

WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

August 16, 2020

About Our Work

Our hearts and our best wishes are with all of you, either students or educators, who are now either back in school or headed that way. We are excited with you about the experiences and opportunities this new leg of your journey may bring, and we are hopeful that you will be blessed richly. We are also expecting that there are challenges ahead for you to meet, and we have confidence that you will be strong and serve well.

We always respect the courage it takes to walk by faith in the midst of people and in the world of ideas. We know it can be done, though. We remember Joseph in Egypt, and Daniel in Babylon, and Paul on Mars Hill in Athens, each one faithful in a real world setting. We do not have to be as famous as them, nor to consider ourselves as heroic as them, in order to be practicing their kind of faith. We just have to live in the presence of God and to speak and act for his sake. That is our prayer for you.

Please keep us in your prayers, too. Bear in mind that your progress means change for us. We want to accommodate your growth, and sometimes that means that we have to account for who will do what you have been doing while you are doing other things. Others are coming along after you, and there are responsibilities to be met. We are sometimes apprehensive about what that will mean in our congregational life.

This might be a time for us all to apply the First Peter approach to life in the world. Show the excellencies of God (2:9). Keep your conduct honorable (2:12). Do what you do for the Lord's sake (2:13). Follow in his steps (2:21). Bless, and obtain a blessing (3:9).

After all, isn't that what "our work" has to do with your going back to school? Aren't we really trying to equip each other to do as we have just said wherever we have to go in everyday life?

-Bill McFarland



Order of Worship

Greeting

Song Leader Briley Ewing

"Come Let Us Sing With Joy" (2) #288

Opening Prayer Andy McFarland

> #622 *"Father God"*

Message Bill McFarland

#237

The Lord's Supper Patrick Springer

#892

Announcements/ Closing Prayer Scott Barton

Schedule of Services

- Sunday In-Person Worship at 10 am.
- Worship live on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- Wednesday Bible class live on FB at 6:30 p.m.



- <u>Barbara Barnes</u> had hip surgery recently after a fall; she is now at Quail Creek Rehab for a couple of weeks.
- Ruth Raines is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on 10/8.
- Carolyn Young will have knee replacement surgery on 10/6.
- Shirlane Horton is recovering from knee surgery and Julie Alexander stomach surgery. Gene Lund will have more tests this week. Truman Coltrane has been in and out of the hospital this past week. Sue Davis' surgery has been rescheduled for Wednesday (8/19) as they needed to assemble a different team for the surgery; Jon came home for a few days while Sue remained in Houston The Essex's granddaughter, Victoria Lacy, found out this past week that the spots on her liver and brain are not cancerous; she has finished chemo and will have breast cancer surgery on 9/16. Connie Thompson continues to decline due to throat cancer. Ryan Murray will be traveling back to his base in South Korea this week after successful spinal surgery in Hawaii. Leon Wake Tina Orum & Darren Wake's dad, is home and doing better after receiving several stents; Doris lorg's niece & nephew, Linda and Bob Samuel, both have the virus & Linda has been admitted to Cox not doing well. Norman Lorenz's son-in-law, Donnie, will have total shoulder replacement surgery on Monday at Mercy Orthopedic Hospital.
- Continued prayers for health concerns: Dennis Smith, Don Essex, Marty Long, Frank Cunningham, Marlene Matthews, Russell Harber, Betty Grabber, Lynette Schreiwes



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the following families: Makesha Davis & family in the loss

of her grandmother, Thelma Brown, in Willow Springs last Wednesday.

Julie Alexander in the loss of her uncle, Bobby Lopez in CA recently.

Baylee Hedden and her family in the loss of her grandmother, Beverly Frizzell, who passed away Thursday. Services were held yesterday in Harrison, AR.

There will be a memorial service for Art Hudkins on Thursday, September 10th. Meet & Greet at 10am, Celebration of Life at 11am in the Family Life Center at Brookline. He passed away earlier this year.

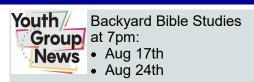


To our precious church family, We are so thank? blessed to have such an amazing, loving church family! Thank you to everyone for

helping make Josh & Mercedes wedding so amazing! Big thank you to Kay, Megan, Jenny for your time and talent putting it all together! Thank you t o Bill, Coyeatte, Carrie, Kim, Maddi, Tim & Jan, Scott & Melinda, John & Michelle, and everyone who helped! We cannot thank you enough. All our love, Jason & Lora, Josh & Mercedes, & Anna Luna

Thanks for all of the prayers, cards, calls and thoughts during my knee replacement surgery and the passing of my mother, Harriett McCall. Love, James & Lori McCall

Thank you so much for all your prayers and concern for our daughter-in-law this past week. It meant a lot to all of us. Love you, Jim & Johnnie, Lee & Alethea



- Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet on the 20th at 10:30 am. Linda Currier will be teaching the 1st lesson from their new book, "The Begging Place," by Becky Fowler Blackmon. The lesson title is "Prayer Changes Things."
- Quilters will meet at 9 am and Card Makers will meet at 9:30 Thursday.

August Anniversaries

16 Tim/Jan Bowling 40 yrs. 18 Gene/Ruth Lund 57 yrs. 19 Scott/Melinda Barton 32 yrs. 21 Vern/Connie Thompson 16 yrs. 28 Lynn/Gloria Luallin 49 yrs. 30 Randy/Susie Cox 7 yrs. 31 Don/Ruth Essex 64 yrs.

New Address: David & Debbie Kern 508 N. Buchanan Crescent, OK 73028

Practice the 3 w's: wash-wait-wear. More importantly, remember these 3 W's-Welcome to Water Mill for Worship!

Sh<u>ut-Ins</u> **Barbara Barnes** Ron Bower Mary Bratcher Don Essex **Clarence Feeney Ola Jean Feeney Cecil/Wanda Frost** Doris lora **Jim/Ruth Reaves Doris Tobler** Nursing Homes Ella Mae Findlay Ann Freeze Wayne Harmon Virginia Morgan Sandra Pingenot Nancy Snider

Expectant Mom Alison Thurlkill Girl/August 31

Birthdays 18 Briley Ewing 21 Don Tracy Terri Wilson 22 Donna Jordan Eric Duncan 24 Michael Loomis 25 Les Horton 26 Billie Luna Sandra Pingenot 27 Carolyn Smith 28 Dean Kirk 31 Cambre Thrasher



WEDNESDAY EVENING: Please join us Wednesday at 6:30 via FB livestream as we continue our "Part of the Family" series. If you missed any of the interviews in this series, please

go to the Water Mill Facebook page and take the time to watch. You will be blessed.