

# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Weekly Newsletter*

*March 13, 2016*

## ***Order of Worship***

***Song Leader***  
**Jon Davis**

**#819 (1,2,4)**  
**#665**

***Opening Prayer***  
**Aaron Schwartz**

**#688**

***The Lord's Supper***  
**John Hulett**

**#741 (1,3)**

***Contribution***  
**John Hulett**

**#664**

***Lesson***  
**Bill McFarland**

**#587 (1,3)**

***Announcements***  
**Jerry Young**

**#438 (1,4)**

***Closing Prayer***  
**John Stayton**

***Elder of the Month***  
**Jerry Young**

## **Jonah and Me**

The lesson of Jonah is not the big fish. It's the big problem—the one in the prophet, and in me, and perhaps in you too. It is whether a human being can allow God to be himself, and whether he will allow others to be treated with the same kindness he himself has required.

The drama for Jonah turns on the contrast between two statements. First, God tells Jonah to arise, go to Nineveh, and call out against it, but he rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord (1:1-3). Second, God tells Jonah to arise, go to Nineveh, and call out against it, so he went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord (3:1-3).

What has happened? Jonah has repented! He has changed his mind and has begun to act in keeping with the will of God. He has made that essential turn that has been necessary for every person who has ever, either through stubbornness or weakness, failed to do the right thing. And God has both made it possible and accepted it! How grateful all of us who have ever fallen short must be for the gift of repentance.

But Jonah has not yet grown into his repentance. That is the rest of the story. He has come to the place where he can do what God says, but not to the place where he can want what God wants, or be glad God is like he is.

Remember how the story unfolds? Jonah tersely warns the great city, the worst enemy of his people, that it is going to be overthrown. And, of all things, they repent, just as he himself had, and God shows them mercy, too! Knowing God as he does, that's just what Jonah was afraid would happen! He becomes so angry he could die (3:10-4:3).

So God asks him, "Do you do well to be angry?" Good question. Should God be considered so great that man must do what he says, but not so good that we should admire him and imitate him? Should a person who has survived only because repentance has been met with mercy resent how God deals with the rest of the world?

May the Lord help Jonah and me to grow into our repentance.

—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

March 6

Bible Study:	230
Morning:	314
Evening:	189
Wednesday (3/9):	209
Contribution:	\$10,185
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(3,897)

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Marsha Bower, Dale Harp, Bill Culley
- ◆ Julie Alexander has been in and out of the hospital this past week with pneumonia
- ◆ Tim Timmons as he continues to deal with cancer and also has shingles on his back
- ◆ Ron Stokes is having a lot of difficulty as his MS is active again
- ◆ Bob Snider has been dealing with severe pain in his neck due to arthritis
- ◆ Thelma Pendergrass as she continues to deal with health issues
- ◆ Ruth Essex will have carotid artery surgery Tuesday at Cox South.
- ◆ Verl Duncan has an appointment in St. Louis on March 18 to get a second opinion on his diagnosis and treatment
- ◆ Glenda Thurlkill as she adjusts to new meds and changes in everyday lifestyle
- ◆ Ann Fahr is recovering from foot surgery
- ◆ Ellie Swartz will have an MRI on Tuesday to check a non-cancerous tumor she has had on her brain for a few years to make sure it hasn't grown; also Bob has the flu
- ◆ Bonnie Cole fell last week and is banged up and sore

## Friends & Family

- ◆ Leah Freeze's mom, Glynda Gardner, as she becomes weaker due to her continuing battle with cancer
- ◆ Brooke Baker's mom, Sharon, has been in and out of the hospital this past week; Mary Jo Rookstool's niece, Treva Dishman, as she suffered a small stroke.
- ◆ Carol Tovar's mom, Patricia Washburn; 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; Coyeate 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

## 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



## SYMPATJY

We extend our sympathy to Van Barnes and Chloe Gaddis in the loss of their sister, Georgia (Weter) Tucker. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Greenlawn North with visitation prior to the funeral.



Thank you so much for the visits, calls, messages, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to me during my recent hospital stay. Please continue to pray for me as I learn to live with my heart issues. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. In Christian love, Glenda Thurlkill

If you could look inside our hearts, you would see hearts full of love and thankfulness. These few weeks have been rough, but because of people like you who have prayed so hard, so long, God took care of Leon. We thank you for your love, prayers, cards and visits. Your support and encouragement means so much. In Christ, Leon & Marcella Wake

Thanks to all for the nice anniversary cards and the best wishes. You all are very special to us. Clint & Betty Holden



Thanks to your donations, Jason & Lora have once again restocked our Food Pantry. We are still accepting monetary donations as Jason will try to continually keep the pantry restocked before it is totally depleted as was the case last week. You can give the money to either Jason or Johnnie. Thanks again for your wonderful support of this work.

# News and Activities



The quilters will be working on a T-Shirt quilt starting TUESDAY 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

If you are graduating this spring from high school or college, please notify the office so you will be included in the Graduates Reception.



There will be a short important meeting next Sunday morning, Marsh 20, after AM services for all junior and senior parents to discuss this year's Graduates Reception.



## Birthdays

21 Barry Hannah  
22 Jackie Buck  
25 McKenna Jobs  
Fred Winters



◆ 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

## Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Class will meet *Thursday at 10:30 a.m.* The topic will be "Shedding Your Baggage" taught by Ann Thiesen. All ladies who can are encouraged to attend.

## Upcoming Events

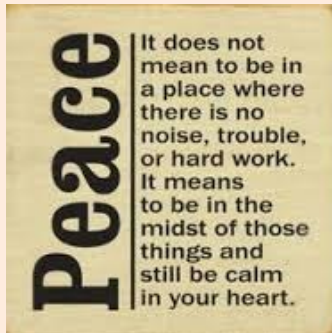
- 3/14 - Book Club Meeting at the Curriers
- 3/15 - Quilters meet at 10 a.m.
- 4/16 - Happy Hollow Cleanup Day

## LTC Dates

### LTC PRESENTATION NIGHT

Everyone is invited to stay after the evening service next Sunday night as our LTC participants will have a "dress rehearsal" of the things they will do at convention the following weekend. We hope you will plan to stay and encourage these young people and their coaches.

- ◆ Puppets/Drama meet after services (all day) on March 13, 20
- ◆ 3/25-27 Convention



## 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

## Area Events

March 18-20/ Gospel Meeting S. Hwy 5 Church of Christ in Lebanon with Phil Sanders from "In Search of the Lord's Way"

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.*

## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** *Byrle & Virginia Hayter*  
**Van Driver:** *John Hulett/889-5344*  
  
**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:** *Van Barnes*  
**Lesson:** *Bill McFarland*  
**Closing Prayer:** *Adam Stipp*  
**Communion:** *J. Mahon/T. Morrison*

### NEXT WEEK (March 20)

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leader:</b>	<i>J. Ewing/K. Cole</i>	<i>JJ Blevins</i>
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<i>Scott Barton</i>	<i>Randy Blackburn</i>
<b>Communion:</b>	<i>Matt Keener</i>	<i>J. Mahon/T. Morrison</i>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<i>Adam Blaney</i>	<i>Dustin Stokes</i>
<b>Greeters:</b>	<i>Gene &amp; Ruth Lund</i>	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	<i>Jon Davis/864-9872</i>	

### Wednesday, March 16:

**Devotional:** *Larry Baggett*  
**Song Leader:** *Byron Nichols*  
**Prayer:** *Jason Luna*  
**Van Driver:** *Jason Luna/838-7152*

### 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 Study ....9:00 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*