



December 15, 2019

Order of Worship

Greeting

Announcements

Jon Ewing

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#350

#261 (1,2,4)

Opening Prayer

John Stayton

#866

#299 (1,2,5)

The Lord's Supper

John Mahon

Our Contribution

John Mahon

#312 (1,2,4)

#720 (1,4)

Message

Bill McFarland

#134 (1,4)

Do Lord

Closing Prayer

Mike Ussery

Serve Communion

Cambre Thrasher

Josh Brumfield

David White

Aubrey Cobb

Elijah Morrison

Dean Kirk

Aaron Loomis

Adam Barton

Charles Crum

Brendan Carroll

Words of the Year

Words are powerful. A word may not only impact many lives, but also reflect what is going on in them—what is valued, what the mood is, what the concerns are. The “2019 Word of the Year” choices that are currently being published are examples.

Have you noticed any of them? Dictionary.com nominates “existential” as its word of the year. A bit ominous, it reminds us that our very being is in question. Oxford Dictionaries chose a phrase for their word of 2019: “climate emergency.” It fits a religiously fervent political priority of many. Macquarie Dictionary, an Australian one, identifies “cancel culture” as the term that reflects the time—a time when opposing thoughts are shouted down and unwanted history is supposed to never have happened.

Here’s one that reflects the cultural climate of our age in a different way. It’s the Merriam-Webster choice for the 2019 Word of the Year: the little personal pronoun “they.” In September this dictionary expanded the definition of “they” as “relating to a person whose gender is non-binary.” This year “they” became a singular third-person pronoun.

What are we to make of the spirit of a time which is thought to be best summarized by words or phrases like these? Without meaning to attack anyone, don’t they suggest a tone of pessimism? Anxiety and conflict? Self absorption? Sounds that way to me.

So my 2019 Words of the Year are contained in this verse: “So now *faith, hope, and love* abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Cor. 13:13). Three concepts which, together, reflect the mood, the values, and the concerns of the Lord’s people this year. And I’ll go ahead and tell you: these will be our Words of 2020, too.

—Bill McFarland

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.

WORKS WE SUPPORT

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

For The Record
December 8

Bible Study:	205
Morning:	310
Evening:	151
Wednesday (12/11):	208
Contribution:	\$10,823

FAMILY MATTERS

FAMILY CONCERNS

- **Debbi Ratterree** has been diagnosed with leukemia. She has started an aggressive med for her chemo therapy. She will be in Cox South while undergoing the chemo. If it works, she will go to Siteman in St. Louis for bone marrow transplant. We will keep you informed about visitors. E-cards can be sent by going to coxhealth.com/patients/cards Room 728-1. You can also send her an email to dratterree@sbcglobal.net.
- **Truman Coltrane** will hopefully have a procedure for a new defibrillator/pacemaker this week.
- **Betty Grabber** is dealing with health issues.
- **Russell Harber's** neurologist appointment went well.
- ♦ **Jim Elliff's** procedure went well. He goes back in 3 months.
- ♦ **Shirlane Horton's** dental surgery was changed to Monday.
- ♦ Continue to remember **Carolyn Young, Debbie Crawford, Ruth Raines; Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney, Connie Thompson, Dennis Smith, Sandra Pingenot, Lynette Schreiwes, Sherry Sherman**

Friends & Family

- **Christine Davis'** surgery went well. She will hopefully get to go home sometime this week.
- **George Mahon**, John's nephew, has stage 4 cancer that has spread to his brain and other parts of his body.
- Vickie Baker's sister, **Renee Purcell** had a lumpectomy for her breast cancer. It went ok, now waiting for test results before the radiation treatments begin.
- **Sandy Beach & Sarahann**, daughter & granddaughter of Marty and Lanette Long.
- Continue to remember: **Chris Andrews' dad James and Trish's mom; Neal & Vickie Rosenburg**, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father and mother; Debbi Ratterree's friends, **Scott & Kathleen**, dealing with cancer.



We extend our sympathy to Oran & Nadean Green and Gaitha Downing in the loss of their daughter-in-law and sister-in-law, Susan Green, who passed away last Sunday. A private family service was held last Friday. They appreciate all of the prayers and concern given on her behalf during this last year.

Special Sunday 5:00PM meetings to end the year.

Dec. 15: *The Challenge of Being Consistent in Every Day Life* led by our young men. Elijah Morrison will be our speaker.
Dec. 22: "If our family could ask God to give our congregation one gift for the new year, it would be..." led by some of our dads and granddads.
Dec. 29: *A Prayer for All of Us*. - a special, scripture -guided prayer led by Bill McFarland.

Shut-Ins

Ron Bower
Mary Bratcher
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
Jerry Gillespie
Frances Grann
Wayne Harmon
Virginia Morgan
Sandra Pingenot
Nancy Snider



Expectant Moms

Kylie Dutton Galindo
March 2020/Boy
Jennifer Wood
May 2020/??



Please extend a warm welcome to **Baylee Hedden**. Her address is 2020 E. Kerr St. Apt. C102, Springfield, MO 65803.

New address for Denzil & Ruth Raines
3159 S. Roanoke, Springfield, MO 65807



Birthdays

15 Josh Brumfield
Austin McCutchen
18 Anna Luna
19 Aubrey Cobb
Jedonna Griter
Dakota Carpenter
20 Shirlane Horton
Allie Ratliff
Terra Wood
21 Beverly McCormick
22 Sue Lewis
24 Linda Tracy
Greg Donoho
27 Josiah Downing
28 Eddie Currier

What's Happening?

LTC All those in grades 3-12 who are interested in participating in the Service Challenge Event in LTC can sign up in the foyer. We are scheduling service projects within our family and in the community. Questions can be directed to Sawyer Murphy.

Also, we are excited to announce we will be having a 7-9 grade choir this year for those who are participating in LTC. Signup sheet is in the foyer.



Our Water Mill Library has just received over 20 Christmas craft books. They contain recipes, cross stitch, decorating and gift ideas to make. Come check them out in room 136 and maybe find a good book to read also.

THURSDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The ladies Bible class, quilters and card markers will not meet again until Thursday, January 16, 2020.

We are accepting monetary donations for the Food Pantry. Your donation can be given to Johnnie or Jason Luna. Thank you for continuing to contribute to this good work, and thanks to Jason & Lora for keeping the pantry stocked.



The Water Mill Youth Group will have a Christmas Party tonight after the evening service. Please bring a gift purchased from a flea market or Thrift Haven. **Youth group parents, please bring finger foods.**

⇒ Watch for upcoming details on the lock in—January 3.

⇒ YOU January 24-26, 2020!!



All ladies are invited to a Holiday Party at the home of Brittany Morrison on Thursday, December 19th, at 6:30 p.m. Please bring finger foods and wear holiday party attire. They have limited parking space so you are encouraged to carpool or ride the church van. There is a sign-up sheet at the Information Desk if you are interested in riding the van.



December Anniversaries

- 17 Eric/Wanita Duncan 25 yrs.
- 20 Andy/Kirsten McFarland 11 yrs.
- 22 Tom/Jammie Davis 25 yrs.
- 27 Allen/Carol McCann 62 yrs.
- 30 Barney/Debbie Crawford 47 yrs.
- 31 Eddie/Linda Currier 48 yrs.

Happy Anniversary!!

SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES Cradle Row thru 6th Grade

Class	Room	Subject
Cradle Roll	100	See & Know; God Is; God Made; God Loves; Intro. to Creation; Jesus; Family
Toddlers	102 (Red)	More advanced study of See & Know; God Is; God Made; God Loves; Intro. to Creation; Jesus; Family
2 Yr Old	103 (Yellow)	Thank You God, For Making Everything; Thank You God, For Taking Care of Noah; Thank You God, For Baby Jesus; Thank you God, For Families; Thank You God, For Making Me; New Testament Books
3 Yr Old	104 (Green)	Survey of the Entire Bible; Introduction to Old Testament Books; Introduction to Memory Verses
4 Yr Old	105 (Blue)	Old Testament Overview; Memory Work
Kindergarten	107	New Testament Overview; Memory Work
1st Grade	106	Old Testament Survey
2nd Grade	108	The Life of Christ; Early Church; Paul
3rd Grade	110	Book of Acts/The Church
4th Grade	112	Old Testament Book by Book
5, 6th Grades	114	New Testament Survey



THIS MORNING

Greeters: Randy & Orvella Blackburn
Van Driver: Aaron Schwartz/816-309-9286
Nursery: Coyeatte Ewing

THIS EVENING

Service led by our young men
Communion: Devin Carroll/Gabe Mahon
Nursery: Teresa Mahon

Wednesday, December 18

Song Leader: Hayden Brill
Prayer: David Kern
Van Driver: Charlie Crum/838-7152

NEXT WEEK, December 22

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Gene Kenyon
Opening Prayer:	Tim Stockstill	Jonathan Pendergraft
Communion:	Andy McFarland	D. Carroll/G. Mahon
Closing Prayer:	Randy Blackburn	Josh Luna
Greeters:	Tim & Jan Bowling	
Van Driver:	Todd Kraus/417-207-7877	
Nursery:	AM: Lauren Brumfield/Tina Crum PM: Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton	

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

Youth—Adult

Adult: Auditorium/Byron Nichols
“Church History—the Restoration Movement in America including the Major State of Missouri”
Adult: Room 130/Paul Lines
“A Chronological Study of the Bible”
Adult: Room 126/Bill McFarland
“Awful Cross, Empty Tomb, Right Hand of God”
Ages 18-29: Room 119/Travis Morrison
“The Life of Jesus in My Everyday Life”
Grades 7-12 Girls: Loren Brumfield, Wanita Duncan, Coyeatte Ewing/Room 129
Grades 7-12 Boys: Josh Brumfield, Jon Davis, Jon Ewing/Teen Room
“Let No One Despise You for Your Youth”

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES

Adult: Scott Barton & Barney Crawford/Auditorium
“The Cross-Shaped Life - I Peter”
Women: Ruth Lund/Room 129 **“Philippians”**
Adults: Jon Ewing/Room 126
“Rivers of Living Water - the Gift of the Holy Spirit”
Grades 7-12: Bill McFarland/Teen Room
“God According to God”



JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY!



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Bob Snider	417-833-3498
Jerry Young	417-724-0324

Deacons

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

Staff

Secretary	Johnnie Elliff
Custodian	Tim Bowling

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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