



Weekly Newsletter

December 20, 2020

Order of Worship

Greeting

Justin Hatfield

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#200 (v. 1, 2)

#184

Prayer

Wyatt Maples

#438

#732 (v. 1, 3, 4)

#523 (v. 1, 3, 4)

The Lord's Supper

Tim Bowling

#782

#531

Message

Bill McFarland

#36

Announcements/ Prayer

Scott Barton



Greetings and Blessings

On behalf of Bill, Cindy, Johnnie, Justin and Tim, thank you Water Mill church family! It has been a year full of ups and downs, highs and lows, but you have been a steady and encouraging presence through it all. We appreciate all of the love and support, encouragement and prayer we have received over the course of the year, doubly felt over the past 6 months. As the year draws to a close and a new one approaches our prayer is for continued encouragement of the spirit, peace and unity. May God bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you and give you peace.

In the Lamb's Book of Life

There are names written in the Lamb's book of life, names of his saints, every one of those whom he has purchased to be his own possession. But there's also a world where they live. It's a world where the overwhelming influences of a dragon and two beasts—the evil one and his allies, persecuting power and false religion—are brought to bear upon them. That's what our reading for today, Revelation 13, says.

At first glance it seems hopeless. Upon further review, however, there are details that place the whole scene in a different light. The two beasts can only do what they're allowed to do. Those who are written in the Lamb's book of life neither bow to nor are deceived by them. And his saints see in the presence of these awful opponents, not defeat, but a call for endurance and faith.

Let's thank God today for this one blessing—that our names be written in the Lamb's book of life. Let's pray today for these two things—endurance and faith—so that his victory over the evil one and his allies may be ours, too.

--Bill



THOUGHTS & PRAYERS FOR:

- **Debra Davis** will be having outpatient surgery on Monday, December 21st. Please pray for a successful surgery.
- Sheryl Low's son, **Clark**, had surgery Friday.
- **Bobby Steinshouer** is home recovering from the virus.
- **Marjorie Shelby**, Lucile High's niece, is having tests run.
- **James Montgomery**, Lucile High's son-in-law, is now back to work—thanks for the many prayers!
- Coyeatte Ewings mother, **Beverly Hammond**, is home and recovering from her recent hospital stay.
- **Truman Coltrane** was hospitalized again last week. Please keep he and Helen and Sheryl in your prayers.
- **Brandon Nook**, Sheryl Larimore's son, is now home from his recent surgery.
- Jon Davis' grandmother, **Ruth Lindsey**, is recovering from a fall with a broken hip and collar bone.
- **Jim Elliff** as he and Johnnie continue to adjust to life with dialysis.
- **Nancy Snider** as she deals with health issues and the recent loss of her brother and sister.
- **Nina Peak**, the grandmother of Jacob Herman's wife, was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Allen McCann's sister, **Roberta**, is currently in a Rehab Unit.
- **Wendy Williams**, Kerry Cole's cousin was diagnosed with melanoma.
- **Ryan Murray** is back in Korea at his Air Force base. He continues to recover from his surgery.
- The Essex's granddaughter, **Victoria Lacy**, has completed her chemotherapy treatments and is doing much better. Radiation treatments will begin soon.
- Sue Lewis' son-in-law **Clint White** is now home from his heart surgery.
- David Grimm's mother, **Dorothy**, is doing much better.
- Continued prayers for health concerns: **Sandra Pingenot, Brent Looney, Ruth Raines, Russell Harber, Betty Stockstill, Connie Westerman, Julie Alexander, Ron Bower, Dennis Smith, Marty Long, Frank Cunningham, Carolyn Young, Jim Reaves, Marlene Matthews, Gabe Brown (friend of Chace Eaves):**

THIS WEEK ...

- ◆ Prayer time Sunday, December 20th at 5:00 pm at the church building.
- ◆ Thursday Ladies Bible Class, Quilters and Card Makers will not meet until January 14, 2021.



December/January Birthdays

- 20 Shirlane Horton
- Allie Ratliff
- 21 Beverly McCormick
- 22 Sue Lewis
- 24 Greg Donoho
- 24 Linda Tracy
- 27 Josiah Downing
- 28 Eddie Currier
- 29 John Dutton
- 30 Lynn Luallin
- Jan 1 Alice Daniels
- Teresa Mahon



December Anniversaries

- 20 Andy & Kirsten McFarland—12 years
- 22 Tom & Jammie Davis—26 years
- 27 Allen & Carol McCann—63 years
- 30 Barney & Debbie Crawford—48 years
- 31 Eddie & Linda Currier—49 years

ELDER'S NOTES

Our Bible Reading Schedule for 2021 is now available. We will be reading the entire Bible once through with the Gospels Sunday, the rest of the New Testament Wednesday, the poetry books Saturday and the rest of the Old Testament the other days of the week. Also available will be 'Memory Verses' and 'Prayers.' Both are part of the daily reading. Let us all join together in reading God's Word. Thank you."

On **Wed. December 23rd**, there will be an in-person devotion- al for anyone who can attend.

In preparation for our special year-end video on **Wed. December 30th**, please consider participating in doing a video of yourself answering the two questions below and text to (918) 431-2426.

1. What blessed or helped you this past year?
2. What are you looking forward to this coming year?

Shut-Ins

- Ron Bower
- Mary Bratcher
- Don Essex
- Clarence Feeny
- Ola Jean Feeny
- Wanda Frost
- Doris Iorg
- Jim/Ruth Reaves
- Doris Tobler
- Nursing Homes**
- Ella Mae Findlay
- Ann Freeze
- Wayne Harmon
- Virginia Morgan
- Sandra Pingenot
- Nancy Snider

We thank you beyond measure for the cards for our 55th anniversary plus a great big thank you for the cards when I had my fall back in September. May God richly bless you for your Christian love.



Jim & Ruth Reaves.

Youth Group Christmas Party is at Fair Haven on Sunday, December 20th at 5 pm.

Change of Address

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

- ⇒ Please join us Wednesday at 6:30 via YouTube livestream for Bill's series "Blessed be the Name".
- ⇒ Justin will post a class for second through sixth graders. The theme is "Heroes of Faith" - Hebrews 11.

Thanks to so many who sent cards, made phone calls and brought food to help me celebrate my 91st birthday. It was uplifting to say the least.



Dennis Smith