



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

WELCOMING, SERVING AND GROWING IN JESUS

May 8, 2022

Order of Service

Greeting

Adam Barton

Children's Time

Justin Hatfield

#844 (2 times)

#226

Prayer

Matt Kelley

#820

#916

The Lord's Supper

John Hulett

#642

Contribution

Ron Stokes

#242

Message

Bill McFarland

#345

Announcements/Prayer

Scott Barton

Serve Communion

Brian Carroll	Charles Griffin
Tony Compton	Brian Horton
Tom Davis	Kyle Law
John Dutton	Aaron Morrison
Kelley Epperly	William Morrison



Like a Mother

Paul recalled his work among the Thessalonians this way: "But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us" (1 Thes. 2:7, 8).

Think of it. The soldier of Christ Jesus, fulfilling a mission that had often required toughness in the midst of conflict, deliberately conducted himself among them after the manner of a mother. He could say so, and they could understand what he meant, and remembering it lent authenticity to the work he'd done while he was there.

It would be wonderful if everyone in our own culture could as easily grasp what it means to do something like a mother would. We seem perilously close to the place where coarseness and cruelty, worldly sophistication and insensitive shallowness, may exclude such a concept from our imagination.

Paul's words assume a mother's ways include: 1) a gentle tone in heart, touch, and word; 2) tender care which makes the one cared for feel cherished; 3) an affectionate desire which delights in relationship with her own; 4) an unselfishness which will share life and soul with her child; and 5) a regard for the child as her beloved, no matter what.

While any of us may recognize what these qualities are, and how indebted we are to the one who has shown them toward us, only a mother will realize what they may cost.

--Bill McFarland

Welcome Visitors

We are honored that you joined us today. We hope you will be blessed by your time with us. If you have small children, we have a nursery with a nursing mother's room and a cry/training room for your convenience. Please click on the QR code on the front of the bulletin to leave a record of your attendance. We hope you can stay around for a few minutes so we have the opportunity to meet you.

For The Record May 1st

Bible Study:	226
Morning:	303
Evening:	165
Wednesday (5-04)	139
Contribution:	\$9,485
Weekly Avg.	\$11,694

Attention: Men Serving

Men serving as well as other men leading in worship such as (prayers & singing) meet in the fellowship room after class.

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If you are not able to serve on the date you're assigned contact Mike Thurlkill to let him know.



**Not GATHERING-  
this week**



**Dear Church family,**  
Thank you for the many cards I received for my birthday. Thanks to the Young's cookie factory & the Snider Bakery for the treats. The singing birthday greeting was extra special! The card making class really does a wonderful job. Know that you are loved.  
**Blessings! Gail White**

## Happy Anniversary

Jason & Lora Luna - May 10th - 25 years  
Jerry & Pat Milligan - May 12th - 60 years  
Cambre & Chelsea Thrasher - May 14th - 11 years  
Gene & Kelley Kenyon - May 16th - 41 years  
Kyle & Amber Law - May 16th - 13 years  
Charlie & Rosalie Cruse - May 19th - 50 years  
Bill & Kay McFarland - May 19th - 48 years

### THIS WEEK...

- ◆ Elders are meeting Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday evening services are at 5:00 p.m.



5-08 Clinton Holden  
5-13 Elizabeth Lilly  
5-14 Jeremy Thurlkill  
5-15 Barbara Barnes  
5-16 Bryan Hannah  
5-16 Kim Maples  
5-16 Samantha York  
5-17 Coyeatte Ewing  
5-17 Mike Jackson  
5-17 Mackynzi Sekulic  
5-18 Haden Brill  
5-19 Danielle Horton  
5-20 Ron Taylor  
5-21 Chris Andrews

### ~DEACONS~

**Bridging Events**  
Tucker Jobs

**Building & Grounds**  
Kelley Epperly  
Brendan Carroll

**Church-wide Fellowship**  
Mike Ussery

**Education**  
Tom Davis  
Jason Luna

**Finance**  
Gene Lund  
Aaron Schwartz

**Greeting & Hospitality**  
Travis Morrison  
Cambre Thrasher

**Safety**  
Josh Brumfield

**Seniors & Shut-Ins**  
Tim Stockstill

**Service & Outreach**  
Aaron Morrison

**Worship**  
Jon Davis  
Mike Thurlkill

### Shut-Ins

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

### Nursing Homes

Ann Freeze, Wayne Harmon, Virginia Morgan  
Sandra Pingenet, Nancy Snider

### Dear Church Family,

I simply cannot express how loved our family feels. I appreciate all the many things you did during my bout with Covid as well as the baby shower for Sawyer and McKenzi and also the graduation celebration for Maddi and the other graduates. How special to have a church home that truly does feel like family! We are so very blessed. Please know that we love and appreciate each of you.

**Kim Maples**



**Barry Hannah** is having some tests run, asking for prayers.

**Karen Duncan** please keep Karen in your prayers as she continues her treatments.

**Victoria Lacey** (Don & Ruth's granddaughter) is now on Hospice care. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Shawn and Carla** (friends of Jeff Mahon) both have advanced cancer

### Continued prayers for health concerns:

**Ronnie Williams** (Fred Lorenz' son-in-law), **Nolan Temple**, (Dean Kirk's dad), **Carolyn Young**, **Samantha York**, **Majuana Kibby**, **Don Case** (friend of Eddie & Linda Currier), **Julie Alexander**, **Fay Ely**, **Tom Richardson** (Jon & Coyeatte Ewing's son-in-law's father), **Van & Barbara Barnes**, **Jim & Ruth Reaves**, **Carl & Yvonne Tindall**, **Dennis & Carolyn Smith**, **Norma Lorenz**, **Ruth Raines**, **Dovie Logan** (Sue Aherin's mother), **Bobby McFarland** (Bill's brother), **Deb Jackson** (Gail White's daughter-in-law), **Gerry Tassett** (Lora Luna's mom), **Meshell Fox** (Coyeatte Ewing's sister), **David & Barbara High** (Lucile's son and daughter-in-law), **Vicky Thomas** (Tommy & Betty Grabber's niece), **Sherrie Stern** (Shirlane Horton's sister), **Bonnie Cole** (Kerry's mom), **Steve Barnet** (Kerry Cole's brother-in-law), **Orvella Blackburn**, **Marge Langston** (Virginia Hayter's mom), **Linda** (Sue Aherin's sister-in-law), **Wanda Lou Hurd** (Nancy Snider's cousin)



We express our sympathy to Les and Shirlane Horton in the loss of Shirlane's cousin, Jerry Simpson, who passed away April 28<sup>th</sup>.