



# WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 18, 2018

## **Order of Worship**

*Song Leader*  
**Jon Ewing**

*Welcome*

*Opening Prayer*  
**Scott Barton**

*The Lord's Supper*  
**David Grimm**

*Offering*  
**David Grimm**

*Message*  
**Bill McFarland**

*Announcements*  
**Jerry Young**

*Closing Prayer*  
**Randy Blackburn**



## **From the Unspeakable Debt**

“Therefore” is perhaps the most significant word there is when it comes to our approach to life. Francis Foulkes, commenting on the use of the term in Ephesians 4:1, observes that it indicates “that Christian conduct follows from Christian doctrine, that the Christian’s duty derives directly from the unspeakable debt of gratitude that he owes for all that he has received in Christ” (*Ephesians*, p. 108).

So what comes before that “therefore”? Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places! Conceived in the purpose the purpose of the Father’s own will, provided in Christ according to the riches of his grace, lavished upon us at the cost of his blood, for an inheritance guaranteed by the Spirit. Alive though we were dead in trespasses and sins! A seat in the heavenly places where the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us are yet to be shown. Peace where there was hostility. Members of God’s household, citizens of his kingdom, spiritual stones in his own holy temple. All by the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us, and through the unsearchable riches of Christ!

Now comes the “therefore...” And it gets repeated several times in the rest of the letter. Each time it occurs, we’re being asked to think, speak, and act in a manner that is in keeping with humble, respectful, joyful gratitude for our being so blessed. Paul calls it “walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.”

The honest application of this principle is a heart-searching and life-changing discipline. Not anger and clamor and slander, but kind and tenderhearted and forgiving, as God has us. Not impurity or greed or filthiness or foolish talk or crude joking, but thanksgiving. Not as sons of disobedience, but as discerning what is pleasing to the Lord, giving thanks always and for everything to God our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. All with the joy of a “therefore!”

Yes. Our duty derives from the unspeakable debt of gratitude.

–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

November 11

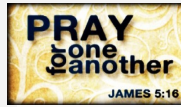
Bible Study:	185
Morning:	272
Evening:	164
Wednesday (11/14):	176
Contribution:	\$10,426

Thank you!

We want to thank everyone for their cards. In Christian

love. **Illene Birdsong & Marlene Matthews**

We want to extend our most heartfelt thanks to the many of you who messaged us, sent cards, made food, prayed for us, and came to support us at my grandmother's funeral. We were deeply touched by all the encouragement! With much love,  
**Tabby & Family**



Continue to remember Rachel Lilly, Ron Bower, Marsha Bower

- ◆ John Stayton is recovering from back surgery.
- ◆ Susan Crum is recovering from abdominal surgery this past Thursday; waiting on pathology report at this writing.
- ◆ Lonnie Wilkinson has been in the hospital after a fall last week. He will go to a rehab facility from the hospital.
- ◆ Brent Looney had an angiogram on Monday; thankfully he did not have any blockages.
- ◆ Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney as Clarence deals with some health issues; cards would be appreciated while they are homebound.
- ◆ Former members Bob & Ellie Swartz need our prayers; would love to hear from us: 220 NW Georgetown Ave., Unit 6, Ankeny IA 50023.
- ◆ Jim & Ruth Reaves are finally back to their apartment. Continue to keep them in your prayers as they deal with all of this.

### Friends & Family

- Bill's mom, Pauline Redmon, is not doing well; she is at Care Manor, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653.
- Jan Bowling's dad, Russell Harber, is dealing with some health issues.
- Nancy Snider's sister, Paula, is now at home; will be moving to Joy Assisted Living hopefully in January.
- Shirlane Horton's mom will have cataract surgery on 12/4.
- Continue to remember Lowell Kennemer (friend of the Lunas); Neal Rosenburg, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father; Daniel Horton's mom as she deals with serious issues.
- Frank Cunningham, Elizabeth Lilly's dad, has a brain lesion; has an appointment with neurologist November 21.

### Long Term/

#### Shut-Ins

Marsha Bower  
Ron Bower  
Don Essex  
Clarence Feeney  
Ola Jean Feeney  
Doris Iorg  
Doris Tobler

#### Nursing Homes

Ella Mae Findlay  
Ann Freeze  
Chloe Gaddis  
Jerry Gillespie  
Frances Grann  
Virginia Morgan  
Sandra Pingnot  
Nancy Snider  
Lonnie Wilkinson



### Expectant Moms

Christina Snitker

Jan. 2019/BOY



Some of our Veterans who were honored at Glendale High School on Veterans Day!  
(Lynn Luallin, Eddie Sanders  
Ted Crabtree, Bob Snider)  
Thanks Jon!

### November Anniversaries

24 Verl/Karen Duncan 57 yrs.  
26 Lance/Teresa Griter 24 yrs.  
27 Randy/Orvella Blackburn 14 yrs.  
**Happy Anniversary!!**

### Birthdays

18 Van Barnes  
19 Carol Jackson  
20 David Kern  
21 Doris Tobler  
24 Nancy Snider  
25 Betty Stockstill  
Russell Lilly  
26 Lee Ann Donoho  
29 Wayne Harmon  
Carol McCann  
Johnnie Elliff  
Jerry Stockdale  
30 Travis Morrison

Happy Birthday

HAPPY Thanksgiving DAY

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.  
1 CHRONICLES 16:34



# News and Activities



## GIFT BASKETS

We are planning to prepare gift baskets for some of our senior brothers and sisters.

Here is a list of some suggested items: Kleenex, non-allergenic hand lotion, chap stick, hot chocolate or hot tea mix, small snack foods, lap blankets, books, stationary, pens, coloring books, colored pencils, etc. **Bring your items and place in the baskets at the Giving Tree.**

## Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged

**SUNDAY, December 2**

Immediately after the morning worship service/806 N. Jefferson Ave

**Contacts:** - Aaron/Brittany Morrison

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

**We need servers!**

**SIGNUP SHEETS ON THE INFORMATION DESK.**

**If you are in town  
Wednesday evening, please  
join us for a combined  
devotional in the auditorium  
for a period of thanksgiving  
and singing.**



## **Baby Shower for Christina Snitker**

**Sunday, November 25, beginning  
at 3 p.m. Christina and Brock  
are expecting a boy.**

**The Book Club will  
meet tomorrow night  
(November 19th).**

**Because of the Thanksgiving  
holiday:  
There will be NO  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL  
Thursday Ladies Class  
Thursday Sewing & Quilting**



**All ladies are invited to a  
Holiday Party at the home of  
Brittany Morrison on Monday  
evening, December 17, at 6 p.m.  
Bring finger foods and wear  
festive attire (if you wish). If  
you would like to ride the bus,  
be sure to sign up at the  
Information Desk.**



- **Youth Night** at Sunset TONIGHT.
- December 16 - **Youth caroling day at the nursing home.** We will plan to bring a sack lunch and meet right after morning service to make cards and eat and then load the buses around 1:00 to head out to the nursing homes. People should dress festively :)



## **To You Who Bring Small Children to Church:**

There you are sitting in worship or Bible study. Your child, or toddler, is restless. Perhaps they're even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up, and before a watching audience, you make the march out of the auditorium. All the while, you're a little embarrassed. Maybe you're a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, "There's no point in coming to church. I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my kid."

I want you — you mothers and/or fathers — to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The little elderly woman who often fills alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She's been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because to hear that brings back precious memories. To see young parents and their small children brighten her day, and she may have just received bad news this week about her health, but seeing the vitality of young ones removes — if but for a moment — her fears.

The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He's always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of good. But, he sees you — a young family — in church, and you don't miss any gathering. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the church isn't doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to worship. Bring your children to church. If you don't hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who's half-asleep, keep on doing what you're doing. You are an encouragement, and you're starting off your children's lives as you should. Copied: (Author Unknown) (Most of you have seen this before, but it is worth sharing again!)

# SERVICE ROSTERS

## THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** *Sandy Cole/Betty Glenn*  
**Van Driver:** *Jonathan Pendergraft/268-7633*  
**Nursery:** *Coyeatte Ewing/Christina Snitker*

### Serve Communion

<i>Byrle Hayter</i>	<i>Todd Kraus</i>
<i>John Hulett</i>	<i>Russell Lilly</i>
<i>Tucker Jobs</i>	<i>Paul Lines</i>
<i>Matt Keener</i>	<i>Kaven Mahon</i>
<i>David Kern</i>	<i>Tim Marsolf</i>

## THIS EVENING

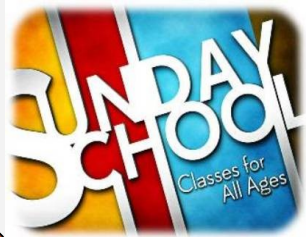
**Song Leader:** *Travis Morrison*  
**Opening Prayer:** *Andy McFarland*  
**Lesson:** *Bill McFarland*  
**Closing Prayer:** *Tom Easterly*  
**Communion:** *J. Thurlkill/A. Barton*  
**Nursery:** *Virginia Buck/Teresa Mahon*

## NEXT WEEK, November 25

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Travis Morrison</i>
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<i>Brian Carroll</i>	<i>Josh Luna</i>
<b>Communion:</b>	<i>Gene Kenyon</i>	<i>J. Thurlkill/A. Barton</i>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<i>John Dutton</i>	<i>Aaron Morrison</i>
<b>Greeters:</b>	<i>Tom &amp; Jamie Davis</i>	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	<i>No bus service</i>	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<i>AM: Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum</i>	
	<i>PM: Lisa Stayton</i>	

## Wednesday, November 21

**Devotional:** *Combined Devo in Auditorium*  
**Song Leader:** *Jackie Buck*  
**Prayer:** *Jon Davis*  
**Van Driver:** *Jason Luna/838-7152*



### Bible Classes (Adult)

#### Sunday AM

Adult	“Here in the Power of Christ I Stand”	Room 126	Bill McFarland
Adult	Things Surely Believed Among Us	Auditorium	Byron Nichols
Adult	The Gift of the Holy Spirit	Room 129	Jon Ewing
Adult	Chronological Study of the Bible	Room 130	Paul Lines
College	The Church of the Bible	Room 119	Jeremy Thurlkill

### 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  
**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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