



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 13, 2016

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#888 (1,2)
#943
#215 (1,2,3)

Opening Prayer
Randy Blackburn

#776 (1,2)
#365 (1,2,3)

The Lord's Supper
Todd Kraus

#843 (1,2)

Our Contribution
Todd Kraus

#971

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#898 (1,2)

Announcements
Barney Crawford

#642 (1,2)

Closing Prayer
Tim Bowling

Serve Communion

Tom Davis
John Dutton
Trenton Essex
Barry Hannah
Mike Ussery
William Downing
Tom Easterly
Don Gaunt
Byrle Hayter
Tucker Jobs

Upset!

With regard to the outcome of the national election, “upset” seems to be the right word—and in more ways than one. It obviously was not what most of the pollsters, predictors, or commentators expected. We are hearing some call it the biggest upset in American history. And, in the aftermath, we are seeing from some another kind of upset: the kind expressed by either heartbroken tears, panicked fears, or angry jeers.

This might be a good time for us to pause and reflect a bit. Here are some thoughts about living in our country that impress me now even more than usual.

Obviously none of us always know, much less have control over, how things like this in civic life are going to turn out. This is so even with all our means of organizing, persuading, or measuring. Isn't it therefore folly for any of us to allow our entire mood and our whole outlook on life be determined by political outcomes—or for that matter, by anything that can change so quickly and unpredictably?

And, isn't there wisdom in constitutionally based, rather than personality invested, government? After all, whatever power one executive has to simply do things on his own authority may well one day be in the hands of another with a very different outlook. We might do well to give thanks for, and to be more careful about, our form of government.

But government is not God. This truth needs to be impressed upon all our minds, whether we are on the right or the left. Neither political leaders nor parties are worthy of religious devotion. The more the secular world makes government a god, the more approaches to elections take on a religious fervor, and the more reactions to their not going as someone wants are apocalyptic.

It would help if we would regard persons as individually and equally responsible to God. When we have gone about the whole thing by lumping people into blocks, then assigning motives and moral standing to all of them as groups, pitting entire groups against each other, it will be impossible not to be “upset” if someone else wins.

Of course we have convictions, opinions, and preferences about these matters. But our tasks Wednesday morning were the same as Tuesday morning: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

—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

November 6

Bible Study:	238
Morning:	316
Evening:	201
Wednesday (11/9):	196
Contribution:	\$ 7,404
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ 103

Birthdays

20 David Kern
21 Doris Tobler
22 Kailey Evans
Kora Evans
24 Nancy Snider
25 Bob Stockstill
Russell Lilly
26 Lee Ann Donoho



**In Need
of Your
Prayers**

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Donna Sanders
 - ◆ Terry Loveland is now at the home of James & Mary Kellett, 50835 S. Burrows, 65810.
 - ◆ Jerry Gillespie is at the Missouri Veterans Home, 1600 S Hickory St, Mt Vernon, MO 65712.
 - ◆ Ellie Swartz will have knee replacement on the 28th
 - ◆ Wayne Harmon has been in and out of the hospital this past week.
- Friends & Family**
- ◆ Justin Hatfield, Bill & Kay's son-in-law, is recovering from thyroid surgery; his address is 5333 Co. Rd. 103 N., Abilene, TX 79601.
 - ◆ Kelly Snider has completed his scheduled chemo treatments in Springfield; he is tentatively scheduled to go to Barnes in St. Louis after the first of the year for bone marrow transplant
 - ◆ Shirlane Horton's dad, Jim Long, as he is now home recovering from a heart procedure in St. Louis
 - ◆ Jerry & Carolyn Young's neighbor, Merlean Baty
 - ◆ Roger Thompson, husband of Nadean Green's cousin, has been diagnosed with liver cancer
 - ◆ Kerry Cole's Uncle Jim has lung cancer.
 - ◆ JJ's grandma, Bobbie Stafford, as she recovers from a broken hip

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else."

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Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2



**Thank
You**

Thanks you for cards and phone calls. I really appreciate your care and concern. Thanks also for the welcome back to church on Wednesday night. Wayne Harmon



We will have a combined devotional period on Wednesday evening, November 23. If you are in town, we encourage you to spend this special evening with us.

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower
Eula Compton
Ola Jean Feeny
Doris Iorg
Doris Tobler
Nursing Homes
Doris Burch
Fern Davis
Ella Mae Findlay
Ann Freeze
Chloe Gaddis
June Jean
Jerry Gillespie
Thelma Pendergrass
Sandra Pengerot
Nancy Snider



Expectant Moms

Amanda Eilenstein/
November
Leah Prewitt/March/
GIRL

If you can provide food for the Eilenstein Family after the baby arrives, please sign the sheet at the Information Desk.

If you are unable to attend services, don't forget that all of our services are "Live Streamed." Go to info@watermillchurchofchrist.org and click on "Live Video."

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

News and Activities



November 19 at 8 a.m.
Sign up at the
Information Desk by
Wednesday night.



We will have a Parents' Night Out this Friday, November 18th, from 6 to 9 p.m. Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk or contact Lora Luna.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. **POTLUCK LUNCH—BRING SALAD OR DESSERT—RUTH WILL PROVIDE SOUP.**

Steven Ashcraft (and Karen) will be here next Sunday evening to report on his work in West Africa. We hope you will be present to see the great work Steven and his team are doing.



Everyone is invited to a **Wedding Shower** honoring **Alissa Buckner and Kaleb McLarty THIS AFTERNOON** from 2:30—4 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. They will be married on December 29 in Searcy. They are registered at Walmart and Amazon.com.

Quilters meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday morning Steve Tandy from the Know Your Bible program, hosted by the Northside Church of Christ in Wichita, will be here to discuss the program and our continued involvement. All of the Adult Bible Classes will meet in the auditorium for Bible class at 9 a.m. Steve will then bring our lesson during our AM worship service. We hope you will make an extra effort to be present both for the Bible class hour and our worship service. Immediately after service, there will be a luncheon for all those who are presently involved with KYB or those who are interested in learning more about this program. IF YOU PLAN TO STAY FOR LUNCH, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET PROVIDED AT THE INFORMATION DESK BY WEDNESDAY NIGHT.



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



Book Club Meeting

- Monday, 11/14 at 6:30 at the Curriers
- Light supper before discussing
- The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis
- A Pretty Good Person by Lewis B. Smedes
- The Strategies of Satan by Warren W. Wiersbe

**Married Couples Retreat
February 24-25, 2017**

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *John & Lisa Stayton*
 Van Driver: *Tom Easterly/736-2393*
 Nursery: *Wanita Duncan/Emily Simons*

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: *Travis Morrison*
 Opening Prayer: *Brock Snitker*
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*
 Closing Prayer: *Jonathan Pendergraph*
 Communion: *G. Lund/J. Mahon*
 Nursery: *Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic*

NEXT WEEK (November 20)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Travis Morrison</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Byron Nichols</i>	<i>Russell Lilly</i>
Communion:	<i>Paul Lines</i>	<i>G. Lund/J. Mahon</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Brian Carroll</i>	<i>Brent Looney</i>
Greeters:	<i>Jerry & Carolyn Young</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Brock Snitker/405-694-9774</i>	
Nursery:	<i>Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker</i>	
Wednesday, November 16		
Devotional:	<i>Matt Keener</i>	
Song Leader:	<i>Adam Blaney</i>	
Prayer:	<i>JJ Blevins</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Charles Crum/840-2632</i>	



Bible Classes (7th Grade thru Adult)

Sunday AM

Adult	Nuts & Bolts of Christian Living & Contemporary Culture	Fellowship Rm	David Grimm
Adult	Job	Room 126	Barney Crawford
Adult	Philippians	Auditorium	Byron Nichols
Adult	The Portrait of God	Room 129	Jon Ewing
Adult	Chronological Study of the Bible	Room 130	Paul Lines
College	Scorched and Choked	Room 119	Patrick Springer

*We need
 YOU in
 BIBLE
 CLASS
 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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