



WELCOMING, SERVING, AND GROWING IN JESUS

December 19, 2021

Order of Service

***Greeting/
Announcements***
Barry Hannah

Children's Time
Justin Hatfield

Song Leader
Jon Ewing
#392 (v 1, 2, 4)
#197 (v 1, 3, 4)

Prayer
Gene Kenyon
#402 (v 1, 2, 3)

The Lord's Supper
Adam Barton
#613 (all)

Contribution
Adam Barton
#261 (v 1, 2, 4)
Make Me a Servant

Message
Josh Luna
#389 (all)

***Announcements/
Prayer***
Barney Crawford

Serving

“But I am among you as the one who serves,” Jesus said. It was a simple but meaningful saying. The fact that he was serving forever established among his people an estimate of worth that turns the world’s value system upside down (Lk. 22:24-27).

So what does it mean to be “the one who serves”? In the immediate context, it’s being the one who waits on someone else at the table. But a wider view of our reading for this Lord’s day, Luke 21-22, sheds a little more light on what serving is.

Serving is giving of yourself. Jesus watched the poor widow at the offering box and commended her. In contrast to those who had contributed out of their abundance, she had put in all she had to live on (21:3-4). Jesus was about to give even that too—his life. He would soon speak to the apostles of his body, given for us, and of his blood, poured out for us (22:19-20).

Serving is giving of yourself in keeping with the Father’s will. It is neither self-willed activity, nor involuntary slavery, nor unprincipled subservience to someone else’s desires. In the garden, Jesus prayed, “Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done” (22:42). He had a will, but he voluntarily subjected it to his Father’s. He was serving.

Serving is giving of yourself in keeping with the Father’s will in a world where people don’t deserve it or appreciate it. Jesus was among them as the one who serves, but one of them betrayed him, all of them were selfish and weak, and another denied him (22:24, 45, 48, 61). Serving isn’t dependent on a neat and perfect situation.

That’s what serving is. It’s giving of yourself in devotion to the Father’s will whether people notice it and honor it or not. Serving is following in the steps of Jesus.

–Bill McFarland

We rejoice with Nathan Hicks' decision to put on Christ in baptism Sunday, December 12, 2021.



Welcome to **Troy Smith** who was baptized by Travis Morrison on December 1, 2021. Be sure to welcome him to Water Mill! His address and phone number is:

Troy Smith
4735 E Washita Ct.
Springfield, MO 65809
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- Shut-Ins**
- Barbara Barnes
 - Pat Blackburn
 - Ron Bower
 - Mary Bratcher
 - Don Essex
 - Clarence & Ola Jean Feeny
 - Wanda Frost
 - Betty Grabber
 - Doris Iorg
 - Hazel McDonald
 - Jim & Ruth Reaves
 - Dennis & Carolyn Smith
 - Doris Tobler

~PLEASE NOTE~

There will be Devotionals on Wednesday, December 22nd and Wednesday, December 29th. Everyone will be in the auditorium.

There will be NO regular office hours here at the building December 26th through December 31st. There may be some personnel around at times.

Thank You

We would like to thank the Youth Group & YFC for their wonderful Christmas caroling last Sunday. We enjoyed it so much and it definitely warmed the heart of a 90 and 92 year old!

Dennis & Carolyn Smith

Nursing Homes

- Ann Freeze
- Wayne Harmon
- Virginia Morgan
- Sandra Pingent
- Nancy Snider

~Appreciate Your Prayers~

Larry Hatfield, Justin's dad, is recovering from heart surgery.
Jacquelyn Raines, Pamela DeCarlis' mother and Kim Maples' grandmother, as her health is declining. Prayers and comfort for their family.
JT Porter, volunteer at Thrift Haven, had heart surgery on Dec. 15.

Continued prayers for health:

Carl Tindall (began treatments December 14th for 28 weeks),
Marge Langston (Virginia Hayter's mom), **Victoria Lacy** (Don & Ruth Essex's grand-daughter), **Gerry Tassett** (Lora Luna's mom),

Sherrie Stern (Shirlane Horton's sister), **Jim & Ruth Reaves**, **Ruth Raines**, **Meshell Fox**, (Coyeatte Ewing's sister), **David High** (Lucile's son), **Robert Raines** (Denzil & Ruth's son), **Karen Duncan**, **Bonnie Cole**, **Vicky Thomas** (Tommy & Betty Grabber's niece), **Dennis & Carolyn Smith**, **Wanda Lou Hurd** (Nancy Snider's cousin), **Alice Daniels**, **John Alspaugh** (Ruth Lund's brother), **Linda** (Sue Aherin's sister-in-law), **Beverly Hammond** (Coyeatte Ewing's mom), **Sandie Shelby** (Lucile High's niece), **Chris Low** (Sheryl's son), **Steve Barnett** (Kerry Cole's brother-in-law), **Ima Coleman** (Sara Keener's friend)



Some of our members may remember Earl Huett, who had been a member at North National for several years. He passed away recently, and his service was Wed., December 15th in Viola, Arkansas.

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him (John:12:26).

~NEW ADDRESS~

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THIS WEEK...

- Sunday evening we will meet at 5:00 pm.
- Thursday Ladies Bible Class, Quilters and Card Makers will not be meeting throughout the holidays. These activities will start back on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 12-19 Wyatt Brill
- 12-19 Aubrey Cobb
- 12-20 Shirlane Horton
- 12-21 Beverly McCormick
- 12-22 Jennifer Epperly
- 12-22 Sue Lewis
- 12-24 Linda Tracy
- 12-28 Eddie Currier
- 12-28 Justin Hatfield
- 12-29 John Dutton
- 12-30 Lynn Luallin
- 01-01 Teresa Mahon
- 01-01 Alice Daniels
- 01-01 Ben Ely

For The Record
December 12

Bible Study:	227
Morning:	308
Evening:	112
Wednesday (12/15):	141
Contribution:	\$13,100
Weekly Avg.	\$11,300

Happy Anniversary

- 12-20 Andy & Kirsten McFarland—13 years
- 12-22 Tom & Jammie Davis—27 years
- 12-27 Allen & Carol McCann—64 years
- 12-30 Barney & Debbie Crawford—49 years
- 12-31 Eddie & Linda Currier—50 years
- 01-01 Travis & Pam Morrison - 2 years