



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

September 26, 2021

## **Order of Service**

### ***Greeting/ Announcements***

Tim Stockstill

### ***Children's Time***

Justin Hatfield

### ***Song Leader***

Jon Ewing

# 892

"Father God"

### ***Prayer***

Matt Kelley

# 989

# 444

### ***The Lord's Supper***

Matt Keener

# 402 (v. 1, 2)

### ***Contribution***

Matt Keener

# 613 (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

### ***Message***

Bill McFarland

# 197 (v. 1, 2, 4)

### ***Prayer***

Jerry Young

# 273 (v. 1, 3)



## **The Value of Knowing What's Written**

The chapter that describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry illustrates the high practical value of knowing what is written. It's Luke 4, and it's our Bible reading for this Lord's day. It's quite enlightening to observe how useful his understanding of what Scripture says is to him in these pivotal scenes.

His grasp of what is written enabled him to overcome the tempter's approaches. He knew that we don't live by bread alone (v.4; Deut. 8:3), and that no one is worthy of our worship and service but God (v.8; Deut. 6:13), and that we shouldn't put God to the test (v.12; Deut. 6:16). Knowing what's written gave him valuable guiding principles, even enough so to recognize and to avoid the evil one's misuse of Scripture (v.10, 11).

Understanding what Scripture says also served Jesus well in clearly stating his purpose. He was able to stand up in the assembly in his home town, to find where it was written in Isaiah 61:1-2, and to apply it straightforwardly. He was the one anointed to proclaim good news the poor, sent to proclaim liberty to captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (v.18-19). He acted in keeping with what he knew the Word said of him, and in order to fulfill it.


Knowing what's written is what allowed Jesus to cope with criticism in a healthy way, too. People around town thought of his as "just Joseph's son" and weren't ready to consider him as anything more, regardless of what their own Writings said. But Jesus knew that only that widow over in hated Sidon had cared for the great prophet Elijah (v.25-26 ; 1 Kgs. 17:1f), and that only Naaman the Syrian had allowed himself to be cleansed of leprosy in Elisha's day (v.27; 2 Kgs. 5:1f). He understood what was going on.

Quite a bit of what we do in our life as a congregation is directed toward inscribing on our hearts an understanding of what is written. It might serve us well to read Luke 4, to see how valuable a gift that can be in a person's life, and to be reminded how important our time and effort toward that end really are.

—Bill McFarland



We extend our sympathy and love to Kerry & Sandy Cole, Bonnie Cole and the entire family in the sudden loss of Kerry's brother and Bonnie's son, Kelly Cole, who passed away early Wednesday morning at his home in Wisconsin after suffering a massive heart attack. His service is planned for Wednesday. Please keep Kerry & Sandy and the rest of the family in your prayers for peace and comfort and also that they will have a safe trip home. Also pray for Bonnie as she was living with Kelly and his family and as her health declines.

The youth led service will be this  
**Sunday Evening 5-6 PM**   
 This month's word is MERCY.

### Youth Group News:

Sunday - GATHER at the Luna's after the youth led service! Food, games and a bonfire!

Trunk or Treat - Oct 31st, 5:30pm at Water Mill. More details to follow.

**Mark Your Calendar** - Fall Retreat - Belonging - We will join the Mountain Home church of Christ youth group at Camp Galilee for a retreat. The cost is \$30 and you can sign up using the following QR code. We also need sponsors, you can sign up with the same code.



**WE HAVE AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS AT THRIFT HAVEN, ESPECIALLY ON SATURDAYS. SEE EDDIE CURRIER FOR DETAILS.**

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next Men's Fellowship will be **Saturday, 10/16 from 8-10 am in the fellowship room. Breakfast will be provided.**

Please sign the list in the foyer if you will attend so we may plan accordingly. Thank you.

**THE PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS SEPT. 30TH & OCT. 1st**

**Thursday Ladies Bible Class, Quilters and Card Makers WILL NOT MEET THURSDAY DUE TO THE WORK ON THE PARKING LOT.**

### Happy Anniversary

- 09-29 Paul & Carrie Lines - 31 yrs
- 10-01 John & Tina Orum - 27 yrs
- 10-04 Dustin & Kim Stokes - 3 yrs
- 10-05 Luis & Carol Tovar - 30 yrs

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 9-27 Ruth Essex
- 9-28 Tim Stockstill
- 10-01 Bob Aherin
- 10-01 Tommy Grabber
- 10-01 Isaac Loomis
- 10-04 Lexie Brill
- 10-04 Emma Winters
- 10-05 Fred Lorenz
- 10-06 Charles Crum
- 10-09 Dustin Stokes

### FREE BOOKS!

There are several free books in our church library on the small table by the door that have been donated by several of our members.

## Marriage Workshop

Marriage Enrichment Workshop  
 "For Better, For Worse:  
 Making Marriage Thrive!"

October 22-23, hosted by Crowley's Ridge College in Paragould, Arkansas. Click on this link to register: <http://bit.ly/forbetterforworse21> or call Erica Richardson at 870-236-6901 ext. 164. (2 flyers are posted on the hall bulletin board)

## ~In Need of Our Prayers~

**Truman Coltrane** has been moved home due to a case of COVID at the Strafford Care Center.

**Julie Alexander** will have hernia surgery, Friday, Oct. 1.

**Ruth Reaves** suffered a fall this past week but is doing ok with just some bumps and bruises.

**Carl Tindall** is recovering from his recent procedures.

**Colleen Sundlie**, Jackie & Virginia Buck's daughter, is doing better and they thank you for your prayers.

**Chris Low**, Sheryl Low's son, has been diagnosed with diabetes and is currently taking insulin shots.

**Bonnie Cole**, Kerry's mother, is in the hospital with pneumonia and renal failure as well as afib. They plan to shock her heart back in rhythm Friday.

**Jeff Mahon** requested to be restored in his walk with the Lord.

**Continued prayers for health:**

**Devin Carroll, Karen Duncan, Tom Meeks, Illene Birdsong, Laura Easterly** (COVID); **Ray Reynolds** (Minister at Summerdale Church of Christ, and his wife); **Steven Cobb** (Aubrey & Anita's son), **Becky Marsolf, Ethan** (Barry & Cindy Hannah's nephew), **Tom Davis, Dennis & Carolyn Smith, Ruth Raines, Sheryl Low, Pat Blackburn, Robert Raines** (Denzil & Ruth's son), **Wanda Lou Hurd** (Nancy Snider's cousin), **John Alspaugh** (Ruth Lund's brother), **Alice Daniels, Ima Coleman** (Sara Keener's friend), **David High** (Lucile High's son), **Linda** (Sue Aherin's sister-in-law), **Betty Grabber, Jacquelyn Raines** (Kim Maples grandmother), **Truman & Helen Coltrane, Beverly Hammond** (Coyeatte Ewing's mom), **Sandie Shelby** (Lucile High's niece), **Sherrie Stern** (Shirlane Horton's sister), **Hasseltine Pendergrass** (Helen Harber's mom), **Gary Huff** (Constance Jackson's friend's dad)