



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

December 6, 2015

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

Opening Prayer
Barry Hannah

The Lord's Supper
Jerry Young

Contribution
Jerry Young

Lesson
Bill McFarland

Announcements
Jon Ewing

Closing Prayer
Tom Davis

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



Come To Church

From the earliest days of the existence of the Lord's church, its members have needed to be together. Acts indicates that the first Christians had a practice of gathering together (cf. 2:46; 14:27; 20:7). The epistles assume that there will be occasions when the whole church will come together (I Cor. 11:18; 14:23). It seems to have always been the case that it is assembling together which gives expression to fellowship and identity to the church.

But it also seems to have always been true that Christians need to be reminded not to neglect to meet together. When familiarity, weariness, distraction or offense begins to settle in, the habit of absence often follows (cf. Heb. 10:25). We sometimes try to correct the problem with some utilitarian appeal to the selfishness of people. The scriptures, however, address it with meaningful spiritual principles.

For example, meeting together is mentioned in the context of drawing near to God. Those who are members of his household by reason of obedience to the gospel express their confidence in Christ, the sincerity of their hearts, and the full assurance of their faith by coming together (cf. Heb. 10:19-22). Where there is an interest in entering the holy places by the new and living way, there will be an appetite for assembling together.

Also, continuing to meet together is brought up in connection with holding fast the confession of our hope (Heb. 10:23). The habit of assembling helps keep hope from wavering. Dependable presence is a reflection of the faithful character of the one whose promise is the basis of our hope.

Finally, one's presence when the church comes together is a crucial means of stimulating love and good works within the church (Heb. 10:24). One member has it within his power to either stir up or dishearten the others. He shows that he cares about the influence he may have upon his brothers and sisters by being there.

Draw near to your Father. Be true to your confession. Strengthen your brothers. Come to church.

- Bill McFarland

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

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

November 29

Bible Study:	259
Morning:	317
Evening:	183
Wednesday (12/2):	193
Contribution:	\$ 19,157



Elder of the Month

Jon Ewing

- ◆ Continue to remember [Eula Compton](#), [Rachel Lilly](#), [Marsha Bower](#), [Dale Harp](#), [Thelma Pendergrass](#), [Doris Burch](#)
- ◆ [Jerry Gillespie](#) is now in a care facility in Arkansas.
- ◆ [Bill Culley](#) is home now although he made a trip to St. Louis this past week for checkup and hopefully to have some tubes removed; he is steadily improving.
- ◆ [Jim Reaves](#) is at Mercy Villa, room 328.
- ◆ [Helen Coltrane](#) is recovering from hip replacement surgery
- ◆ [Elizabeth Lilly](#) is recovering from knee replacement surgery
- ◆ [Jackie Buck's](#) CT scan showed good progress with his treatment
- ◆ [Tim Timmons](#) has started another short round of treatments.

Friends & Family

- ◆ [Bill & Pat Culley's](#) daughter will be having major surgery this week.
- ◆ [Mary Ann Wood](#), friend of Bob & Leona, has some serious health issues.
- ◆ [Leah Freeze's](#) mom, [Glynda Gardner](#), and [Ruth Reaves's](#) brother, [Jimmie Hocker](#), as they deal with cancer
- ◆ [Lance Griter's Aunt DeeAnn](#) is now at home and doing much better;
- ◆ [Lance's](#) grandpa, [John Berglund](#), has been moved to Woodland Manor (on Valley Water Mill), C24, and would love visits.



SYMPATHY
We extend our sympathy to [Bill McFarland](#) and his family in the loss of his aunt, [Wilma Strain](#), who passed away this past week in Mountain Home.

Also, [Thelma Pendergrass's](#) sister-in-law and [Kay's](#) aunt, [Flora Manary](#), passed away this past week.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, cards and every act of kindness shown our family during and after the loss of [Todd's](#) father. In Christian love, [The Kraus Family](#)

Thank you so much for the cards, e-cards, visits, and phone calls during my illness. You are a wonderful Christian family. I love you very much. [Jim Reaves](#)



You are invited to a retirement celebration for [Eddie Currier](#) this afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. at the [Currier's](#) house, 628 S. Marlan Avenue. No gifts please!

we moved.
come visit.



[Fred & Norma Lorenz](#)
26765 Gene Drive
Lebanon, MO 65536

Bible Classes (7th Grade thru Adult)

Sunday AM

Adult	A Family's Life	Fellowship Room	Bill McFarland
Adult	Discovering Jesus	Room 126	David Kern
Adult	Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia	Auditorium	Byron Nichols
Adult	The Portrait of God	Room 129	Jon Ewing
Adult	Chronological Study of the Bible	Room 130	Paul Lines
Grades 7-12	The Story	Room 122	Adam Blaney

Wednesday PM

Adult	That We May Share His Holiness	Auditorium	Bill McFarland
Adult	The Scripture That Impacted You Most	Rm. 126	Matt Keener
Women	C.E. Feeney Chart lessons restudied	Rm. 129	Linda Barnett
College Age	The Treasure Chest of Grace	Rm. 130	Scott Barton
Grades 10-12	The Heart of a Servant	Rm. 122	Adam Blaney
Grades 7-9	The Heart of a Servant	Rm. 118	JJ Blevins

Long Term/ Shut-ins

[Kay Adams](#)
[Doris Burch](#)
[Eula Compton](#)
[Fern Davis](#)
[Ella Mae Findlay](#)
[Ann Freeze](#)
[Chloe Gaddis](#)
[Doris Iorg](#)
[Thelma Pendergrass](#)
[Sandra Pengenot](#)
[Nancy Snider](#)
[Doris Tobler](#)
[Judy Todd](#)

News & Activities

Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged

Sunday, December 20

– Immediately after the morning worship service / 806 North Jefferson Ave

Contacts: - Aaron/Brittany Morrison

We need enough **food** to feed approximately 80 people!!

We need servers!

Sign up sheets are at the information desk for the items needed.

Please use disposable containers for the casseroles!!

Thanks in advance for all your help!

LTC

There will be an important short meeting immediately after AM service today for ALL LTC participants, parents and coaches.

* **Last GRIEF SHARE meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m.**

* **Elders meet Tuesday at 5 p.m.**

* **Quilters meet the 15th at 10 a.m.**

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, December 10 at 10:30

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

- Tabby Blaney

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Thursday, December 17, will just be a fun day.

Ladies are requested to bring a “batch” of their favorite holiday recipe to share with others as well as a copy of the recipe. The ladies will also be making gift bags for our shut-ins from the “goodies” that are brought. So, the more ladies who can attend, the more “goodies” there will be to share with others. Even if you have been unable to attend in the past, this would be a good time to share with others as well as enjoy a time of fun and fellowship!

Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

Scott Barton	417-234-2679
Barney Crawford	417-866-0592
Jon Ewing	417-569-8698
Eddie Sanders	417-833-5712
Bob Snider	417-833-3498
Jerry Young	417-724-0324

Minister

Bill McFarland	417-833-0110
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Youth/Associate Minister

Adam Blaney	304-520-9800
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Deacons

Tim Buckner	Aaron Morrison
Tom Davis	Travis Morrison
Jim Elliff	James Simons
Matt Keener	John Stayton
Russell Lilly	Mike Thurlkill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian

Holiday Schedule

On December 30 we will have a year-end devotional time with no classes.

There will be classes as usual on 12/23. **As always, if you are in town, we would love to have you join us for this special devotional period.**



December Birthdays

13 Seth Sekulic
15 June Jean
Miriam Mather
Nichole Stockdale
16 Adam Stipp
18 Anna Luna
19 Aubrey Cobb
Erica Ewing
Jedonna Griter



but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31



December Anniversaries

6 JJ/Ashley Blevins 7 yrs.
7 Jackie/Virginia Buck 57 yrs.
10 Jim/Ruth Reaves 50 yrs.
20 Andy/Kirsten McFarland 7 yrs.
22 Tom/Jammie Davis 21 yrs.
28 Eddie/Donna Sanders 58 yrs.
30 Barney/Debbie Crawford 43 yrs.
31 Eddie/Linda Currier 44 yrs.
Happy Anniversary

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 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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 Tuesday - Friday



Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

Greeters: Eddie & Linda Currier
KYB: Mary Jo Rookstool/Carol Tovar
Van Driver: AM: James Simons/988-8873
 PM: Tucker Jobes/894-0826
Serve David Kern//Todd Kraus
Communion: Paul Lines/Jason Luna
 Gene Lund/Gabe Mahon
 Travis Morrison/Byron Nichols
 Brian Carroll/Brock Snitker

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer: Oran Green
Lesson: Steven Ashcraft
Closing Prayer: John Dutton
Communion: Tucker Jobes/Jon Davis

NEXT WEEK, December 13

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Adam Blaney
Opening Prayer:	Luis Tovar	John Hulett
Communion:	Larry Baggett	T. Jobes/J. Davis
Closing Prayer:	Jackie Buck	Aaron Morrison
Greeters:	Gerri Dickens/Ann Thiesen	
Van Driver:	Todd Kraus/207-7877	

MONTH OF December

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

Wednesday, December 9

Devotional	Tom Davis
Song Leader	JJ Blevins
Prayer	Scott Barton
Van Driver:	Tim Stockstill/ 849-7678