



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 6, 2016

Order of Worship

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#419

#800

Opening Prayer

Steve Prewitt

#438

#203

The Lord's Supper

John Dutton

Contribution

John Dutton

#402

#674

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#779

Announcements

Jerry Young

#714

Closing Prayer

James Simons

Elder of the Month

Jerry Young

I Will Save You And You Shall Be A Blessing

When mention is made of being saved, we often think in personal terms, and especially of benefits involved for ourselves. Rescue from the consequences of wrongs done and messes made in the past, for example. Or, perhaps, an inheritance to be enjoyed in the future. Either would be a precious gift for anyone, and both address deep human needs.

However, God thinks not only of the blessings those whom he saves receive, but also of the blessing they become. When he, as LORD of the armies of heaven, is encouraging his few in their small beginning back in the land from which they had been exiled, he says "so will I save that you may become a blessing" (Zech. 8:13; NASB).

It is thought-provoking to consider what he therefore asks of his people from this perspective. What turns a ragged, rescued remnant into a blessing to the world around them? The instructions offered through the rest of the chapter may answer our question:

- ◆ "Fear not, but let your hands be strong" (v. 13b).
- ◆ "Speak the truth to one another" (v. 16a).
- ◆ "Render...judgments that are true and make for peace" (v. 16b).
- ◆ "Do not devise evil in your hearts against one another" (v. 17a).
- ◆ "Love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the LORD" (v. 17b).
- ◆ "Love truth and peace" (v. 19).
- ◆ "Go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD and to seek" him (v. 21).

The whole passage reads like God wants us to thoughtfully consider what the presence of a people whom he has saved will mean in a community. There is the stability that comes of knowing God completes his purposes and keeps his promises, and of honest speech and fair dealing, and of noble motives and kind intentions, and of respect and godliness. Oh, what a blessing such qualities would add to the fabric of everyone's life!

"So will I save you, and you shall be a blessing." That's how God deals with us, too. His salvation comes not only with a hope, but also with a function. He does not save any of us just for ourselves.

—Bill McFarland

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

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

February 28

Bible Study:	236
Morning:	308
Evening:	201
Wednesday (3/2):	196
Contribution:	\$ 8,217
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(4,057)

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Marsha Bower, Dale Harp, Bill Culley, Seldon Essex
- ◆ Tim Timmons as he continues to deal with cancer and also has shingles on his back
- ◆ Ron Stokes has not been feeling well lately
- ◆ Thelma Pendergrass as she continues to deal with health issues
- ◆ Ruth Essex will have carotid artery surgery on March 15 at Cox South.
- ◆ Verl Duncan has an appointment in St. Louis on March 18 to get a second opinion on his diagnosis and treatment
- ◆ Emily Simons received good news that her pathology report after her recent surgery was negative
- ◆ Glenda Thurlkill has congestive heart failure, acute cardiomyopathy and a weakened heart; thankfully the angiogram did not reveal any blockages; keep Glenda and her family in your prayers as she adjusts to new meds and changes in everyday lifestyle
- ◆ Kyrah McFarland will have her tonsils removed tomorrow
- ◆ Illene Birdsong had a cyst removed from her vocal cords
- ◆ Ann Fahr is recovering from foot surgery

Friends & Family

- ◆ Leah Freeze's mom, Glynda Gardner, as she becomes weaker due to her continuing battle with cancer
- ◆ Mary Jo Rookstool's niece, Treva Dishman, has been in Cox South after suffering a small stroke.
- ◆ Darren Wake & Tina Orum's dad, Leon Wake, is now home and doing well; Carol Tovar's mom, Patricia Washburn, is doing well after her lumpectomy
- ◆ Barry Hannah's sister-in-law, Claudeen Hannah, has been diagnosed with cancer; Marla Wuench's cousin in NC, Gretchen Harrell; Jim Elliff's mom, Lorene, is progressing in rehab; Bill White's niece, Linda West, has cancer in one of her kidneys; Coyeatte Ewing's dad, Jim Hammond; Ruth Reaves' brother, Jimmie Hocker, as he deals with cancer; Debra Davis' 19-year old great-niece, Courtney Price, as she deals with leukemia; Nadean Green's friend, Sandy Mavernik, is in Cox Meyer Rehab.

Long Term/Shut-Ins

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



Expectant Mom

Sara Stipp/July/boy

"Be a Blessing Meeting" today at 4:30 in Room 126.

Are you keeping up with your "Be a Blessing" work? Hopefully you have been blessed yourself by being there for others. There are additional forms for you to keep up with your contacts located at the Information Desk.

THANK YOU

It is such a blessing to have a church family that cares so much. Thank you for all of the cards and prayers for my mom. She said she felt "surrounded by love and prayers." Amen. **The Tovars**

Thank you all for thinking of me on my big 80 birthday. The cards were beautiful and the sweet sentiments were appreciated and of course the cookies that are always my lunch. I love being a member of this family. Thank you all again. **Mary Jo Rookstool**
Dear Water Mill, Thank you so very much for the backpacks! We appreciate your kindness and generosity. The sweet notes from the youth were a nice addition along with the supplies. These backpacks and supplies will delight many students. Sincerely,
Hillcrest H.S. Counseling Department.



Our Food Pantry is once again depleted. Recently we suggested you just make a small monetary donation instead of purchasing items yourself for the pantry.

That has worked out well as Jason & Lora take the money and buy in bulk the needed items.

We are again asking for your monetary donations. You can give the money to either Jason or Johnnie. Thank you in advance.

News and Activities

Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged

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

Thank you so much for your continued interest and support for this great work!

WV Mission/Service Trip Youth and Parents Meeting TONIGHT after PM Service

Very important introductory information meeting!



The quilters will be working on a T-Shirt quilt starting March 15 at 10:00. If you are interested, bring some clean washed T-Shirts and your favorite pair of scissors. You will also need about 1/2 yard of fusible backing such as Pellon, Fusible Featherweight or Heat and Bond Lite for each shirt. Thanks, Jeanetta

*4th Annual Ladies Retreat
Fordland Church of Christ
April 1-2—Guest Speaker Cindy Colley
“Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen In Me!”*

*Ladies Retreat 2016/Camp Galilee
April 8-9/Women of the Towel
Hosted by women of the Mountain Home church of Christ*

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

See Brochures on the Bulletin Board.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Class will meet *Thursday at 10:30 a.m.* The topic will be “*You Can’t Get There From Here*” taught by Jan Bowling. All ladies who can are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Events

- **TODAY** - “Be a Blessing” meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- 3/8 - Elders meet at 5 p.m.
- 3/13 - Daylight Savings Time begins
- 3/14 - Book Club Meeting
- 3/15 - Quilters meet at 10 a.m.
- 3/20 - LTC Presentation after PM services
- 4/16 - Happy Hollow Cleanup Day

LTC Dates

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



- ◆ *4/3 Singing/Puppets/Drama at Manor at*

Elfindale

- ◆ *4/12 Ozarks Food Harvest Volunteer Night*
- ◆ *4/22-24 Hammond Mill Spring Retreat*
- ◆ *5/28 Ultimate AWY day*
- ◆ *6/7-16—WV Mission Trip*



Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Staff

Elders

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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

Congrats!

Congratulations to Trenton Essex for winning 1st Place in the Skills USA Debate in the Region. He now will compete at State the end of this month. Good luck Trenton!



Birthdays

*13 Anthony Kraus
14 Emily Simons
17 Pat Malanowski
18 Erica Dutton
Kevin Westerman*

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: Gerri Dickens/Ann Thiesen
Van Driver: Adam Stipp/844-6564

**Serve
Communion:** Brendan Carroll/Aubrey Cobb
Devin Carroll/Charles Crum
Eddie Currier/Jon Davis
Tom Davis/Tom Easterly
Trenton Essex/Joshua Luna

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer: Eddie Sanders
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Dustin Stokes
Communion: J. Mahon/T. Morrison

NEXT WEEK (March 13)

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	J. Ewing/K. Cole	JJ Blevins
Opening Prayer:	Aaron Schwartz	Van Barnes
Communion:	John Hulett	J. Mahon/T. Morrison
Closing Prayer:	John Stayton	Adam Stipp
Greeters:	Byrle & Virginia Hayter	
Van Driver:	John Hulett/889-5344	

Wednesday, March 9:

Devotional: Eddie Sanders
Song Leader: Byron Nichols
Prayer: Jackie Buck
Van Driver: Charles Crum/840-2632

MONTH OF MARCH:

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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If you see
someone
without a smile,
give them one
of yours.

Smile