.



### Birthdays

11 Pat Harp  
Bob Snider  
Ella Mae Findlay  
Laurie Atwood  
Tom Meeks  
12 Bob Horton  
13 Anthony Kraus  
16 Gene Kenyon  
18 Kevin Westerman  
Erica Dutton  
20 Johnna Duncan  
21 Barry Hannah  
22 Jackie Buck

# News and Activities



## Parents vs. Kids

### LTC Bible Quiz Bowl

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

Miss Glenda has agreed to be our moderator and put together some questions for this ultimate face-off! It is to be a duel to end all duels! Actually, the kids will probably mop the floor with the parents, but what a great opportunity to model losing with dignity! Everyone is invited to watch and cheer on their favorite Bible scholar!

### 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.
- Elders meet March 19 at 5 p.m.
- March 16-17 Youth Weekend at Fordland Church of Christ

### LTC DRAMA/PUPPETS

All Day—Bring Lunch  
March 17, 24  
April 7, 14 AM & PM

### Wednesday Night Meal

Serving 5—6 p.m.



You are invited to a Baby Shower for **Kim & Dustin Stokes**

**TODAY** 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.



**JUSTIN HATFIELD** will be our guest speaker tonight. We hope you will make a special effort to be present!!

## LADIES' SPRING TEA

April 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"God's Gift to Christ"

and

"A Covenant with God"

Presented by

Doritta McDaniel Johnson

Tuscumbia, AL

Author of Bind Us Together

Sign up at the Information Desk!

## 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



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. Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk. Johnnie

## 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!!

**Ties that Bind**  
An Inter-generational Ministry

### The Mystery of Whose History:

I rode on the zipline in Costa Rica when I was 85 years of age!! Who am I?

Last weeks answer: **Barney Crawford** was drafted and went to training camp in 1975 with the Miami Dolphins.



5th Sunday Potluck  
March 31

### Area Events

March 17-20 Gospel Meeting at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Neosho  
March 30 Ladies Day at Clinton Church of Christ  
Flyers on Bulletin Board

## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** Linda Barnett/Julie Alexander  
**Van Driver:** Kevin Wuench/833-6134  
**Nursery:** Wanita Duncan/Donna Jordan

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Opening Prayer:** Gene Kenyon  
**Lesson:** Justin Hatfield  
**Closing Prayer:** Larry Baggett  
**Communion:** Jason Luna/G. Lund  
**Nursery:** Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic

### Wednesday, March 13

**Scripture Reading:** Patrick Springer  
**Song Leader:** Patrick Springer  
**Prayer:** John Dutton  
**Van Driver:** Tim Stockstill/849-7678

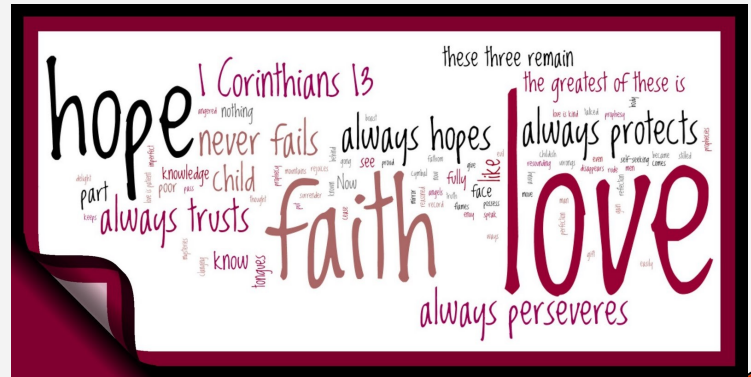
### NEXT WEEK, March 17

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jeremy Thurlkill
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Ron Stokes	Tom Davis
<b>Communion:</b>	David Kern	Jason Luna/G. Lund
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Brock Snitker	Adam Barton
<b>Greeters:</b>	Betty Glenn/Johnnie Elliff	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Team Thurlkill.615-971-1320	
<b>Nursery:</b>	AM: Coyeatte Ewing	PM: Virginia Buck/Teresa Mahon

## 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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