

February 9, 2020

WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Heart Matters

Acts is known for its action. There is the power of the Spirit, the hand of the Lord, and the word of God, increasing and multiplying. There are unforgettable characters and their deeds, remarkable speeches and their effects, and fascinating places and their events. There is movement and adventure all through it—it is some story!

But for all its action, Acts also puts the spotlight on *heart*. Something about the revealing of who Christ is and what his work means also reveals the true heart of the persons in the story–and heart matters.

Those who first heard from the apostles that the Jesus they had crucified is both Lord and Christ were stung to the heart by it, and they quickly asked the apostles what they were to do (2:37). Those who heard Stephen explain that they had always resisted the Holy Spirit and were doing it again were cut to the heart by it too, but they rushed to stone him (7:54). A heart can be willing, or not.

A heart can also be pure in its motives, or not. Satan filled the heart of Ananias and Sapphira to lie to the Holy Spirit, and they contrived a deed in their heart which was ugly because it was intended to make them appear to be something they were really not (5:3,4). Simon tried to buy the gift of God with money because he still wanted people to think *he* was something. He was in the bond of iniquity because his heart was not right (8:21-23).

Another way heart matters is that one can care, or not. As Acts nears its close, Paul is explaining the kingdom of God to his countrymen in Rome and trying to convince them about Jesus, but their response is mostly disbelief and disagreement among themselves. He reminds them that it may be that people do not see and hear and understand because their heart has grown dull. It may not be a question of explanation, but of interest (28:25-27).

As we read Acts, let's pay attention to heart. Heart matters. It matters if mine is humble, sincere, and sensitive, or not.

-Bill McFarland

Order of Worship Greeting Announcements Jerry Young

Scripture Reading Phil. 2:9-11 Elijah Morrison

> *Song Leader* Briley Ewing

> > #352

Opening Prayer Mike Ussery

> #52 #299

The Lord's Supper Patrick Springer

Our Contribution Patrick Springer

> #40 (1,2,3) #236 (1,2,3,5)

Message Bill McFarland

#272 (1.3)

#121 (1,2)

Closing Prayer Aaron Schwartz

Serve Communion Matt Keener David Kern Todd Kraus Russell Lilly Paul Lines Jason Luna Gene Lund Gabe Mahon Tim Marsolf Andy 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

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 February 2

Bible Study:	225
Morning:	295
Evening:	133
Wednesday (2/5):	86
Contribution:	\$ 9,977

FAMILY MATTERS

FAMILY CONCERNS

- Ann Fahr is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Bob Snider is now at home and doing much better.
- Debbi Ratterree as she continues her battle with leukemia. You can send cards or an email of encouragement to <u>dratterree@sbcglobal.net</u>. KEEP PRAYING!
- Julie Alexander will have tests Tuesday at Cox South.
- Russell Harber as he continues to go through tests.
- Kelli Kirk has been sick for about 3 weeks and will be off work another week due to her weakened immune system.
- Continue to remember Betty Grabber, Ruth Raines, Marty Long, Carolyn Young, Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney, Connie Thompson, Dennis Smith, Sandra Pingenot, Lynette Schreiwes, Sherry Sherman

Friends & Family

- Michelle Hulett's dad, **Gary Larson**, is doing well recovering from having a part of his leg amputated last week.
- Noel Green's brother-in-law, Ryan Scott, in Albuquerque.
- Ellie Swartz as she continues to have health issues. Her address is 1422 NW 9th, Ankeny IA 50023. She would love your cards.
- George Mahon, John's nephew, who has stage 4 cancer.
- Vickie Baker's sister, Renee Purcell, dealing with breast cancer.
- 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; Gary Amburg, Sandra Long's brother.



Birthdays 9 Betty Glenn Verl Duncan **10 Mary Jo Rookstool Kirsten McFarland** 11 Julie Kelley Dylan Girdley **Elijah Morrison** Claudia Morrison **13 Clarence Feeney** Brent Looney 14 Gaylen Jones Jammie Davis **15 Carter Schwartz** 16 Gerri Dickens Karen Duncan Jon Ewing **17 Barney Crawford** Colton Orum **19 Connie Thompson** Kylie Galindo 21 Charlie Crume Laurel Pendergraph 22 Trevor Kraus **Aiden Schwartz**

February Anniversaries

10 Ron/Lisa Stokes 36 yrs.
10 Tom/Tiffany Meeks 30 yrs.
14 Don/Linda Tracy 51 yrs.
15 Kevin/Connie Westerman 34 yrs.
24 Kenny/Debra Davis 47 Yrs.
27 Bob/Betty Stockstill 66 Yrs.
28 Clint/Betty Holden 62 yrs.



We continue to accept monetary donations for the Food Pantry. Your donation can be given to Johnnie or Jason Luna.

Shut-Ins **Ron Bower** Mary Bratcher Don Essex **Clarence Feeney Ola Jean Feeney Cecil Frost** Wanda Frost **Doris Iora** 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



Kylie Dutton Galindo March/Boy

> Jennifer Wood May/Boy

Chelsea Thrasher August 10

Alison Thurlkill August 31

New Addresses

Judy Kirby 3413 South Fairway Springfield, 65804 417-773-8587 * * *

Chris & Trish Andrews 292 Steury Road Springfield, 65809

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, **my Rock and my Redeemer.** Psalm 19:14





Married Couples Retreat

Pointe Royale Resort February 21-22 \$85 per couple

Guest speaker will be Joe Bright. Please give your checks to Melinda Barton or Lora Luna to reserve your spot.



Mark your calendars for a cozy Family Fun Night, Saturday, February 29th, at Fair Haven from 4-9 pm. We're hoping to

gather all ages together, laughing and getting to know each other over various games of (you fill in the blank). There is a wall of sign up sheets in the east end of the foyer. If you'd like to bring a game, create a sign up sheet with your name and the name of the game (card, board, field, court, any type of game) at the top. Then, the rest of us will sign our names under yours if we'd like to play that game. We'll all learn some new games and get to know each other a little better. Plan to bring snacks or finger foods and of course, a good attitude and a willingness to have fun! We're looking forward to a lighthearted evening of family enjoying the relationships with which the Lord has blessed us in this life!

 \mathcal{I} I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, cookies and all the well wishes for my birthday. I love you all. God bless you, Illene Birdsong



Men's

All men who are interested in a *monthly fellowship, please sign* Fellowship the sheet on the counter in the foyer, and indicate what would be the best time for you to be able to

participate. It would be about an hour, once a month, and include fellowship, study, praying, and singing. We will begin in March. Thank you. Jon Ewing

- Be A Blessing meeting today at 4:30 in room 126.
- Elders meet Tuesday at 5 p.m.
- The Ladies Bible class will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The ladies are studying from a new book, "Prescriptions for a Woman's Soul." Virginia Buck will be leading the study on "Temperance, the Boundaries."
- Quilters meet at 9 AM on Thursday and Card Makers meet at 9:30 a.m.
- Steven Ashcraft reports on his Africa work 2/16 at 5 p.m.



Ladies. Please mark your calendars for our Spring Tea, "Life is like a Box of **Chocolates.**" It will be Saturday March 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Speaker will be Judi Dean, author of the books

Sweet Truths and Life Lessons from the Farmer's Daughter. Watch for sign-up sheets.

oreview of March, April, May Mark your calendars!

- ♦ 3/8 Daylight Savings Time begins
- ♦ 3/9 Book Club Meeting at the Curriers.
- ♦ 3/28 Ladies Spring Tea
- ♦ 4/5 LTC Preview Night
- ♦ 4/10-11 LTC Convention
- ♦ 4/12 Easter
- ♦ 4/19 LTC Awards immediately after AM service
- ♦ 4/19 Youth Night at Rogersville
- ♦ 4/26 Wood Baby Shower
- ♦ 5/3 Graduates' Reception
- ♦ 5/10 Mother's Day
- ♦ 5/17 Maples/Murphy Wedding Shower
- 5/22-25 Youth Mission Trip
- 5/25 Memorial Day

Plus Elders meet on 2nd Tuesday of each month and James River Devo is the 1st Sat. of each month.

<u>THIS MORNING</u> Greeters: Van Driver:	Chris & Trish Andrews Jonathan Pendergraft/417-268-7633		Bible Cl BIBLE CLASSES	asses
Nursery: THIS EVENING	Wanita Duncan/Donna Jordan	Youth—Adult Grades 7-12	Priceless: What You A	Are Worth To God
Song Leader:	Travis Morrison		Andy McFarland	Room 122
Opening Prayer: Lesson: Closing Prayer:	Bill McFarland	Ages 18-29	The Life of Jesus in M Travis Morrison	y Everyday Life Room 110
Communion: Nursery:	Matt Kelley/Chris Andrews Alice Buckner	Adult:	Nighttime Bible Event Byron Nichols	s of Importance for Us Auditorium
<u>Wednesday, Fe</u> Song Leader:	<u>ebruary 12</u> Jackie Buck	Adult:	A Chronological Stud	y of the Bible Room 130
	Jeremy Thurlkill Tim Stockstill/417-849-7678	Adult	What Next? Letters to Bill McFarland	the Thessalonians Room 126
<u>NEXT WEEK, February 16</u> AM PM		Adult	Knowing Christ: A Study of Philippians And Colossians	
	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing Travis Morrison Brendan Carroll Barry Hannah	WEDNESDA	Jon Ewing Y BIBLE CLASSES	Room 129
Communion: Closing Prayer:	John Stayton M. Kelley/C. Andrews Fred Lorenz Dean Kirk	Adult Rescued: A Study of II Samuel		
Greeters:	Jon & Coyeatte Ewing		Bill McFarland	Aud.
Van Driver:	Aaron Schwartz/816-309-9286	Teens & 20s	Ds Rescued: A Study of II Samuel	
Nursery:	AM: Coyeatte Ewing PM: Teresa Mahon		Jon Ewing	Room 126

WE NEED YOU FOR BIBLE STUDY! JOIN US SUNDAY AT 9 A.M.

<u>Minister</u>

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> Russell Lilly Aaron Morrison John Stayton Mike Thurlkill

Johnnie Elliff 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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Office 417-866-0915 E-mail: info@watermillchurchofchrist.org Website: www.watermillchurchofchrist.org But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4