



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 20, 2016

## **Order of Worship**

**Song Leader**

**Jon Ewing**

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**Opening Prayer**

**Scott Barton**

**“Ancient Words”**

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**The Lord’s Supper**

**Matt Keener**

**Contribution**

**Matt Keener**

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**Lesson**

**Bill McFarland**

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**Announcements**

**Jerry Young**

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**Closing Prayer**

**Adam Blaney**

**Elder of the Month**

**Jerry Young**

## **Welcome, Spring**

Spring officially makes its arrival this Lord’s Day. Its approach has been announced for a while by early flowers, budding trees, and greening grass. Some occasional nip in the air, the lingering frosts, and a possible storm now and again are reminders that it takes a little time for a Season to settle in. But each one, especially Spring, is testimony to the faithfulness of God and to the nature of our own lives. We should notice, wonder, and consider.

It is very likely that there are spots in each of our lives that are like the face of the earth toward the end of the cold winter. Harsh conditions and unfavorable circumstances may have put our spirits near dormancy. It may be time for the renewal of our hopes, efforts, and affections. Perhaps this is when we should make use of the plea in Sylvia Rose Cobb’s song:

Restore my Spirit, Lord, I need restored;

My heart is weary, please help me, dear Lord.

I stand in need of more strength from Your Word.

Renew my love, rebuild my faith, O restore my soul.

Her song is based on the idea that the God who renews the earth can surely restore our cooled zeal into a new and warm desire to serve, or replace our doubt and fear with courage and faith. Surely that is right.

The writer of Psalm 104 also thought of the way the Lord God renews the face of the ground to give all his creatures their food in due season. As he considered, in one grand survey, the providential care of God, he found something happening in his own soul. He had a deep desire that the glory of the Lord might endure forever, and that he might sing to the Lord as long as he lived, and that the meditation of his heart might be pleasing to the Lord. We could say that a sort of springtime had come to his soul.

We must experience seasons of renewal like that. We need to remember that we were cleansed from our former sins and to embrace the joy that was ours when we first believed. We belong to a company who devote themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and fellowship, and the breaking of bread, and prayers. Like tender but hardy plants springing up from the dirt to reach for the light, we aspire to the work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.



–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 13

Bible Study:	208
Morning:	311
Evening:	186
Wednesday (3/16):	195
Contribution:	\$ 9,668
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(4,254)

Thank You!

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude for your prayers, words of encouragement, and generous acts of kindness during this difficult time. Love to you all! **Ron and Lisa**

Thanks to everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to our family after the loss of my sister. In Christian love, **Van and Barbara Barnes**

We want to thank you all for all of your help as we made our move to Springfield. We are blown away by the kindness we have received. We are blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family. **The Franklins**

This is a note of thanks and appreciation for the many prayers, cards and thoughts sent my way as I faced breast cancer surgery. Surgery went well, all cancer cells were removed, healing is progressing nicely, follow up treatment will be hormone therapy. Thankfully the cancer was less invasive. I have felt surrounded by love and grace. Sincerely, **Patricia Washburn (Carol Tovar's mother)**

Thank you all for the cards and visits. Your kindness and encouragement is much appreciated. **Thelma Pendergrass**

- ◆ Continue to remember **Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Marsha Bower, Dale Harp, Bill Culley**
- ◆ **Tim Timmons** as he continues to deal with cancer
- ◆ **Ron Stokes** is having a lot of difficulty as his MS is active again
- ◆ **Billie Luna** broke her foot recently
- ◆ **Nancy Snider** has pneumonia and bronchitis
- ◆ **Thelma Pendergrass** as she deals with health issues
- ◆ **Ruth Essex** is home and doing well after surgery
- ◆ **Verl Duncan** as he continues to make decisions re his diagnosis and treatment
- ◆ **Glenda Thurkill** as she adjusts to new meds and changes in everyday lifestyle
- ◆ **Ann Fahr** is recovering from foot surgery
- ◆ The results of **Ellie Swartz's** MRI were good
- ◆ **Bonnie Cole** as she recovers from a fall

## Friends & Family

- ◆ **Leah Freeze's** mom, **Glynda Gardner**, as she becomes weaker due to her continuing battle with cancer
- ◆ **Hunter Ellard**, **Gail White's** nephew's son, received his liver transplant last Friday; keep praying that his body accepts the new liver.
- ◆ **Mary Jo Rookstool's** niece, **Treva Dishman**, as she suffered a small stroke.
- ◆ **Barry Hannah's** sister-in-law, **Claudeen Hannah**, has been diagnosed with cancer; **Marla Wuench's** cousin in NC, **Gretchen Harrell**; **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



We are pleased that **Jennifer Franklin** and her children **Chelsey, Matthew & Michael**, have made the decision to work and worship with us here at Water Mill. We have already come to love and appreciate this sweet family. Their address is 3740 N. Oak Point Avenue, Springfield, 65803; phone 540-974-2849. Welcome to Water Mill!

## 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 **Kerry Cole** and his family in the loss of his "Uncle Skip" this past week.  
We also extend our sympathy to **Verl Duncan** and his family in the loss of his brother -in-law, **Johnny Hamilton**, this past weekend.

# News and Activities

There will be a short important meeting **TODAY** after AM services for all junior and senior parents to discuss this year's **Graduates Reception.**



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



Congratulations to **Gloria Luallin** on her retirement from **Loomis Insurance.** Enjoy!

**Ladies Day April 30th!**  
**Mark Your Calendars!**



- ◆ 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



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.

## LTC PRESENTATION

Everyone is invited to stay after the evening service **TONIGHT** 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.

## *Ladies Bible Class*

Ladies Class will meet **Thursday at 10:30 a.m.** The topic will be “**Maneuvering Around the Potholes**” taught by Megan Jobes. All ladies who can are encouraged to attend.



## Daily Bible Reading

Schedules for the 2nd Quarter of 2016 are available in the foyer.

## Happy Hollow Bible Camp

April 16 is **Cleanup Day!**



## Birthdays

27 Mason Blaney  
28 Lucile High  
Marlene Matthews  
29 Mary Bratcher  
Glenda Thurlkill  
Brian York  
4/2 Sara Keener  
Henry Springer



## 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

**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**

**April 16/Ladies’ Day at East Oakland Church of Christ in Mountain Home/“Women of Faith”/Jane Maynard**

**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:** *Gene & Ruth Lund*  
**Van Driver:** *Jon Davis/864-9872*

**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:** *Randy Blackburn*  
**Lesson:** *Bill McFarland*  
**Closing Prayer:** *Dustin Stokes*  
**Communion:** *J. Mahon/T. Morrison*

### NEXT WEEK (March 27)

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leader:</b>	<i>J. Ewing/K. Cole</i>	<i>JJ Blevins</i>
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<i>Luis Tovar</i>	<i>Tim Bowling</i>
<b>Communion:</b>	<i>David Kern</i>	<i>J. Mahon/T. Morrison</i>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<i>Brock Snitker</i>	<i>Paul Lines</i>
<b>Greeters:</b>	<i>Travis &amp; Jill Morrison</i>	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	<i>AM: Luis Tovar/864-8409</i>	

### Wednesday, March 23:

**Devotional:** *John Mahon*  
**Song Leader:** *Byron Nichols*  
**Prayer:** *Verl Duncan*  
**Van Driver:** *Travis Morrison/343-7451*

### 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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