



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 16, 2014

## Order of Worship

*Song Leader*  
**Jon Ewing**

*“The Greatest  
Command”*  
#442

*“Father God”*

*Opening Prayer*  
**Jon Davis**

#542

*“How Deep the  
Father’s Love”*

*The Lord’s Supper*  
**Tom Davis**

*Contribution*  
**Tom Davis**

*“Wonderful,  
Merciful Savior”*

*Lesson*  
**Bill McFarland**

#722

*Announcements*  
**Jerry Young**

#340

*Closing Prayer*  
**Jeff Fisher**

*You are the light of  
the world. A city set  
on a hill cannot be  
hidden. (Matt. 5:14)*



## THE FAITHFUL GOD

There is one thing we can count on, even in an uncertain world. The scriptures announce it again and again: “God is faithful.” He is faithful to a thousand generations (Dt. 7:9). His faithfulness reaches to the skies (Ps. 36:5). It is because his faithfulness is great that our souls may hope in him (Lam. 3:23).

The faithfulness of God means that he will be unfailingly true to his own nature and that he will keep his promises. He will do what he says he will do; he will complete what he begins. God is dependable because his holy character will not allow him to waver or lie, and because his divine ability will not leave him lacking the knowledge or power to do his will.

The spiritual blessings which are so precious to us are grounded directly in the faithfulness of God. These include:

- the fellowship of our Lord (I Cor. 1:9)
- his help in time of temptation (I Cor. 10:13)
- being preserved without blame at the coming of our Lord (I Thes. 5:23, 24)
- strength and protection from the evil one (2 Thes. 3:3)
- receiving the promises in which we hope (Heb. 10:23)
- the forgiveness and cleansing we need (I Jn. 1:9)

We owe everything to the fact that God is trustworthy.

The faithfulness of God calls for at least two responses from us. One is faith. If we count him faithful who has promised, we are to commit our souls to him in well-doing (Heb. 11:11; I Pet. 4:19). Trust and obedience go together.

The other is faithfulness in our own commitment. We are to be reliable in our business dealings, trustworthy in our home relationships, and dependable in our church obligations. There is no other way to imitate the character of the faithful God.

- Bill McFarland

**Join Us For Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 PM!**

# Prayer List & Notes

## Welcome Visitors

We are honored that you joined us. We hope you will be blessed by your time with us. We have an attended nursery, a cry/training room and a nursing mother's room for your convenience if you have small children. Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the end of the pew so that we may thank you for your visit.

### For The Record

March 9

Bible Study:	242
Morning:	302
Evening:	227
Wednesday (3/12):	209
Contribution:	\$ 15,177



Elder of the Month  
Jerry Young



- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Thelma Fain, Greg Larimore, Diana Compton
  - ◆ Dale Harp is now at home from Mercy Villa
  - ◆ Norman High has been in and out of the hospital this past week.
  - ◆ Kay Adams is in CCU at Cox South
  - ◆ Julie Alexander has also been in and out of the hospital this past week
  - ◆ Wayne Snider is not doing well; he has been put under hospice care
- Friends & Family
- ◆ Mary Bratcher's son, Bruce, is in Mercy Hospital after major heart surgery this past Tuesday
  - ◆ Tim & Becky Marsolf's 2 year old granddaughter, Aviley, who continues to have some health concerns
  - ◆ Norman and Lucile High's granddaughter, Sarah Reynolds, her husband Ray Reynolds, and their little boy Izak
  - ◆ Continue to remember Carolyn Young's sister, Nita; Jean Evans, Lyle Mishler's sister; and Ruth Reaves' brother, Jim Hocker, who are dealing with cancer
  - ◆ David and Debbie Kern's grandbaby Josiah as he has some health issues

### Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams  
Shirley Bartlett  
Doris Burch  
Eula Compton  
Fern Davis  
Thelma Fain  
Ella Mae Findlay  
Chloe Gaddis  
Mary Head  
Doris Iorg  
Doris Tobler  
Judy Todd  
Pat Woods

### Expectant Moms

Megan Jobs  
(girl) (March)  
Brittany Morrison  
(girl) (June)



Please extend a warm welcome to Byron & Gay Nichols who have made known their desire to work and worship with us at Water Mill. A lot of you know Byron & Gay from their work with "The Voice of Truth International" for many years. Byron is the Editor and we have always supported their work. The magazine is available at all times at the Information Desk. They are also Scott Nichols' parents. Their address is 4109 E. Whitehall Drive, 65809, phone 417-881-2638. Please make them feel welcome.

*Some people complain because God put thorns on roses, while others praise Him for putting roses among thorns.*



*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phil. 4:8)*



I would like to thank those who came to the hospital to be with us during my surgery. Thank you for all the cards, calls, food, words of concern and mostly prayers. God has truly blessed us with a very loving church family. In Christian Love, Don and Linda Tracy

A thank you to all of you for my birthday cards, wonderful cookies—from you know who—and a special thank you for the Valentines from Kaven, Kyle and Gabe Mahon. You all are wonderful. Mary Jo Rookstool

Thank you for the beautiful anniversary cards and all of the well wishes. We love and appreciate all of you. We are so blessed. Clint & Betty Holden

*If you have lost or misplaced your Bible, please check the table next to the coat room.*



### Birthdays

25 Fred Winters  
27 Mason Blaney  
28 Lucile High  
Marlene Matthews  
29 Tom Davis  
Oran Green



# News & Activities



⇒ **Book Club** meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Linda Carrier



⇒ Anyone interested in working on **cancer caps** meet on March 18th at 10 a.m. and April 1st. Please bring your scissors and come help out. We will be cutting, packaging and sewing the caps.

⇒ **April 5 Happy Hollow Cleanup day**



## March 30

Team No. 2 will be responsible for working that day.

Megan Glenn, Keener, Crawford, Carroll, Wilson, Buck, Blaney, Marsoff, Cobb, Low Families

Team List is posted on the Bulletin Board in the West Hallway. Let Travis or Jill know if you cannot work that day.



April 12

Annual Ladies Day here at the building. **Sign up at the Information Desk TODAY!**

**LTC** Puppets & Drama teams meet TODAY after AM service. Bring your own lunch.

Youth (and adults), don't forget to pay Johnnie for your T-shirts (\$8 each).



⇒ **Youth Night** at Fordland March 23rd at 5 p.m.

⇒ **April 18-19 LTC Convention**

⇒ **April 25-27 Hammond Mill Retreat**

***This is the day to avoid all complaining!***



The Fordland Church of Christ is hosting a married couples retreat in Branson Saturday March 29 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Westgate Branson Woods Resort. The theme is "Don't let satan ruin your marriage". Guest speakers are Maxie and Fran Boren. If anyone is interested please see Travis or Jill Morrison. There will be a sign up sheet on the Information Desk. There will not be any planned gathering Friday night. But, if anyone would want to spend Friday night we have rooms available. A few couples are planning to stay Friday night and eat together and play games.  
Jill Morrison

***Evangelism Seminar with Carl Sims Saturday, March 22 at the Strafford Church of Christ***

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***"Do not be Conformed" - Youth Event at the Fordland Church of Christ March 22—23 with Eric Lyons***

***Gospel Meeting with Lance Cordle, "Would you Believe?" at the Hillcrest Church of Christ March 30—April 2***

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***Ladies Retreat with Becky Blackmon at the Fordland Church of Christ April 11-12***  
***See Flyers on the Bulletin Board***



## **WHAT ARE WE READING TODAY?**

By Dennis R. Smith

If we were to walk into any bookstore today, we might be surprised to see the number of "shoppers" and the amount of business that is being conducted there. People are reading more than ever. But what are they reading? It is true that most bookstores carry Bibles and religious books but it is also true that those who are interested in things religious are usually more interested in reading something about the Bible than they are the Bible itself. Please don't think that I am condemning reading any thing other than the Bible, but we must be careful to understand that any other book, however interesting, has not come "*by the inspiration of God*" (2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 3:16). There's an old saying which is worthy for us to accept: "You can't argue against a demonstration." There was a time in our land when the Bible was the most read and accepted book on the literary market. It was often used as a text book in many schools. It also became the rule book and the standard for most people to follow. No, I'm not advocating a return to the "good ole days," but what I am saying is that the "demonstration" of the golden rule, honesty, integrity, good moral standards and a faith in God (per capita) were more prevalent then than now. Like the Apostle Paul, we must "*give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine*" being sure that we reserve time to read and study more from God's holy book. It will "*make us wise unto salvation*." (See 1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 4:14; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 2:15).

### Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study ....9:00 AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM  
 Sunday Evening Worship... .....5:00 PM  
 Wednesday Night Bible Class....7:00 PM

### WORKS WE SUPPORT

**CHINESE AGAPE Foundation**  
**Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands**  
**Steven Ashcraft, West Africa Mission**  
**Voice of Truth International**  
**Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions**  
**World Christian Broadcasting**  
**Churches of Christ Disaster Relief**  
**Fair Haven Children's Home**

**"In Search of the Lord's Way"**  
**7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10**  
**'KNOW YOUR BIBLE'**  
**10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSPR**



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## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**AM Nursery:** Jill Morrison/Meredith Reaves  
**Greeters:** John & Michelle Hulett  
**Van Driver:** AM: James Simons/988-8873  
 PM: Tucker Jobes/894-0826  
**KYB Phone:** Van & Barbara Barnes  
**Serve:** Ron Stokes/Van Barnes  
**Communion:** Carl Tindall/Adam Barton  
 Luis Tovar/Randy Blackburn  
 Kevin Westerman/Tim Bowling  
 Aaron Alexander/Jackie Buck

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Travis Morrison  
**Opening Prayer:** Jason Luna  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Andy McFarland  
**Communion:** Briley Ewing/Luke Lines  
**Nursery:** Lee Ann Donoho

### NEXT WEEK, March 23

#### AM

**Song Leader:** Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing Travis Morrison  
**Opening Prayer:** John Dutton Jerry Milligan  
**Communion:** Barney Crawford B. Ewing/L. Lines  
**Closing Prayer:** Grant Schaper Aaron Morrison

#### PM

**Greeters:** Fred & Norma Lorenz  
**AM Nursery:** Gin Crumrine/Meredith Reaves  
**PM Nursery:** Donna Jordan  
**Van Driver:** Lance Griter/833-2818

### MONTH OF MARCH

AV Scott Barton/  
 Room: Bruce Tindall  
 Open Tim Timmons  
 Building  
 Secure Justin Reaves/  
 Building: Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, March 19

**Devotional:** Eddie Sanders  
**Song Leader:** John Mahon  
**Prayer:** James Simons  
**Van Driver:** Todd Kraus/  
 207-7877