



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

February 7, 2016

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

Greeting

Opening Prayer
John Dutton

The Lord's Supper
Barney Crawford

Contribution
Barney Crawford

Lesson
Lonnie Jones

Announcements
Bob Snider

Closing Prayer
Tom Easterly

Elder of the Month
Bob Snider

*You
Are the
Light
Of the world
Matthew 5:14*

Generations in the Same Story

What a beautiful thing! Not only has it been on our minds this weekend, but it has also been observable in our Bible readings this past week. It is what happens when generations who love the Lord are interacting with each other in the same story.

It is as necessary as life. It is the only way permanent realities can remain a possession of temporary beings. One who is facing the time when strength is spent prays, "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come" (Ps. 71:17-18).

That noble longing is answered in the experience of Simeon and Anna (Lk. 2:25f, 36f). Both are devoted servants of God, far along in years, waiting for the consolation to be brought by the Lord's Christ. When, forty days after his birth, he is presented to the Lord at the temple, Simeon takes him in his arms and blesses God, telling of the impact this child's life will have. Anna starts thanking God and speaking of him to all who are waiting for redemption. Now they feel as if they can depart in peace.

But there is a natural reality about it. Their fulfillment occurs through the practical dedication of two representatives of younger generation, Mary and Joseph (Lk. 2:22f). As written in the Law of the Lord, they make the journey to present the child to the Lord and to offer the sacrifice of the poor for his mother's cleansing. They attend to responsibility, marvel at what is said, and accept the risk of having the souls pierced through. They are blessed, but not cheaply. No wonder they become a blessing.

And attention is soon focused on yet another generation—the new one to which Jesus belongs (Lk. 2:39f). He lives in a regular place and is cared for by a family in a community. He grows physically, mentally, and spiritually. In other words, he interacts with other generations, and oh how he blesses them!

The LORD is God "to the thousandth generation" (Ex. 34:7). The most beautiful thing in the world occurs when multiple generations of those who love him understand themselves as actors together in the same story.

—Bill McFarland

Prayer List and 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

January 31

Bible Study:	223
Morning:	301
Evening:	156
Wednesday (2/3):	206
Contribution:	\$17,950
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ 3,062



Birthdays

14 Jammie Davis
Gaylen Jones
15 Carter Schwartz
16 Gerri Dickens
Karen Duncan
Jon Ewing
17 Barney Crawford
Colton Orum
18 Sara Stipp
19 Kylie Dutton
Connie Thompson

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Marsha Bower, Dale Harp, Thelma Pendergrass, Jackie Buck, Tim Timmons, Don Essex
- ◆ Bill Culley fell last week so is recovering from that
- ◆ Denzil Raines is recovering from foot surgery
- ◆ Ellie Swartz had a procedure last week and is some better
- ◆ Jennifer Franklin is still dealing with kidney stones
- ◆ Karen Duncan as she continues to recover from breast cancer surgery
- ◆ Deniece Breckner as she recovers from breast cancer surgery
- ◆ Ruth Essex will have to have carotid artery surgery but does not have a date yet.
- ◆ Seldon Essex and his ongoing health issues
- ◆ Sherry Sherman is out of the hospital at Christy's home for a few days

Friends & Family

- ◆ Bill White's niece, Linda West, brain tumor surgery went well
- ◆ Tina Orum's dad, Leon Wake, will have a biopsy of lung tissue on Thursday
- ◆ Coyeatte Ewing's dad, Jim Hammond, and his ongoing health concerns
- ◆ Leah Freeze's mom, Glynda Gardner, and her continuing battle with cancer; Ruth Reaves' brother, Jimmie Hocker, as he deals with cancer
- ◆ Debra Davis' 19-year old great-niece, Courtney Price, as she deals with leukemia



Words cannot express my thanks to all of you. Thanks for the phone calls, food, cards, visits, and acts of kindness and most of all your prayers which God answered. No other cancer found. God is good! Love you all, Karen Duncan

Missouri State is looking for families to serve as International friends to International students. This is something several of you have done in the past. See Michelle Hulett if you are interested.

Thanks to all of you who always go the extra mile and continue to step forward when there is a need, in addition to always adding a little (or in some cases a lot) extra for our 5th Sunday contributions. You are loved and appreciated. The Elders

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Kay Adams
Doris Burch
Eula Compton
Fern Davis
Ella Mae Findlay
Ann Freeze
Chloe Gaddis
Jerry Gillespie
Doris Iorg
Thelma Pendergrass
Sandra Pengenot
Nancy Snider
Doris Tobler
Judy Todd

Expectant Mom

Sara Stipp/July



We extend our sympathy to the following families who have lost

loved ones recently:
Lance Griter family in the loss of Lance's grandpa, John Bergland;
Greg Donoho/Jenna Nichols families in the loss of Greg's mom, Jenna's grandmother, Nancy Donoho;
Mike Thurlkill Family in the loss of a family member in Arkansas;
Gene Lund family in the loss of Gene's uncle, Walter Lund.

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

News and Activities



Our library in room 134 is open and ready for you to check out a good

book. Just fill in the information on the Book Check Out sheet on the clip board provided and return the book when you are finished. Please, pick up a library pamphlet from the information desk explaining what type of books we have and suggestions on how to read and study.

- **Elders** meet Tuesday at 5 p.m.
- **Quilters** meet on the 16th at 10 a.m.

Ladies Bible Class

Thursday Ladies Class will resume on **Thursday at 10:30 a.m.** The topic will be "Are Some People Too Hard to Forgive?" taught by Jan Bowling. All ladies who can are encouraged to attend.



LTC Dates

- ◆ Puppets/Drama meet after services (all day) on 2/7, 21, March 6, 13, 20
- ◆ 2/16 Pre-convention 2 deadline
- ◆ 2/29 Registration deadline
- ◆ 3/20 Presentation night after evening services
- ◆ 3/25-27 Convention



AREAWIDE YOUTH NIGHT

As has been our custom in the past, we again ask for your assistance in providing drinks (bottled water, individual cans of soda) and cookies, brownies, etc. for about 300 young people who will be attending **Youth Night next Sunday evening. Please bring the drinks at your earliest convenience so we will know how many we need to purchase.** Desserts can be brought next Sunday AM (February 14). Thanks for your assistance.

YOUTH GROUP MOMS NEED TO MEET WITH ADAM FOR A FEW MINUTES IMMEDIATELY AFTER AM SERVICE.

Community service opportunity for Hillcrest High School UPDATE

Thank you for your great response to the request for help. GREAT NEWS: We have approximately 100 backpacks so we still need about 50 more AND we still need **Pencils & Pens.** It will be a blessing to students with very limited resources in our community. We would also like to do this once again toward end of summer for the younger kids. Thank you in advance! Aaron



- ◆ 2/14 Areawide Youth Night at Water Mill
 - ◆ 5/28 Ultimate AWY day
 - ◆ 6/7-16—West Virginia Mission Trip
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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 Thurkill

Staff

Johnnie Elliff	Secretary
Tim Bowling	Custodian



LADIES EVENTS:
Women's Conference at Harding University, February 19-20, The Sacred Journey

Navigating the Seas of Life Hillcrest Church of Christ March 4-5

(Sign up at the Information Desk if you are interested in going.)

Women Walking With God conference, The Greatest of these is Love, at the Hartman Arena, Park City, KS, April 15-16

See Brochures on the Bulletin Board.

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Eddie & Linda Carrier*
Van Driver: *AM/James Simons*
PM/Tucker Jobs
Serve
Communion: *Dustin Stokes/Ron Stokes*
Kevin Westerman/Brock Snitker
Patrick Springer/JJ Blevins
Randy Blackburn/Tim Bowling
Jackie Buck/Brian Carroll

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Adam Blaney*
Opening Prayer: *Jon Ewing*
Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
Closing Prayer: *John Hulett*
Communion: *Jason Luna/Gene Lund*

NEXT WEEK (February 14)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>J. Ewing/K. Cole</i>	<i>Adam Blaney</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Barry Hannah</i>	<i>Youth Night</i>
Communion:	<i>Eddie Carrier</i>	<i>J. Luna/G. Lund</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Matt Keener</i>	<i>Youth Night</i>
Greeters:	<i>Linda Barnett/Sandy Cole</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Todd Kraus/207-7877</i>	

Wednesday, February 10:

Devotional: *Jon Ewing*
Song Leader: *John Mahon*
Prayer: *David Kern*
Van Driver: *Charles Crum/840-2632*

MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

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

We need YOU in Sunday School each week!

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

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



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