



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

October 17, 2021

Order of Service

Greeting/ Announcements

John Mahon

Scripture Reading

Romans 15:4-6, 13
Adam Barton

Song Leader

Kerry Cole

#523(v. 1,2,3)

#642 (v. 1,3,4)

Prayer

Gene Lund

#820 (v. 1,3)

299 (v. 1,4,5)

The Lord's Supper

Andy McFarland

#52

Contribution

Mike Ussery

#226 (v. 1,2,3)

Message

Bill McFarland

#438

Prayer

Scott Barton

Regular People and Surprising Things

It's not the ones you would expect. At least it's not once you've put Jesus in the picture. The people who express surprising faith, receive incredible blessings, raise understandable doubts, and demonstrate grateful love are surprising.

The seventh chapter of Luke shows what I mean. It's not one of the covenant people, but a Roman army officer, a centurion stationed at Capernaum, who expresses the strongest faith in the authority of the Messiah. "I am not worthy to have you come under my roof," he says, "but say the word, and let my servant be healed" (v. 6-7).

It's not well-known and influential citizen of a powerful city who appeals to Almighty God and receives a loved one back from the clutches of death. It's an unnamed widow from a small town, quietly bearing the grief of the loss of her only son. The Lord was moved with compassion at the sight of her, and without her asking, he told her son to arise and gave him back to her (v. 14-15).

Neither is it a vocal skeptic who raises the question of whether Jesus is really the anticipated Christ, or not. It's John, the prophet who had been sent to prepare the way for him. From Herod's prison, he sent messengers to ask the Lord, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" It was an honest and understandable question from a surprising source. What the messengers brought back from the Lord was reassuring affirmative evidence and a blessing (v. 19-20, 22-23).

And it's not the respectable fellow who has invited Jesus to his house for a meal at his table who loves the Lord most. It's a woman of the city, a sinner, who knows Christ has forgiven her of so much. Her humble gratitude was so genuinely loving that it overflowed in bold, selfless, public display of personal devotion to him (v. 44-47).

Are you just a regular person? I am. That doesn't mean we don't have a place in the story of Christ. We're the kind of people in whose lives surprising things have happened before. With the Lord in the picture, we can stand by our confession, find reassurance, be richly blessed, and love deeply, because he first loved us.

—Bill McFarland

Happy Anniversary

10-21 Greg & Scheryl Larimore 10 yrs

10-25 Jon & Coyeatte Ewing 35 yrs.

THIS WEEK...

- We will meet Sunday Evening at 5:00pm.
- Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet on October 21st at 10:30. Jon Ewing will be teaching Lesson 12 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.



Please welcome Jim & Helen McDonald who

placed membership last Sunday. Their address is: 1832 N. Bristol Ave, Springfield, MO 65802

Also, welcome back old friends, Greely & Shirley



Kirkpatrick, 2138 E. Wayland, Springfield, MO 65804 - cell #417-569-4499 and home #417-861-6705 (Be sure to meet these new members.)

The next opportunity for

Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged

will be November 7th

sign up sheets are on the information desk.



We would like to thank our church family for all the prayers, cards, calls, texts, and hugs the we have received during this difficult time. You have surrounded us with love and comforted us. We are so blessed to be part of such a loving and caring congregation of the Lord's people.
Love, Kerry & Sandy Cole

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 Pingnot
Nancy Snider



We extend our deepest sympathy to Barney & Debbie Crawford in the loss of Barney's sister, Kathy Farris. Funeral services were held on Monday, October 11th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10-18 Randy Cox
10-18 Brenley Keener
10-18 Patrick Springer
10-22 Gaitha Downing
10-22 Matt Keener
10-23 Tucker Jobs
10-23 Aaron Morrison
10-26 Connie Westerman
10-27 Aiden Davis
10-27 Kaizlee Sekulic
10-28 Truman Coltrane
10-31 Jeanetta Hardy
10-31 Ronald Horton

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 Currier for details.

~In Need of Our Prayers~

Truman Coltrane is at home with hospice care.

Don Todd, (Connie Fortner's brother) as he prepares for bypass surgery on October 21st. Also, Connie's brother **Ron Todd** just had back surgery. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

Russell Harber's test on Friday turn out ok.

Owen Coleman (Lucile High's great-grandson, 12 years old) is recovering from COVID.

Robert Raines (Denzil & Ruth's son) will be having a test to determine if he will be able to have an upcoming procedure.

Continued prayers for health:

Illene Birdsong, **Karen Duncan**, **Tom Meeks**, **Bonnie Cole**, **Laura Easterly** (COVID), **Becky Marsolf**, **Dennis & Carolyn Smith**, **Ruth Raines**, **Pat Blackburn**, **Wanda Lou Hurd** (Nancy Snider's cousin), **John Alspaugh** (Ruth Lund's brother), **Alice Daniels**, **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), **Chris Low** (Sheryl Low's son), **David High** (Lucile High's son), **Gary Huff** (Constance Jackson's friend's dad), **Ima Coleman** (Sara Keener's friend), **Steven Cobb** (Aubrey & Anita's son),