



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 7, 2021

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Jon Davis

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Scott Barton



But Take Heart

It's the last verse of the farewell discourse, the Lord's three-chapter conversation with the eleven disciples who were left after Judas went out to betray him. That awful night before the cross, between the supper in the upper room and the struggle in the garden, Jesus offers his friends both reality and reassurance. He concludes with, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33).

Every disciple of the Lord, not just these eleven, needs the benefit of his final word that night. His "in the world you will have tribulation" proves to be true for all of us in one way or another. We either encounter distress by following him in a world that hated him, or we experience trouble that is common to the human condition.

As it must have been for their small group that night, the Lord's "but take heart" is both somewhat unexpected and so refreshing. The various efforts to translate the phrase give us a better sense of its range of meaning. "But be of good cheer...but take courage...but cheer up...but be courageous," some of them say. The idea is to meet the world with a goodness and strength.

I imagine the friends who were with him that understood the "but" in his saying. "Take heart—after what you've told us what you're going face, and what we're going to have?" I think most of us understand it, too. The world being what it is, if we're going to be able to take heart, we're going to need a good enough reason.

So Jesus provides one. "I have overcome the world...in me you may have peace." The ruler of this world came for him but has nothing in him (14:30). He is the conqueror of sin, having been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sin (Heb. 4:15). He is therefore the victor over death itself, alive forevermore, having lifted the keys of Death and Hades from the grasp of the one whose slaves we would all otherwise still be.

We have peace in him. Be of good courage.

--Bill McFarland

Birthdays

- 08 Sam Gillham
Titus Morrison
- 09 Ann Freeze
- 11 Pat Harp
Tom Meeks
Bob Snider
- 13 Anthony Kraus
- 16 Gene Kenyon
- 18 Erica Dutton
Kevin Westerman
- 20 Johnna Duncan

THIS WEEK ...

- ◆ **Prayer time Sunday**,
March 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on March 11th at 10:30 am. Jan Bowling will be teaching Chapter 2 of the book, "From Bethlehem To Golgotha," by Hillard Story.
- ◆ **Quilters** will meet at 9 am; **Card Makers** will meet at 9:30.



We extend our sympathy to Randy and Orvella Blackburn at the loss of Orvella's father, Tom Skinner, graveside services were held on Thursday.

We also want to extend our sympathy to Brian and Danielle Horton. Danielle's uncle, Junior Chayer, passed away on Monday, March 1st.

Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged SUNDAY, MARCH 21

We need food as listed on the signup sheets and also servers! SIGNUP SHEETS are on the Information Desk.

Youth Group

Sunday, March 7th, 5:00 pm
at the **Luna's** home.



A very special thank you for all of my birthday cards, Valentines and calls. A special thank you for all the Valentines from House #1. I have been shut in for so long it will be good to get back to church.

In Christian love, Mary Jo Rookstool

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

- **Lanae Gillespie** is having surgery on Monday, March 8th.
- **Jim Reeves** is in the hospital for tests.
- **John Mahon** was able to go home from the hospital Thursday.
- **Pat Blackburn** has some health issues.
- **Truman Coltrane** and Helen continue to need our prayers.
- **Marlene Matthews** continues to have serious stomach problems.
- **Carol McCann's** brother, **Henry** has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- **Ruth Raines** is doing well.
- **Kathy Stephens** a friend of Lucile High's daughter, is experiencing some very difficult health issues.
- **Shirlane Horton** is continuing to have a lot of pain, other than that she is doing well.
- The Essex's granddaughter, **Victoria Lacy**, continues with her radiation treatments.

- **Nancy Snider** is having some significant health concerns.
- **Sue Aherin's sister-in-law, Linda**, is doing somewhat better.
- **Continued prayers for health concerns:**
Alice Daniels, Van & Barbara Barnes, Ruth Lindsey (Jon Davis' grandmother), Julie Alexander, Ron Bower, Betty Grabber, Izumi Loomis' mother; Sandra Pingent, Bob & Leona Snider, Connie Westerman, Dorothy (David Grimm's mother), Wendy Williams (Kerry Cole's cousin), Beverly Hammond (Coyeatte Ewing's mom), Ann Freeze (Jo Baggett's mom), Nancy Snider,



Byrle & Virginia Hayter

Shut-Ins

Pat Blackburn
Ron Bower
Mary Bratcher
Don Essex
Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney
Wanda Frost
Doris Iorg
Jim & Ruth Reaves
Dennis & Carolyn Smith
Doris Tobler

Nursing Homes

Ann Freeze
Wayne Harmon
Virginia Morgan
Sandra Pingent
Nancy Snider

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Please join us
Wednesday at 6:30 pm
in person or via
livestream (YouTube) for
Bill's 6th lesson in his
series "Letters from the
Lord".

March Anniversaries

02 Eddie & Rosemary Sanders - 2 years
09 Justin & Kari Hatfield -19 years
16 Tim & Marty Stockstill – 42 years
19 Greg & Lee Ann Donoho – 45 years
30 Daniel & Terri Wilson - 35 years

HAPPY HOLLOW WORK DAYS

April 10th, April 24th, and May 15th
(They could use all the help they can get!)



YFC Family Bible Study

See Mike or Gena
Ussery for details
regarding the Sunday,
March 7th activity.