



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

November 22, 2015

## Order of Worship

*Song Leader*  
**Briley Ewing**

#732  
#220

*Opening Prayer*  
**Paul Lines**

#708  
#203

*The Lord's Supper*  
**Ron Stokes**

*Contribution*  
**Ron Stokes**

#682  
#968

*Lesson*  
**Bill McFarland**

#125

*Announcements*  
**Barney Crawford**

*"How Deep The  
Father's Love"*

*Closing Prayer*  
**Jason Luna**

*You are the light of  
the world. A city set  
on a hill cannot be  
hidden. (Matt. 5:14)*



## The Last Thanksgiving

Have you ever thought about the last time the giving of thanks is described in the Bible? Unless I am missing something, it occurs when the seventh trumpet has been blown, concluding the first half of the Revelation (11:15-19; v. 17 specifically).

A little context contributes to the thought-provoking nature of this event. In response to the prayers of his saints because of the evil in the world and its oppression of them, the Lord sends seven angels to sound their warning trumpets. With the blowing of each one, a deeper and more dramatic form of judgment is unleashed upon earth-dwellers who continue in rebellion against God. Despite these experiences and the woes attendant to them, wrongdoers are not moved to repentance. In fact, the time allowed them to do so is used instead to increase their mistreatment of the Lord's servants. Things get to the place where it looks like the cause of righteousness is hopeless.

But then the seventh trumpet sounds. Loud voices in heaven are heard proclaiming the victory of the kingdom of Christ over the world. In its setting, this is an announcement of the completion of the judgment of that persecuting power, perhaps even a foreshadowing of the final judgment of us all.

The response of the representatives of the people of God to this news is our focus here. They fall on their faces and worship God. They give thanks to the eternal Lord God, the Almighty, who has taken his power and reigned.

The occasion of their thanksgiving is the coming of his wrath. With it comes the time for the dead to be raised; the time for the rewarding of his servants and saints, all those who fear his name; the time for the destroying of the destroyers of the earth. God's loyalty to his covenant is demonstrated.

We have warm and tender feelings about the giving of thanks for blessings enjoyed. Sometimes life also prepares us for the kind of thanksgiving that can be understood and appreciated when evil has been encountered and endured.

—Bill McFarland

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



# Prayer List & Notes

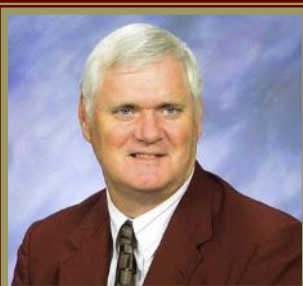
## Welcome Visitors

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 15

Bible Study: 205  
 Morning: 301  
 Evening: 161  
 Wednesday (11/18): 202  
 Contribution: \$ 8,537



Elder of the Month  
Barney Crawford

- ◆ Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Jackie Buck, Tim Timmons, Marsha Bower, Dale Harp, Thelma Pendergrass, Doris Burch
- ◆ Jerry Gillespie is now at Bradford Court in Nixa.
- ◆ Bill Culley is in Select Specialty Hospital in Springfield; no visitors at this time
- ◆ Jim Reaves is in Mercy Hospital with pneumonia. He will be moved to a rehab facility for a few weeks when dismissed from the hospital.
- ◆ Lisa Stayton is recovering from surgery on her right foot
- ◆ Brent Looney with his health concerns

### Friends & Family

- ◆ Becky Marsolf's granddaughter, Harper, as they deal with continuing health issues; Gail White's great nephew, Hunter Ellard, as he waits on a liver transplant
- ◆ Leah Freeze's mom, Glynda Gardner, and Ruth Reaves' brother, Jimmie Hocker, as they deal with cancer
- ◆ Lance Griter's Aunt DeeAnn has been moved to Mercy Rehab at 65 & Evans Rd, room 131, for rehab; Lance's grandpa, John Berglund, in Manor Care Room 201.
- ◆ Sheryl Low's daughter-in-law's twin sister, Jan Haddick, as she recovers from surgery for 2 aneurysms.



### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Todd Kraus and his family in the loss of Todd's father, Phil Kraus, in Colorado. Keep Todd and his family in your prayers as they are in Colorado for the funeral service scheduled for Monday and as they return home later in the week.

### Long Term/ Shut-ins

Kay Adams  
 Doris Burch  
 Eula Compton  
 Fern Davis  
 Ella Mae Findlay  
 Ann Freeze  
 Chloe Gaddis  
 Doris Iorg  
 Thelma Pendergrass  
 Sandra Pengenot  
 Nancy Snider  
 Doris Tobler  
 Judy Todd

*Thank you!*

Thank you so much to all the Water Mill congregation for all the prayers, food, visits, cards, phone calls, and sitting with Marsha while I had to be gone and all the things you have done for Marsha and myself. You will never know how much all these things mean to us. We still need your prayers and love always. In Christian love, Ron & Marsha Bower

Thank you all for the cards, calls and emails during my recent surgery. Thank you also to those who brought food. We love you all. Lisa Stayton

### Volunteers Needed

Math day  
 Tuesday  
 Williams Elementary  
 See Glenda Thurlkill  
 TODAY if you can help!

\* GRIEF SHARE  
 meeting Monday  
 at 6:30 p.m.

Julie Alexander has requested jigsaw puzzles to be used by those who live in the apartment complex with her. If you have old ones that you are tired of putting together, bring them to church for Julie and her friends..

Thank you to Leah Prewitt, Sara Keener, Lora Luna, Lisa Stayton & Gaitha Downing for an awesome Ladies Retreat last weekend. Thanks to all who had a part in making it a fun and encouraging time!



# News & Activities

Elders, Deacons,  
Preachers meeting this  
afternoon at 3 p.m.  
The Elders asked that  
each one make an extra  
effort to be present.

**LTC**  
**VERY IMPORTANT!!!**  
**WE NEED YOUR**  
**REGISTRATION FORMS**  
**ASAP SO THE**  
**COACHES CAN MAKE**  
**PLANS FOR THEIR**  
**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.**

*We are in need of a male  
teacher for the 6th grade  
Sunday morning class. If  
you are interested in helping  
with this work, please see  
Tom Davis.*

*Happy  
Birthday*

## December Birthdays

1 Sheryl Low  
3 Ashlyn Wuench  
4 Marsha Bower  
5 Joshua Dixon  
6 Adam Barton  
Nancy Johnson  
7 Thelma Pendergrass  
8 Starr Fortner  
9 Alyssa Snitker  
10 Eliza Blaney  
Reed Stipp  
11 Pat Harris  
Dennis Smith  
12 Charli Lines  
Wanda Wilkinson  
Logan Winters



## Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, November 25, we  
will have a special all  
congregation devotional time;  
there will be no classes.

On December 30 we will have a  
year-end devotional time with no  
classes. There will be classes as  
usual on 12/23. *As always, if you  
are in town, we would love to  
have you join us for these special  
devotional periods.*



## **FOOD PANTRY**

*Thank you so much to those who made  
monetary donations for the Food Pantry.  
Thanks to Lora for grocery shopping and  
a big thanks to Lynn Luallin and Cash  
Saver for your help. If you would like to  
make a monetary contribution for the  
pantry, give to Jason or Johnnie. We  
also encourage you to continue to bring  
items if you prefer to do so. Here are  
some items that are still needed:  
Jello/pudding Canned meals  
Canned fruit  
Thank you so much for continuing to  
help with this work.*

## **December Anniversaries**

6 JJ/Ashley Blevins 7 yrs.  
7 Jackie/Virginia Buck 57 yrs.  
10 Jim/Ruth Reaves 50 yrs.  
20 Andy/Kirsten McFarland 7 yrs.  
22 Tom/Jammie Davis 21 yrs.  
28 Eddie/Donna Sanders 58 yrs.  
30 Barney/Debbie Crawford 43 yrs.  
31 Eddie/Linda Currier 44 yrs.  
**Happy Anniversary**



## **Peace and Thanksgiving**



### **BIBLE TWINS - PEACE AND THANKSGIVING**

By Dennis R. Smith

Yes, peace and thankfulness are  
"Bible Twins." What better place to  
see this than in the following  
passage: "*And let the peace of God  
rule in your hearts, to the which  
also ye are called in one body, and  
be ye thankful*" (Col. 3:15). As you  
can see, the Apostle Paul  
understood the importance of  
individual peace as well as the  
practice of being thankful. In verse  
17 of this passage he brought out  
the importance of giving thanks to  
God while in Philippians 4:7 he  
said, "*and the peace of God, which  
passeth all understanding, shall  
keep your hearts and minds  
through Christ Jesus.*" I am going  
to go so far as to say that there can  
never be genuine and lasting peace  
within the heart of anyone until  
they have learned the importance of  
being thankful. Each day we should  
lift up our voices to God in prayer  
and thanksgiving for the sustaining  
of our lives. Coupling this with our  
thanks for family, food and shelter,  
along with contentment, makes for  
great attributes which are  
recognized by God. To carry this  
thought out further, we must be  
thankful for peace itself. How true  
this is for Americans and the  
degree of peace that has been ours  
to enjoy through the ages. As this  
year is about to fade away, let us  
recognize these "Bible Twins"  
along with the rich blessings that  
come into our lives. Let us bow our  
heads in **Thanksgiving** while  
letting God's **Peace** rule in our  
hearts.



### 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....7:00 PM

### 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



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 Tuesday - Friday



## Service Rosters

### THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** Johnnie Elliff  
**Van Driver:** AM: Luis Tovar  
**Serve:** Tom Davis/John Dutton  
**Communion:** Tom Easterly/William Downing  
 Trenten Essex/Don Gaunt  
 Oran Green/Barry Hannah  
 John Hulett/Adam Stipp

### NEXT WEEK, November 29

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Byron Nichols
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Fred Lorenz	Aaron Morrison
<b>Communion:</b>	Luis Tovar	A. Schwartz/B. Snitker
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Brendan Carroll	Eddie Currier
<b>Greeters:</b>	Travis/Jill Morrison	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Kevin Wuench/833-6134	

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Byron Nichols  
**Opening Prayer:** Andy McFarland  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Jon Ewing  
**Communion:** A. Schwartz/B. Snitker

### MONTH OF November

AV Scott Barton/  
 Room: Bruce Tindall  
 Open Building Tim Timmons  
 Secure Building Tim Buckner

### Wednesday, November 25

ALL  
 CONGREGATION  
 DEVOTIONAL  
 Van Driver: Jason Luna/  
 838-7152