



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Weekly Newsletter*

*December 18, 2016*

## ***Order of Worship***

***Song Leader***  
**Jon Ewing**

**#951**  
**#291**  
**#442**

***Opening Prayer***  
**Adam Barton**

**#209**  
**#217**

***The Lord's Supper***  
**Andy McFarland**

***Our Contribution***  
**Andy McFarland**

**#19**

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

**#380**

***Announcements***  
**Jon Ewing**

**#248**

***Closing Prayer***  
**Devin Carroll**

## ***Serve Communion***

***Matt Keener***  
***Trevor Kraus***  
***Jerry Milligan***  
***Colton Orum***  
***James Simons***  
***David Kern***  
***Gabe Mahon***  
***Jonathan Pendergraft***  
***Aaron Schwartz***  
***Brock Snitker***

## **I Believe**

I confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. I am a sharer in a fellowship of joy in that way. We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true.

I use phrases like these because of First John. They will sound odd or arrogant to anyone who has not thought through what we mean by believing.

Faith is not a wish for unreality. Neither is it proof that is always obvious. Believing is having a conviction of things not seen that informs choices and determines conduct in the midst of what is seen at the moment.

That conviction based on witnessed events. The light and love of God was made manifest among us in that he sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. He was looked upon, heard, and touched, then proclaimed to us. We have not seen him, but we love him.

The thought recurs in the Epistles. What we will be has not yet appeared. But he will appear, and we will see him as he is, and we will be like him. Right now we must see the kind of love the Father has given us in calling us his children.

Believing is living between two appearances. The grace of God has appeared, bringing rescue and renewal for anyone who will be redeemed. The glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ will yet appear. Our waiting for that blessed hope involves developing self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the visible present.

It is not an escape. In fact, it is not even easy. But it is the way to depend on what the Lord has done and to anticipate what he will do. Though I do not now see him, I believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.

—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

December 11

Bible Study:	353
Morning:	391
Evening:	204
Wednesday (12/14):	215
Contribution:	\$10,554
Weekly Budget:	\$10,025
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(4,125)



**In Need of Your Prayers**

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Donna Sanders, Terry Loveland
- ◆ Ellie Swartz is recovering from knee replacement surgery
- ◆ Also, Bob Swartz will be having tests regarding balance issues AND Jennifer Franklin has a broken ankle
- ◆ Barbara Barnes remains in Kansas University Hospital in Kansas City, KS; hopefully she will be home soon but will be in rehab
- ◆ Makesha Davis is recovering from gall bladder surgery
- ◆ Ann Freeze is back at Woodland Manor after being in the hospital this past week with pneumonia.
- ◆ Teresa Griter has had double pneumonia for the last week
- ◆ Sandra Pengenot fell Friday and is in Mercy with a broken leg.

### Friends & Family

- ◆ Sheryl Low's granddaughter, Cassidy, is recovering from her 12th knee surgery
- ◆ David Glenn (former member) is recovering from surgery for a broken bone in his leg after an accident with a cow
- ◆ Ed Murray is back in the hospital in Salt Lake City
- ◆ Shirlane Horton's dad is in Cox South in ICU on a ventilator
- ◆ Sara Keener's mom, Kristie Deffenbaugh, tested positive for breast cancer
- ◆ Lance Griter's father, Robert Griter, as he struggles with health issues; has been in hospital/rehab for 9 weeks with no progress; also his wife Janice as she cares for him
- ◆ Kelly Snider's doctors say he is doing well & they plan a bone marrow transplant at Barnes in St. Louis in March
- ◆ Friends of the Lilly family, Doug & Debbie Reynolds, who lost a second son last week to cancer; their address is 320 East Park Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203.

## Long Term/Shut-Ins

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



Expectant Mom  
Leah Prewitt/March/  
GIRL



Birthdays  
27 Josiah Downing  
28 Eddie Currier  
29 John Dutton  
30 Lynn Luallin  
31 Dante Pasco



Daily Bible Reading Schedules for the 1st Quarter of 2017 are available in the foyer. Be sure to pick one up!



Contribution envelopes are available in my work room for you to pick up. If you used the envelopes this year, your name is on the box with the same number for 2017. See me if you have any questions. Johnnie

PLEASE CHECK THE COAT ROOM FOR COATS THAT BELONG TO YOU. Any unclaimed coats will be taken to Thrift Haven after the Elders' meeting in January.

**Thank you!**



I would like to thank you for your generous donation of used shoes. Our class of 40 kids brought in a total of 655 pounds of shoes which estimates to 2162 meals. With your help our class felt like we had a successful donation. Thank you so much. With Christian love, Autumn Wuench  
Thank you my brothers and sisters in Christ for your cards and prayers. Love you so much. Van & Barbara Barnes  
I want to thank everyone for coming to my aid recently, for the prayers, cards, love & concern, especially to the young couples that took such good care of me. Betty Holden  
Thank you so much for your many prayers on behalf of Lindy. The Snider Family

# News and Activities

Together with our parents  
Alissa Buckner and Kaleb  
McLarty invite you to share in  
our joy December 29th, 2016 at  
7 p.m., Cone Chapel, Harding  
University, Searcy, AR  
Reception to follow  
RSVP:  
mclartyparty16@gmail.com



Congratulations  
to HANNAH  
HAYES on her  
graduation from Missouri  
State this past Friday.

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

The Elders have discussed the possibility of changing the Wednesday evening service time from 7 to 6:30 p.m. (at least during the winter months) beginning the first of the year. If you have a concern one way or the other, please talk to one of the Elders. We will also begin serving a one-dish meal on Wednesday evenings before service beginning the first of the year.

## Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged

**Sunday, January 8**

Immediately after the morning worship service / 806 North Jefferson Ave

**Contacts:** Aaron/Brittany Morrison

We need enough **food** to feed approximately 80 people!! **We need servers!**

**Sign up sheets are at the information desk for the items needed.**

***Please use disposable containers for the casseroles!!***

***Thanks in advance for all your help!***

## *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

## ***Bible & Christianity Basics***

Beginning January 5, 2017

Time: 7 - 8 p.m./taught by David Grimm  
Course: This course is designed to provide basic Bible instruction and fundamental teachings in regards to the Lord's church. The class will include a survey of the Old Testament, New Testament, and the function of the church. A time will be set aside during each class meeting for questions and discussion. For more information contact David Grimm at 417-509-2515 or dgrimm9831@gmail.com.

## ***CHANGE OF ADDRESS***

**Aaron & Brittany Morrison**  
4598 South FR 243  
Rogersville, MO 65742

## ***December Anniversaries***

20 Andy/Kirsten McFarland 8 yrs.  
22 Tom/Jammie Davis 22 yrs.  
28 Eddie/Donna Sanders 59 yrs.  
30 Barney/Debbie Crawford 44 yrs.  
31 Eddie/Linda Currier 45 yrs.  
***Happy Anniversary!!***

## ***Upcoming Events***

- ◆ ***Quilters will not meet Tuesday.***
- ◆ ***Youth Christmas Party tomorrow after PM services***
- ◆ ***Y.O.U Youth Rally January 13-15 in Conway, AR***
- ◆ ***Married Couples Retreat February 24-25***

Lord, sometimes we are worried for each other.  
Sometimes one of us is hurt or sad or in danger.  
Please protect each one of us from harm and heartache.  
Help us to comfort each other as Your Spirit comforts us.  
Help us to remember that You are in charge.

## **Ministry Opportunity for Shut-ins!!!**

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the weekly "Be a Blessing" program. The first week of December everyone was contacted either by card, call or visit.

# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** *Brendan & Jenny Carroll*  
**Van Driver:** *AM: James Simons/988-8873*  
*PM: Tucker Jobes/894-0826*  
**Nursery:** *Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker*

## THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** *JJ Blevins*  
**Opening Prayer:** *Ron Stokes*  
**Lesson:** *Adam Blaney*  
**Closing Prayer:** *David Grimm*  
**Communion:** *Randy Blackburn/Jackie Buck*  
**Nursery:** *Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic*

## NEXT WEEK (December 25)

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>JJ Blevins</i>
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<i>Jerry Young</i>	<i>Devotional</i>
<b>Communion:</b>	<i>Barney Crawford</i>	<i>R. Blackburn/J. Buck</i>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<i>Scott Barton</i>	<i>Devotional</i>
<b>Greeters:</b>	<i>John &amp; Michelle Hulett</i>	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	<i>Todd Kraus/207-7877</i>	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<i>Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum</i>	
<b>Wednesday, December 21</b>		
<b>Devotional:</b>	<i>Bill McFarland</i>	
<b>Song Leader:</b>	<i>Jon Davis</i>	
<b>Prayer:</b>	<i>Tom Davis</i>	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	<i>Jason Luna/838-7152</i>	



## Bible Classes (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 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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