



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 19, 2017

## **Order of Worship**

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

**Welcome**

**#19 (1,2,4)**  
**#220**

**Opening Prayer**  
**David Grimm**

**#9 (1,2,4)**  
**#784**

**The Lord's Supper**  
**Adam Blaney**

**Our Contribution**  
**Adam Blaney**

**"In Christ Alone"**  
**#532**

**Lesson**  
**Bill McFarland**

**#125**

**Announcements**  
**Barney Crawford**

**#450 (1)**

**Closing Prayer**  
**Russell Lilly**

## **Serve Communion**

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

## **Connective Tissue of Collective Praise**

Though it may seem a strange place to find a heartwarming, dramatic story, Exodus 17, from last week's Bible reading, holds such an account. The people of God had finally left Egypt, with Moses at the helm—they crossed the Red Sea, they received water from the rock and manna from heaven. They came to a place called Rephidim, where they encountered their first real trouble—the Amalekites, who came to make war with them. In a somewhat strange course of events, the people are sent to battle and Moses to the mountaintop, holding the rod of God and watching the battle below. "And so it was when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed" (17:11).

Where is the touching portion of this story? Read on: "But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. So [they] defeated Amalek" (17:12, 13). For the people of God to prevail, the rod of God had to be held high, but for that to happen, Moses needed his friends, there to sit on either side, holding his hands up. How beautiful an image!

Couple this beautiful story with the message of the great call to worship, Psalm 95, our Bible reading for the next day. A range of emotions is encouraged. "Come let us sing... and shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation..." (95:1). Followed by a more somber, "Come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord..." (95:6). But the Psalm is not just a call to worship, but a call to heed the Lord's voice. "We are the people of His pasture, the sheep of His hand... Do not harden your hearts..." We are His sheep, we just listen to His voice! It is a message that connects worship in community with faithfulness to His calling.

Reading Exodus 17 and Psalm 95 together this week was an exercise in being reminded of the importance of "Us." Not individually, though we certainly have an identity which is unique and special in the eyes of the Lord. But I am reminded of the importance of "Us" as a group, and of the importance of the unity and relationships we share collectively. These two passages remind me that I need people to "hold up my hands." Being with, and worshiping the Lord with, people who share my faith and values and love for the Lord reinforce my ability to function as a spiritual person through the week, to not let the world "harden [my] heart."

Togetherness and community in worship is intimately with tied the ability we all have to keep going, to withstand the devil's devices, to show grace and mercy, to express joy and thanksgiving, and so many more things. There is a connective tissue in our collective praise that we offer together, to the Lord. May we never forget the importance of always be impressed with the power and importance of "Us."

- Adam

# 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 12

Bible Study:	208
Morning:	288
Evening:	195
Wednesday (3/15):	222
Contribution:	\$ 8,095
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(1,681)



Daily Bible Reading Schedules for the 2nd Quarter of 2017 are available in the foyer. Be sure to pick one up and get started reading!

God can heal a broken heart, but He has to have all the pieces. "My son, give me your heart." Prov. 23:26



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

◆ [Nancy Snider](#) is sick again; no visitors

◆ [Terry Loveland](#) is at the Manor at Maranatha, room 131, for rehab after hip surgery

◆ [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

### Friends & Family

• [Kelly Snider](#) is in Barnes Hospital, room 5918, after his bone marrow transplant. 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 now home

◆ [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.

## Area Events

March 31-April 2: [Marriage Seminar for Everyone](#) at Bona Church of Christ with Lonnie Jones

April 9-12: [3rd Annual Lincoln Lectures](#) at Lincoln Church of Christ

April 22: [Ladies Retreat](#) at Fordland Church of Christ  
Brochures on the bulletin board.



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!

## 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!!



## Birthdays

20 [Johnna Duncan](#)

21 [Barry Hannah](#)

22 [Jackie Buck](#)

25 [Fred Winters](#)

[McKenna Jobs](#)

27 [Mason Blaney](#)

28 [Lucile High](#)

[Marlene Matthews](#)

29 [Oran Green](#)

[Tom Davis](#)

30 [Mary Bratcher](#)

[Glenda Thurkill](#)

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

# News and Activities

- **Quilters** meet Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- **LADIES, mark your calendar for our annual SPRING TEA** on April 29. Watch for more information and sign-up sheets coming soon!!



Friday, April 7, from 6 to 9 p.m.  
Sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk or contact Lora Luna.

Save the date!  
**HAPPY HOLLOW Clean-up/Work Days 4/8 & 5/6**  
 from 9 am – 2 pm!



• **YOUTH NIGHT AT FORDLAND TONIGHT. BUS LEAVES AT 4:15!**

- **LTC Convention** April 14-15
- **Hammond Mill** April 21-23

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

**LTC PUPPETS AND DRAMA**  
 will meet **TODAY & 4/2.**  
 after AM service all day.  
**Bring your lunch.**

## Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will meet **Thursday at 10:30 a.m.** Ruth Essex 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.**

## 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



For the next book club meeting May 8th, we will be discussing books about "Using our minds." Book suggestions that we have in our library are: *Crash the Chatterbox: Hearing God's Voice Above all Others* by Steven Furtick, *Take One* by Karen Kingsbury, *Get Out of That Pit* by Beth Moore, *In His Steps* by Charles M. Sheldon, *Love Your God with All Your Mind* by J.P. Moreland & Dallas Willard.

## THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD

By Dennis R. Smith

From that beautiful 90<sup>th</sup> Psalm at verse 17 we find these words: *“And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.”* In this short verse we find two outstanding thoughts. (1) The beauty of Jesus can be seen in many things. (2) That any work of the church by any of its members must be sought with the same dedication, integrity, modesty and love befitting the beauty of Jesus. We often sing “Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me.” Much could be said about that last statement, but let it suffice to say again from another appropriate song, “We Bow Down.” In other words our daily lives and for sure our assembly together demands that we render proper obeisance to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Remember, we are to *“present our bodies as a living sacrifice”* (Rom. 12:1). What better way for us to do this than to present our best spiritually and otherwise. It has been said that water seeks its own level. That being the case, if the Beauty of the Lord can be seen in all the things which he stands for - the church - the holy scriptures - the promise of heaven - and blessings upon top of blessings, surely we want him to see the best of beauty in ourselves. Food for thought: *“But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price”* (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:4).

# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

Greeters: *John & Michelle Hulett*  
 Van Driver: *Kevin Wuench/833-6134*  
 Nursery: *Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker*

## THIS EVENING

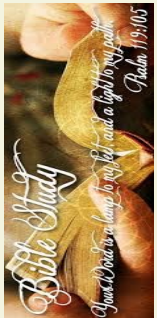
Song Leader: *Tom Easterly*  
 Opening Prayer: *Brian Carroll*  
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*  
 Closing Prayer: *John Mahon*  
 Communion: *Aubrey Cobb/Jon Davis*  
 Nursery: *Virginia Buck/Teresa Mahon*

## NEXT WEEK, March 26

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Tom Easterly</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Mike Ussery</i>	<i>Cambre Thrasher</i>
Communion:	<i>JJ Blevins</i>	<i>Aubrey Cobb/Jon Davis</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Brent Looney</i>	<i>Andy McFarland</i>
Greeters:	<i>Gene &amp; Ruth Lund</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Team Hulett/889-5344</i>	
Nursery:	<i>Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum</i>	

## Wednesday, March 22

Devotional: *Jon Davis*  
 Song Leader: *Jackie Buck*  
 Prayer: *Travis Morrison*  
 Van Driver: *Jason Luna/838-7152*



## 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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