



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

March 26, 2017

## **Order of Worship**

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

**Welcome**

**“Father God”**  
**#132**

**Opening Prayer**  
**Mike Ussery**

**#730**  
**#621**

**The Lord’s Supper**  
**JJ Blevins**

**Our Contribution**  
**JJ Blevins**

**#207**  
**#22**

**Lesson**  
**Bill McFarland**

**#770**

**Announcements**  
**Barney Crawford**

**#492**

**Closing Prayer**  
**Brent Looney**

## **Serve Communion**

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

## **What Everybody Is Saying**

Any observer of public discourse will notice it. A statement or an action or an idea gets in the news of the day wherever you look. Before long a narrative forms about it and begins to shape popular opinion. Soon a view is assumed as what everybody thinks.

We live in a social and intellectual environment which attaches weight to what is regarded as conventional wisdom. I have been reflecting on our recent readings with this in mind. What if I try to hear John while valuing what everybody is saying?

Consider our passages just from the last week or two. First there is Nicodemus. He is conscientious about the scriptures, respected among his people, and honest about Jesus. After nightfall, this ruler comes to Jesus and says, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him” (Jn. 3:2).

Next comes the Samaritans from the town of Sychar. It was not usual for anyone like Jesus to have dealings with them, much less to ask a drink of a woman out at the well in the middle of the day, and even less to be able to tell her all she ever did. After spending some time with him, they said to her, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world” (Jn. 4:42).

Then there is the man who has been blind all his life. He goes and washes his eyes as Jesus sends him to do and comes back seeing. He may expect to be met with rejoicing; instead he faces critical examination over what he thinks of the one who opened his eyes. He says of Jesus, “He is a prophet...If this man were not from God, he could do nothing...Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him (Jn. 9:17, 33, 38).

So do I. In fact, it seems to me that one of the few places where it is socially acceptable to contradict what everybody says is where people in a position to know about Jesus speak of him. Here, of all places, it might be good to listen to what everybody is saying.

–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 19

Bible Study:	230
Morning:	312
Evening:	191
Wednesday (3/22):	227
Contribution:	\$ 9,215
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$(2,585)



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!



◆ Continue to remember [Eula Compton](#), [Rachel Lilly](#), [Sherry Sherman](#), [Thelma Pendergrass](#)

◆ [Russell Lilly](#) will begin his radiation treatments for prostate cancer on Tuesday.

◆ [Wanda Wilkinson](#) has not been feeling well for the last few months and then she fell recently and sprained her ankle.

◆ [Nancy Snider](#) is feeling better; visitors welcome

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

◆ [Shirlane Horton](#) has a doctor's appointment in Macon, MO on Wednesday to try to get answers regarding her shoulder.

◆ [John Stayton](#) will have carpal tunnel surgery on April 4

### Friends & Family

• [Kelly Snider](#) was dismissed from Barnes Hospital last Tuesday. He and a family member are staying at a nearby hotel for doctor appointments and signs of bone marrow rejection.

• 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

◆ [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.



## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the following families: [Bill Culley](#) and his family in the loss of his brother, [Rod Culley](#), recently.

Gloria Luallin and Shelia Loomis and their families in the loss of their dad, [Bill Buttram](#), who passed away on Friday.

The Cole Family in the loss of [Tracy Cole's](#) infant granddaughter.

## April Anniversaries

6 John & Lisa Stayton 21 yrs.

7 Gaylen & Dedra Jones 27 yrs.

11 Carl & Yvonne Tindall 63 yrs.

13 Mark & Deniece Breckner 23 yrs.

15 Brock & Christina Snitker 11 yrs.

26 Byrle & Virginia Hayter 54 yrs.

Happy Anniversary!!

## 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

27 Mason Blaney

28 Lucile High

Marlene Matthews

29 Oran Green

Tom Davis

30 Mary Bratcher

Glenda Thurlkill

4/2 Sara Keener

Henry Springer

3 Christy Young

4 Brian Carroll

6 Carl Tindall

Jon Davis

Devin Nimmo

8 Ola Jean Feeney

Ellie Swartz

## 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.

# News and Activities

**LADIES, mark your calendar for our annual SPRING TEA on April 29.**

Watch for more information and sign-up sheets coming soon!!

## Ladies Bible Class

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

## Parents' Night Out

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!



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



For your planning purposes, our summer blood drive dates for Community Blood Center of the Ozarks are June 7 and August 2.

- ◆ Devotional at Woodland Manor Nursing Home Saturday (4/2) at 10 a.m.

### SHIRT ORDER

We are taking orders for a shirt in memory of Jill Morrison. Shirts are \$10 each. If you plan to attend LTC and order one of the shirts, please wear it Friday night at LTC. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Desk. Deadline is April 2nd. Please give your money to Glenda Thurkill.

### Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged

**Sunday, April 9,**  
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!!**  
As always, thanks in advance for all your help!

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

### 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

#### New Address

**Judy Johnson**  
2000 N. Grant Avenue  
Springfield, Mo 65803

## 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 9-12: Crowleys Ridge College Lectureship
- April 22: Ladies Retreat at Fordland Church of Christ  
Brochures on the bulletin board.

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

# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Gene & Ruth Lund*  
 Van Driver: *Team Hulett/889-5344*  
 Nursery: *Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum*

## THIS EVENING

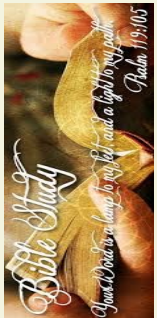
Song Leader: *Tom Easterly*  
 Opening Prayer: *Cambre Thrasher*  
 Lesson: *Bill McFarland*  
 Closing Prayer: *Andy McFarland*  
 Communion: *Aubrey Cobb/Jon Davis*  
 Nursery: *Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton*

## NEXT WEEK, April 2

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>JJ Blevins</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Patrick Springer</i>	<i>John Dutton</i>
Communion:	<i>Tim Bowling</i>	<i>T. Morrison/J. Simons</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Jonathan Pendergraft</i>	<i>Tom Easterly</i>
Greeters:	<i>John &amp; Lisa Stayton</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>Jon Davis/864-9872</i>	
Nursery:	<i>Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan</i>	

## Wednesday, March 29

Devotional: *Scott Barton*  
 Song Leader: *Jackie Buck*  
 Prayer: *Byron Nichols*  
 Van Driver: *Tim Stockstill/849-7678*



## 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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