

WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

August 13, 2017

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

Opening Prayer
Barry Hannah

The Lord's Supper
Travis Morrison

Our Contribution
Travis Morrison

Lesson
Bill McFarland

Announcements
Jerry Young

Closing Prayer
Andy McFarland

Serve Communion
Kevin Westerman
Jonathan Pendergraft
David Grimm
Mike Ussery
Adam Barton
Randy Blackburn
Tim Bowling
Jackie Buck
Brendan Carroll
Cambre Thrasher

How To Start A Joyful Prayer List

We know what it is like to have a list of problems to pray over. I have my own. Every week in our bulletin we include such a list, and often in our assembly announcements are made that add to it. This is as it should be, for Scripture teaches us both to leave our cares in the mighty hand of God and to intercede for one another.

Another kind of prayer list, however, may be observed in Paul's letter to the saints at Philippi. At 1:3-4 he mentions *that* it was his practice to pray for these brothers and sisters of his in the Lord. At the end of verse 4 he describes *how* he prayed for them: every prayer was always made with joy. His gratitude for their partnership in the gospel and his confidence in what the Lord would continue to do in them made it so. But in verses 9-11 the apostle states quite specifically *what* his prayer for them was.

What is a prayer list of joy like? Here is the example we have from the beloved apostle: "*And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God*" (Philippians 1:9-11, ESV).

His example deserves some examination. Notice that his prayer is not as much a list of requests as it is a line of thought. It is not so much a "first I ask this and then this and then this" kind of prayer as it is an "I ask this so that it might progress to this and then to this" kind of prayer. It is a prayer that expresses an overall view of what a godly person would rejoice to see happening among a group of God's people.

Consider the development that is envisioned in the prayer. It begins with the love among the people of God and ends with the glory of God himself. In his joy, the apostle prays that there may be in the church an increasing love which is informed by wisdom. He prays that love like that will enable them to take pleasure in what pleases God and blesses people and therefore elevates themselves as individuals. He prays that this kind of character will express itself in pure and blameless lives which are ready for anything and full of good fruit. He prays that such a people will be a source of praise and glory to the God who made them that way – and he rejoices over the very thought that such a thing is happening!

Let's keep our prayer list of the problems that need to be prayed over, and make good use of it. May we not forget, though, our prayers of joy. Remember, we move in the direction of what we would most like to see happen.

–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

August 6

Bible Study:	219
Morning:	279
Evening:	181
Wednesday (8/9):	193
Contribution:	\$ 9,359
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ (2,256)



Thank you to everyone for the love and concern shown to my Donna. She wanted me to tell you that she loved all of you very much and so do I. May God bless you all, **Eddie Sanders**

We want to thank you all for your prayers, cards and acts of love this week in the loss of our sister-in-law **Dorma Duncan**. Love, **Verl & Karen Duncan**



Continue to remember [Eula Compton](#), [Rachel Lilly](#), [Gracie Taylor](#), [Gail White](#), [Clyde Iorg](#), [Ron Bower](#)

- ◆ [Shirlane Horton](#) had a good report from the doctor this past week; 2 more weeks of scheduled therapy and then continue at home
 - ◆ [Tim Timmons](#) as he continues his radiation treatments
 - ◆ [Cindy Hannah](#) is doing well after her surgery; will receive pathology report Tuesday
 - ◆ [Julie Alexander's](#) surgery is scheduled for 9/11.
 - ◆ [Wanda Wilkinson](#) continues to have health issues.
 - ◆ [Gabby Gellen](#) recovering from injuries in car accident
- Friends & Family**
- Carol Tovar's mom, [Patricia Washburn](#), is doing well after a fall and surgery for a broken arm.
 - Nancy Snider's sister, [Paula Hunt](#), will go to Barnes Hospital later this month for MRI and PET scan; she will then have surgery and radiation to treat her cancer; if you would like to send her a card of encouragement, her address is 847 S. Patton Ave., 65802.
 - Marsha Stipp's nephew-in-law, [Darin Moore](#), and his battle with pancreas cancer.
 - The mother of Scott Barton's brother-in-law, [Jill Jackson](#), who suffered a serious stroke recently
 - Lance Griter's dad, [Robert](#), is at Meyer Skilled Nursing with multiple health issues.
 - Bill's mom, [Pauline Redmon](#), in rehab at Care Manor, Room 305B, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653.
 - Bill White's brother-in-law, [Elva West](#), had a stroke. His wife [Nadine](#) fell and has multiple health problems. They lives in Anaheim, CA.
- Response: [Kylee Lee](#) responded asking for prayers Sunday night.



We extend our sympathy to the following families:

[Verl Duncan](#) and his family in the loss of his sister-in-law, [Dorma Duncan](#). Funeral services were held last Tuesday.

[Kevin Westerman](#) and his family in the loss of his brother [Steve](#) who passed away last Wednesday night. He lived in Topeka.

[Shirlane Horton](#) in the loss of her aunt, [Bonnie Hall](#), who passed away Friday.

Beginning Thursday, August 17, a home school group, Classical Conversations, will be using part of our building one day a week for a teaching and lunch activity. This enables the children to associate with other home school children at a central location. We feel this is a good use of our building in addition to being a favorable outreach in the community. The Elders

Baptism

We rejoice with [Alye Elder](#), a young lady who has been attending church and youth events for the last several months with [Gabby Gellen](#). She was baptized at Happy Hollow on August 4th. Please make her feel welcome and encourage her as she begins her new walk in Christ.

Long Term/ Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower
Eula Compton
Ola Jean Feeney
Doris Iorg
Doris Tobler

Nursing Homes

Ella Mae Findlay
Ann Freeze
Chloe Gaddis
Jerry Gillespie
Terry Loveland
Sandra Pingnot
Nancy Snider



Expectant Mom
[Brittany Springer](#)
girl/September

**Address for Eddie &
Donna's daughter**
[Teresa Connolly](#)
2450 Meadowlark
Lane, 65807

News and Activities

Ice Cream Social



BACK TO SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL TONIGHT AFTER EVENING SERVICES.
 We will need ice cream (preferably homemade but not necessary), toppings, and finger desserts.
 Team 4 is responsible for working: Duncan, Green, Mahon, Simons, Thurlkill, Tracy, Kenyon Families
 Bill and Adam are planning a special devotional and prayer time for our students, teachers and parents as everyone gets back to the routine of school.
HOPE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL JOIN US!!

Upcoming Events

OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING SUMMER SERIES

Thanks to Robb Haddley for bringing us a great lesson in our Wednesday night summer series on

“Faithfulness” as we continue our theme “A Fruitful People: The Spirit in the Life of a Congregation.”



Our guest speaker this Wednesday night will be **Tony**

Gentry as he speaks on “Gentleness.” If you have missed any of the lessons or if you want to hear the lesson again, they are posted on the website,

www.watermillchurchofchrist.org.

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

Ladies Bible Class

meets Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Our lessons are from the book “Because I Said So.” Linda Currier’s lesson will be: “More Money Than Sense: Materialism.”



Everyone is invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Kyle Buckner and

Brielle McKenna on Sunday, September 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship room.



Birthdays

13 Pat Milligan
 Debbie Crawford
 15 Becky Marsolf
 Julie Alexander
 17 Jason Trogdon
 18 Briley Ewing
 19 JT Stockdale
 21 Don Tracy
 Terri Wilson
 22 Donna Jordan
 Eric Duncan
 Beth Trogdon
 Lindy Blaney
 28 Les Horton
 26 Billie Luna
 Sandra Pingent
 Tim Timmons

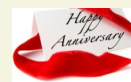


MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY.

Photo Dates: OCTOBER 24 - 28

Watch for more information coming soon.



AUGUST

Anniversaries/13 - 31

13 Matt/Sara Keener 18 yrs.
 15 Charles/Susan Crum 37 yrs.
 15 Todd/Brandi Kraus 19 yrs.
 16 Tim/Jan Bowling 37 yrs.
 16 Josh/Sherry Carlyle 20 yrs.
 18 Gene/Ruth Lund 54 yrs.
 19 Scott/Melinda Barton 29 yrs.
 19 Clyde/Doris Iorg 9 yrs.
 21 Vern/Connie Thompson 13 yrs.
 23 Bill/Pat Culley 58 yrs.
 28 Lynn/Gloria Luallin 46 yrs.
 31 Don/Ruth Essex 61 yrs.

Happy Anniversary!!

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Eddie & Linda Currier*
 Van Driver: *Jon Davis/864-9872*
 Nursery: *Wanita Duncan/Emily Simons*

THIS EVENING

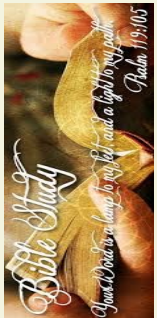
Song Leader: *Jon Davis*
 Opening Prayer: *Paul Lines*
 Lesson: *Special "Back to School" Devo*
 Closing Prayer: *James Simons*
 Communion: *Gene Lund/John Dutton*
 Nursery: *Alice Buckner/Kasey Sekulic*

NEXT WEEK, August 20

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Jon Davis</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>John Hulett</i>	<i>Jason Luna</i>
Communion:	<i>Byron Nichols</i>	<i>Gene Lund/John Dutton</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>Jeremy Thurlkill</i>	<i>John Stayton</i>
Greeters:	<i>Tom & Jammie Davis</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>AM: James Simons/988-8873</i>	<i>PM: Tucker Jobes/894-0826</i>
Nursery:	<i>AM: Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker</i>	
	<i>PM: Virginia Buck/Teresa Mahon</i>	

Wednesday, August 16

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	Practical James	Room 126	Bill McFarland
Adult	Old Testament Questions for Today's People	Auditorium	Byron Nichols
Adult	Pray Without Ceasing	Room 129	Jon Ewing
Adult	A Study of the Prayers of the Bible		
Adult	Chronological Study of the Bible	Room 130	Paul Lines

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 and click on "Live Video."

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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....6:30 PM



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