



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

April 12, 2020

And He Will Rise

As soon as the twelve could confess their conviction that Jesus is the Christ, the Lord begins to teach them what he must do. All the long way from Caesarea Philippi in the far north up to Jerusalem where it is to be accomplished, the schooling continues. He tells them three times, each more specific than the one before (Mk. 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34).

The reaction of the disciples is a little different each time, too. First they reject it, then they don't understand it, then they are afraid. They don't get it. I wouldn't have either. Rejection, humiliation, being killed—by Jewish leaders at the hands of Gentiles--THIS is how the King of Glory does his work? Come on!

But, looking back on it, one phrase is constant in what Jesus is preparing them for. It's the one that (remarkably, to us now) is easily overlooked, but is also most astonishing, and that puts the other details in a different light. "And after three days he will rise," the Lord repeats each time.

I think, with awe, of at least a couple of the implications. One is that Jesus never at any time considered himself a martyr dying for a cause, however noble one might have been. No, he is acting with understanding and on purpose. He is the aggressor in this conflict. He intends to invade death's territory, to conquer its ruler, and to take the keys away from him.

A second implication is that he intends that we gain from his reward. He already has life in himself; he doesn't need to die and rise in order to have what he already has. But we—we who through the reality and finality of death are subject to lifelong slavery—we need one who is alive forevermore to have the keys. And, if he gives his life, we need it to have been the ransom of our freedom—which, he says clearly (10:45), it is!

"And after three days he will rise." It is not an afterthought; it is the point. He laid down his life and took it up again so that we might have one.

--Bill McFarland



The elders want to say 'THANK YOU' to the church family at Water Mill for your giving, 'putting something aside and storing it up as you've prospered (1 Corinthians 16:2).' Your giving is very encouraging, especially during this challenging time. God promises each one that sows bountifully will reap bountifully (2 Corinthians 9:6). Thank you for your sacrifice, love and service for each other, not only in giving financially, but in all the ways you are serving our LORD! Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift (2 Corinthians 9:15)!



In Need of Your Prayers

- **Debbi Ratterree** is in Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Cards can be sent to 1 Parkview Pl, Room 8805, St. Louis, MO 63110. She had stem cell replacement last Tuesday. She is very tired but doing ok. Please pray constantly that the anti-rejection medication will work.
- **Oran Green** is now at home being cared for by Nadean and the family. Keep them in your prayers.
- Orvella Blackburn's son-in-law, Josh's father, **Barry DeWeese**, is not physically able to endure kidney surgery. Doctors cannot do anything more for him. He is in Cox South.
- The Essex's granddaughter, **Victoria Lacy**, was diagnosed with breast cancer this past week. She had a biopsy on Friday to determine the extent of the cancer.
- Elizabeth Lilly's dad, **Frank Cunningham**, has lung cancer and will have radiation treatments.
- **Ethan Bowling** is recovering from surgery to fix a broken arm.
- **Jenny Carroll's dad** is feeling better; her **stepmom** had more severe symptoms of the coronavirus.
- **Carolyn Young** as she needs both knees replaced.
- **Marlene Matthews** as she continues to deal with ongoing health problems.
- **Connie Westerman** is improving but still dealing with health issues.
- **Shirlane Horton** also needs knee surgery but trying other things right now.
- **Joey and Tammy Treat** are recovering well from the coronavirus.

Continued prayers for health concerns: **Bob Snider, Alice Daniels, Julie Alexander, Ann Fahr, Russell Harber, Betty Grabber, Ruth Raines, Marty Long, Connie Thompson, Dennis Smith, Sandra Pingenot, Lynette Schreiwes, Barney Crawford's sister, Kathy Farris, Rachel Lilly, Beverly Hammond**

PRAY FOR OUR ELDERS in the days and weeks ahead.

Pray for **our congregation!** Pray for all **healthcare workers!**

Pray for the **leaders of our country.**

Shut-Ins

Ron Bower
Mary Bratcher
Don Essex
Clarence Feeny
Ola Jean Feeny
Cecil Frost
Wanda Frost
Doris Iorg
Debbi Ratterree
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

Chelsea Thrasher
 Girl/August 10
Alison Thurkill
 August 31

Health Care Workers:

Deana Asher
Vickie Baker
Audra Bowling
Susan Crum
Gaitha Downing
Josiah Downing
Megan Hollingsworth
Mike Jackson
Andrea James
Kelli Kirk
Elizabeth Lilly
Lori McCall
Kim Maples
Pam Morrison
Aaron Morrison
Shawn Sekulic
Julie Taylor
Brittany Springer
Lisa Stokes
Dustin Stokes
Kevin Westerman
Terri Wilson
Family: Ashley Hopper
Brandon Snider
Allison Snider
Connie Snider

Has anyone else seen these people roaming around in your neighborhood spreading good cheer?



April Anniversaries

15 Brock/Christina Snitker 14 yrs.

17 Mike/Constance Jackson 21 yrs.

26 Byrle/Virginia Hayter 57 yrs.



Birthdays

16 Russell Harber

Darren Wake

19 Ayra Bowling

21 Michelle Hulett

Alice Buckner

22 Lisa Stayton

25 Megan Jobes

26 Doris Iorg

Gail White

29 Larry Baggett

30 Lauren Brumfield

Carson Griffin



To all our friends at Water Mill and formerly North National: Thank you so much for all prayers and love over the years and now during this sorrowful time of loss. Memories of happy times with you help us so much. In Christian love, Lynda Preslar and Family

- ◆ Worship live on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- ◆ Bill's Wednesday evening class live on FB at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.
- ◆ Prepackaged communion cups can be picked up at the office.
- ◆ OUR CONTRIBUTION:
 You can mail to 3020 N. Barnes, 65803
 Drop it by the building
 For on-line giving, go to our website, www.watermillchurchofchrist.org and click on the GIVE link.