



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 12, 2017

## **Order of Worship**

**Song Leader**  
**Adam Blaney**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**  
**Brock Snitker**

#963  
#440 (1,2)  
**“Wonderful, Merciful  
Savior”**  
#738  
#237

**The Lord’s Supper**  
**Randy Blackburn**

**Our Contribution**  
**Randy Blackburn**

#343

**Lesson**  
**Bill McFarland**

#436 (1,3,4)

**Announcements**  
**Barney Crawford**

**“In Christ Alone”**

**Closing Prayer**  
**Barry Hannah**

## **Serve Communion**

**Verl Duncan**  
**Matt Keener**  
**Todd Kraus**  
**Paul Lines**  
**Gabe Mahon**  
**Tucker Jobes**  
**David Kern**  
**Trevor Kraus**  
**Jason Luna**  
**Tim Marsolf**

## **Evidence**

What if the unseen God were to step into the visible world and offer irrefutable evidence of his being and his will? What if he were to establish life where there was none? Control the most intimidating forces of nature? Know the unspoken thoughts of people? Reveal future events? Remove longstanding disabilities and relieve life-threatening pain? And do all of it with kindness, not to show off or to intimidate?

I think I know what would happen. People would demand other evidence. Critical comments would be made about what gave him the right, or whether it was the right time or place for such things to be done. Some would assign his abilities to evil origins and claim that he had to be stopped. Afterward, people would debate, not the impact of the evidence nor its meaning, but whether its occurrence is history or myth.

I know because it has already happened. Jesus has dwelled among us as one who could be seen, heard, and touched, and the works of God have been demonstrated in all the ways mentioned above. And there were, and still are, some of each of the responses just described. And not for lack of evidence, but because of it.

We might bear this in mind when we find ourselves thinking that if we just had a clearer grasp of the evidence or could state it more convincingly, we ourselves would never doubt and other people would be led to believe. The implications of design, being, and history are indeed deserving of thought. The reality is, however, that at some level belief is a moral issue as much as an intellectual one. A person must want to believe, and belief is begotten by the Lord’s word, and he has not left himself without evidence.

There could never be enough evidence to make someone believe who does not will to do so. A God who wants to be loved and trusted cannot be when it is continually insisted that he has not shown that he loves and can be trusted.

—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 5

Bible Study:	233
Morning:	301
Evening:	181
Wednesday (3/08):	209
Contribution:	\$10,457
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ 343



**Congratulations to Steve and Leah Prewitt on the safe arrival of Verenia Lynn born March 4. All are doing well!**



◆ Continue to remember [Eula Compton](#), [Rachel Lilly](#), [Ellie Swartz](#), [Sherry Sherman](#), [Thelma Pendergrass](#); [Marlene Matthews](#)

◆ [Nancy Snider](#) is doing better and can now have visitors

- ◆ [Terry Loveland](#) is in Mercy Hospital after falling and breaking his hip
- ◆ [Shirlane Horton](#) has a doctor's appointment in Macon, MO on the 29th to try to get answers regarding her shoulder.
- ◆ [Debbie Crawford](#) has a stress fracture in her leg. Has to wear a leg brace and use roll about to get around for now.
- ◆ [Gracie Taylor](#) as she awaits more surgery
- ◆ [Clyde Iorg](#) has been diagnosed with cancer
- ◆ [Johnnie Elliff](#) as we await tests results and confirmed diagnosis regarding muscle disease

### Friends & Family

- [Kelly Snider](#) is in Barnes Hospital, room 5918, after his bone marrow transplant on March 8. Cards can be sent to 1 Barnes Jewish Hospital Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63110; here's the link for ecards: <http://www.barnesjewish.org/Patients-Visitors/Send-an-E-Greeting/E-mail-a-Patient>
- Bill's mom, [Pauline Redmon](#), is in rehab at Care Manor, Room 305B, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653-2939.
- [Ed Murray](#) is now at home continuing his battle with cancer
- ◆ [Erica Hawkins](#), Randy & Orvella's daughter, is in rehab as she recovers from brain surgery
- ◆ [Bonnie Cole's](#) brother-in-law, [Jim Lavern](#), who is in experimental program in Florida for stage 4 lung cancer
- ◆ [Bonnie Cole's](#) granddaughter, [Taryn England](#), is having a difficult pregnancy
- ◆ [Robert Keith's](#) son-in-law, [Nick Puglisi](#), will have back surgery in St. Louis.
- ◆ [Betty Grabber's](#) friend's husband, [Don Hobbs](#), as he deals with intestinal cancer.

## Long Term/Shut-Ins

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

**Ministry Opportunity**  
**Be a Blessing to our Shut-ins!!**  
Be sure to check the table in the foyer!!



Please extend a warm welcome to [Cecil and Wanda Frost](#) who have made known their desire to work and worship with us at Water Mill. Their address is 2129 E. Cherry Vale Street, Springfield, 65804, phone 417-869-0074. Some of you will know Cecil and Wanda as they were at one time members at North National. **Welcome to Water Mill!**

## MARCH Anniversaries

16 Tim & Marty Stockstill 38 yrs.  
19 Greg & Lee Ann Donoho 41 yrs.  
19 Adam & Tabby Blaney 12 yrs.  
30 Daniel & Terri Wilson 31 yrs.

**Happy Anniversary!!**



## Birthdays

12 Bob Horton  
13 Anthony Kraus  
14 Emily Simons  
16 Tiffany Reed  
18 Kevin Westerman  
Erica Dutton  
20 Johnna Duncan  
21 Barry Hannah  
22 Jackie Buck  
25 Fred Winters  
McKenna Jobs

**Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.**

# News and Activities

## Upcoming Events

- **Book club meeting** is tomorrow evening at 6:30 pm at the Curriers.
- **Elders** meet Tuesday at 5 p.m. Please contact one of the Elders if you need to meet with them.
- **LTC Convention** April 14-15
- **LADIES SPRING TEA**— April 29/Watch for more information.

## Area Events

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH, 7 P.M.** the Monett Church of Christ is hosting the Harding University Chorus at the Monett Performing Arts Center. [Briley Ewing is a member of this Chorus.](#)  
See brochure on the bulletin board.

April 22: **Ladies Retreat** at Fordland Church of Christ  
Brochure on the bulletin board.





Youth Weekend with Lonnie Jones at Fordland Church of Christ, March 18-19



Save the date!

**HAPPY HOLLOW**  
Clean-up/Work Days  
April 8th & May 6th  
9 am – 2 pm

**Feed the Homeless**  
**Sunday, April 9**  
**Watch for more information and sign-up sheets.**

**LTC PUPPETS AND DRAMA**  
will meet  **3/12, 3/19, 4/2,**   
after AM service all day.  
**Bring your lunch.**

## Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The book is entitled **“You’re Not the Only One: How to Handle Emotional Overload.”** Sara Keener will be teaching the class this week titled **“Circumstances Beyond Our Control, Suffering.”** All ladies are encouraged to attend.

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

A meal is being served each Wednesday evening from 5 to 6 p.m. **JUST SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION DESK EACH WEEK IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. THERE IS ALSO A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR DESSERTS!!**



We are accepting monetary donations on a continuing basis for the Food Pantry. Your donation can be given to Johnnie or Jason Luna. We sincerely appreciate your continued support of this work. Thanks to Jason & Lora for shopping for groceries to fill the pantry!

## 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

**LAUGHTER IS A TRANQUILIZER WITH NO SIDE EFFECTS!**



Thank you for all of the cards, texts, hugs, prayers, food, kind words, and those who came to the rosary and mass after my father died. We are so very blessed to have such a loving, caring church family. Love, **Lora, Jason, Josh & Anna Luna**

Thank you all for your prayers and concern for my ongoing health issues and for my visit to Washington University last week. The one thing I found out for sure is that I do have a muscle disease. I had several tests and will need to go back to St. Louis for a muscle biopsy in the near future. Thank you to Elizabeth Lilly for driving me to St. Louis and for Ruth Essex for going with us. What a blessing that was for me. It is also a great blessing to have all of you praying for me and offering your love and assistance. I love you all. **Johnnie**

# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** Byrle & Virginia Hayter  
**Van Driver:** Brock Snitker/405-694-9774  
**Nursery:** Wanita Duncan/Emily Simons

## THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Tom Easterly  
**Opening Prayer:** Brendan Carroll  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Josh Luna  
**Communion:** AubreyCobb/Jon Davis  
**Nursery:** Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic

## NEXT WEEK, March 19

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Tom Easterly
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	David Grimm	Brian Carroll
<b>Communion:</b>	Adam Blaney	AubreyCobb/Jon Davis
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Russell Lilly	John Mahon
<b>Greeters:</b>	John & Michelle Hulett	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Kevin Wuench/833-6134	
<b>Nursery:</b>	Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker	

## Wednesday, March 15

**Devotional:** John Mahon  
**Song Leader:** Jackie Buck  
**Prayer:** Aaron Morrison  
**Van Driver:** Charlie Crum/840-2632



## Bible Classes (Adult)

### Sunday AM

Adult	The Beginning of Your Story. (Genesis)	Fellowship Rm	Jon Davis/David Grimm
Adult	Job	Room 126	Barney Crawford
Adult	Learning from Bible Characters	Auditorium	Byron Nichols
Adult	Pray Without Ceasing	Room 129	Jon Ewing
	A Study of the Prayers of the Bible		
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!

*If you are unable to attend services, don't forget that all of our services are "Live Streamed." Go to [www.watermillchurchofchrist.org](http://www.watermillchurchofchrist.org) and click on "Live Video."*

## 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....6:30 PM



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