



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 22, 2019

## The Verse of the Year

I'm sure many of us are YouVersion users. There are more than 400 million of us worldwide. The easily-accessible Bible app places the Lord's word within your reach anywhere, and enables you to find any passage, then to either read or listen on your phone or other device. It's a fine tool.

Recently YouVersion announced the most popular verse among its users in 2019. I wonder whether we would have guessed it: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6, ESV).

So it's a message for which people feel a need. Listen to the Lord about your worry. Pray over all of it. Remember what he has already done. Choose to depend on his faithfulness going forward.

With life being as it is, and given the events and the tone of things in the world this year, why do you think this particular verse has been on so many hearts and minds? And even more thought-provoking: what are the alternatives to the course it recommends? Be more anxious? Look to relationships, or government, or science, or wealth (sources of the anxiety you already have) for peace?

Some of the reasons why the guidance of Philippians 4:6 resonates may be observed from its setting. It is clearly based in reality. It speaks to people whose citizenship is in heaven and whose names are in the book of life. They are not perfect, sometimes experience conflict with each other, and meet anxious cares of all kinds. Yet they have a reassuring privilege which lives between two great convictions: the Lord is at hand, and the peace of God will guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

—Bill McFarland

*Merry  
Christmas*  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

### **Order of Worship**

#### **Greeting**

**Announcements**  
Jon Ewing

**Song Leader**  
Briley Ewing

#267 (1,2)  
#874

**Opening Prayer**  
Tim Stockstill

#442 (1,2,3)  
#726

**The Lord's Supper**  
Andy McFarland

**Our Contribution**  
Andy McFarland

#400

**Message**  
Bill McFarland

#687 (1,2,4)

#71 (1,3)

**Closing Prayer**  
Randy Blackburn

### **Serve Communion**

Cambre Thrasher  
Josh Brumfield  
David White  
Aubrey Cobb  
Elijah Morrison  
Dean Kirk  
Aaron Loomis  
Adam Barton  
Charles Crum  
Brendan Carroll

# 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

## 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/

For The Record  
December 15

Bible Study:	170
Morning:	259
Evening:	134
Wednesday (12/18):	162
Contribution:	\$ 9,614

## FAMILY MATTERS

### FAMILY CONCERNS

- **Debbi Ratterree** continues aggressive chemo for leukemia. She remains in Cox South while undergoing the chemo. If it works, she will go to Siteman in St. Louis for bone marrow transplant. E-cards can be sent by going to [coxhealth.com/patients/cards](http://coxhealth.com/patients/cards) Room 728-1. You can also send her an email to [dratterree@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dratterree@sbcglobal.net).
- **Truman Coltrane** will have a procedure for a new defibrillator/pacemaker on January 3.
- **Betty Grabber** is dealing with health issues.
- ♦ Continue to remember **Carolyn Young, Debbie Crawford, Ruth Raines; Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney, Connie Thompson, Dennis Smith, Sandra Pingenet, Lynette Schreiwes, Sherry Sherman**

### Friends & Family

- **Christine Davis** is recovering from surgery.
- **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.
- **Dovia Evans'** 2 little great grandbabies are in Cox South with RSV. Please keep them in your prayers as well as Dovia and family.
- **Gary Amburg**, Shirlane Horton's mother's brother, dealing with health issues.

### 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 Pingenet  
Nancy Snider

### Expectant Moms

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

### New Associate Minister

As most of you know, Jon announced a couple of weeks ago that **Justin Hatfield** has accepted the job as our Associate Minister. We look forward to **Justin, Kari, Harper and Liam** joining us in June. They are here this week so be sure to let them know how excited we are for their arrival and for their commitment to work with us. Keep them in your prayers as they all make sacrifices and adjustments in the coming months.

### Helping Hands Contribution

Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday. For the last several years, the 5th Sunday contributions have been used to pay extra on the mortgage or other building needs. But, next Sunday, all monies received above our budget of \$10,000 will be used for **Helping Hands**. We always appreciate your loving hearts and generosity. (The Elders)



Carolyn and I wish to thank so many of you who sent birthday cards (with tender messages) as well as gifts of food and prayers on my 90th birthday. Also for the many gifts of love which came to us in the Holiday Bag from Water Mill. We love you all. **Dennis & Carolyn Smith**

Words cannot express our appreciation for all your support and standing by us prayers, cards, fppd and more during the year-long illness and passing of our dear daughter-in-law Susan. A special thanks to Bill for being at our private memorial service with words of memory and comfort. In Christian love, **Oran & Nadean**

# What's Happening?

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

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.

We will have a Special Devotional time in the Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on 12/25 and 1/1.

## Our Thanks and Our Best

At this moment between the years, we thank all of you for your support and encouragement throughout 2019. This year has brought its own challenges and blessings to our families. Thank you for your place among its blessings. Thank you especially for the beautiful cards, kind comments, and expressions of generosity here at holiday time.

We wish for each of you and your families the merriest of Christmas times and the happiest of new years. We are looking forward to the changes and opportunities we are going to experience in 2020. We thank the Lord for this congregation of his people, and we are praying for his blessings upon our life and work together.

-Bill, Johnnie, and Tim

## Anniversaries

12/22 Tom/Jammie Davis 25 yrs.

27 Allen/Carol McCann 62 yrs.

30 Barney/Debbie Crawford 47 yrs.

31 Eddie/Linda Currier 48 yrs.

1/1 David/Debbie Kern 44 yrs.

1/1 Travis/Pam Morrison 1 yr.

1/2 Tim/Becky Marsolf 39 yrs.

1/9 Aaron/Isumi Loomis 19 yrs.

1/16 Bill/Gail White 10 yrs.

1/17 Dennis/Carolyn Smith 67 yrs.

Happy Anniversary!!

## Birthdays

22 Sue Lewis

24 Linda Tracy

Greg Donoho

27 Josiah Downing

28 Eddie Currier

1/1 Alice Daniels

Teresa Mahon

4 Robert Keith

Kenna Taylor

Olivia Downing

Abigail Davis

New address for Veri & Karen Duncan  
5645 E. Park Place  
Strafford, MO 65757

# New Bible Classes

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES ON THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN!

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES

Adult Rescued: A Study of II Samuel  
Bill McFarland Aud.

Teens & 20s Rescued: A Study of II Samuel  
Jon Ewing Room 126

All students in their Teens and 20s are encouraged to attend the class in Room 126, and all other Adults the class in the Auditorium. We hope to accomplish the following:

Study the book of II Samuel

Help our Teens participating in 'Leadership Training for Christ' connect their events to the lessons from II Samuel

Develop mentoring relationships between those in College and Young Professionals (18-29) and those in Junior High and High School (13-18)

Members across the two classes will participate in 'intergenerational' activities related to our study (TBA)



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

⇒ YOU January 24-26, 2020!!

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

The new 2020 Book Club brochure is now on the information desk. Our theme for 2020 is Devoted to God with an emphasis on women devoted to God. We have over 30 books in our Water Mill Library that are suggested for consideration.



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 7-12th grade choir this year for those who are participating in LTC. Signup sheet is in the foyer.

Daily Bible Reading Schedules for 2020 are available on the Information Desk!

### THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** Tim & Jan Bowling  
**Van Driver:** Todd Kraus/417-207-7877  
**Nursery:** Lauren Brumfield/Tina Orum

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Gene Kenyon  
**Opening Prayer:** Jonathan Pendergraft  
**Lesson:** Dads & Granddads  
**Closing Prayer:** Josh Luna  
**Communion:** Devin Carroll/Gabe Mahon  
**Nursery:** Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton

### Wednesday, December 25

#### SPECIAL DEVO

**Van Driver:** Jason Luna/417-840-2632

### NEXT WEEK, December 29

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Gene Kenyon
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Barry Hannah	Ron Stokes
<b>Communion:</b>	Jerry Milligan	D. Carroll/G. Mahon
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Bryan Hannah	Brian Carroll
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sam & Julie Gillham	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Team Hulett/417-889-5344	
<b>Nursery:</b>	AM: Lora Luna/Kirsten McFarland	PM: Lora Luna/Kirsten McFarland

## New Bible Classes

### SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

#### Youth—Adult

Grades 7-12 **Priceless: What You Are Worth To God**  
Andy McFarland Room 122

Ages 18-29 **The Life of Jesus in My Everyday Life**  
Travis Morrison Room 110

Adult: **Nighttime Bible Events of Importance for Us**  
Byron Nichols Auditorium

Adult: **A Chronological Study of the Bible**  
Paul Lines Room 130

Adult **What Next? Letters to the Thessalonians**  
Bill McFarland Room 126

Adult **Knowing Christ: A Study of Philipians  
And Colossians**  
Jon Ewing Room 129

*The New Year is always a great time to get started back to Sunday School if you have been "missing in action." You will be blessed with these great studies, and you will be an encouragement to others with your presence.*

# JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY!

#### Minister

Bill McFarland  
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#### Elders

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Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Jon Ewing	417-569-8698
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 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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