



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 10, 2021

## **Order of Service**

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

Devin Carroll

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

Justin Hatfield

### ***Song Leader***

Jon Davis

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*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

### ***Prayer***

Josh Luna

#287

# 495

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

John Mahon

#888

### ***Contribution***

Matt Kelley

#404

#943

### ***Message***

Bill McFarland

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### ***Prayer***

Barney Crawford

## **Positively Living**

Intending to live positively is a fine thing in itself. But our reading Sunday calls us to something more extraordinary: it invites us to be positively living. That's how we can hear the action points in Jesus' remarkable Sermon on the Plain (Lk. 6:20f). His claims about what it is to really live and the usual assumptions on the matter are stunningly different. Here's how he says it's done.

"As you wish that others would do to you, do so to them" (v.31). Positively living is refusing to let other people set the tone in your life. It is choosing, initiating, doing. It is acting more than it is reacting. It can do good, bless, forbear, and volunteer, even in a world where there is hate, abuse, and selfishness.

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (v.36). Positively living is being kind and good to everyone, friend or not, and expecting nothing in return. It is rising to a higher standard than merely responding in kind, as sinful man does. Sons of the Most High are kind to the ungrateful and the evil, as He is.

"For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you" (v.38b). Positively living is respecting this principle. It plays itself out in our judging, condemning, forgiving, and giving, all of which tend to come back to us in proportion to how we've doled it out. Use the measure you're willing to have come back running over.

"A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher" (v.40). Positively living is the discipline of imitating one who has positively lived. It's being led by one who sees where he is going. It's seeing clearly yourself, then helping your brother also to walk in the light.

"Each tree is known by its own fruit" (v.44a). Just so, "the good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good...for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks" (v.45). Positively living is bearing good fruit, doing some good in the world, having a good influence in people's lives.

Jesus concluded by saying that everyone who comes to him, hears his words, and does them, is building on a rock that can withstand the floods (v.47, 48). Positively living is like that. It's building wisely and well, constructing a life on a foundation that can endure the storms of life and the seas of time.

—Bill McFarland

## Happy Anniversary

10-13 Jeremy & Alison Thurlkill 3 yrs  
10-13 Taylor & Krystal Cox 3 yrs  
10-21 Greg & Scheryl Larimore 10 yrs  
10-25 Jon & Coyeatte Ewing 35 yrs.

- Elders meet Tuesday October 12th at 6:00 pm.
- Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet on October 14th at 10:30. Jan Bowling will be teaching Lesson 11 from the book "A Study of Angels."
- Quilters will meet at 9:00 am
- Card Makers will meet at 9:30 am



October 31st at 5pm at Water Mill. More details to follow.

## Youth Group News

- Sunday PM - GATHER at the Brumfield's!
- **Mark Your Calendar** - Fall Retreat - Oct. 15-17 - 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.



The next opportunity for **Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged** will be November 7th watch for the sign up sheets.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next Men's Fellowship will be **Saturday, Oct. 16th** 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.

## Shut-Ins

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

## Nursing Homes

Ann Freeze  
Wayne Harmon  
Virginia Morgan  
Sandra Pingenot  
Nancy Snider

Each new day  
is a gift from God.

How you live it  
is your gift to him.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10-10 Randy Blackburn  
10-10 Aaron Schwartz  
10-11 Dave Blackburn  
10-12 Jerry Brummet  
10-14 Amy Winters  
10-16 Celeste Loomis  
10-16 Lisa Stokes  
10-16 Ike Ussery  
10-18 Randy Cox  
10-18 Brenley Keener  
10-18 Patrick Springer  
10-22 Gaitha Downing  
10-22 Matt Keener  
10-23 Tucker Jobses  
10-23 Aaron Morrison

## 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.



The next Youth Led Service will be November 7th. The word is "Loyalty".

THRIFT HAVEN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! See Eddie Carrier for details.

## ~In Need of Our Prayers~

Barney Crawford's sister, **Kathy Farris**, is now in hospice care.

**Truman Coltrane** is at home in poor health.

Connie Fortner's brother, **Don Todd**, as he prepares for bypass surgery.

**Carl Tindall** will have 2 more tests and then they will figure out a treatment plan.

**Russell Harber** is having a test on his heart Friday, October 8th.

### Continued prayers for health:

**Julie Alexander**, **Steven Cobb** (Aubrey & Anita's son), **Karen Duncan**, **Tom Meeks**, **Illene Birdsong**, **Bonnie Cole**, **Ruth**

**Reaves, Laura Easterly** (COVID); **Becky Marsolf**, **Ethan** (Barry & Cindy Hannah's nephew), **Dennis & Carolyn Smith**, **Ruth Raines**, **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), **Jacquelyn Raines** (Kim Maples grandmother), **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), **Chris Low** (Sheryl Low's son)