

WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

July 30, 2017

Order of Worship

Song Leader
Jon Ewing

#348 (2,3,4)
#680
#730 (1,2)

Opening Prayer
Adam Blaney

#448 (1,2)
#293

The Lord's Supper
Andy McFarland

Our Contribution
Andy McFarland

#312 (1,2,3)

Lesson
Bill McFarland

#125

Announcements
Bob Snider

#274 (1,3)

Closing Prayer
Brian Carroll

Serve Communion

Kaven Mahon
James Simons
Aaron Morrison
Brock Snitker
Scott Nichols
John Stayton
Colton Orum
Jerry Stockdale
Aaron Schwartz
Luis Tovar

PLANS AND WAYS

The sixteenth chapter of Proverbs includes several thought-provoking observations on the plans and ways of people and how they relate to the will and purposes of God. These reflections about how life works are especially meaningful as we anticipate what we will do in new stages of our lives. After all, plans turn into ways—ways of life, that is—and ways lead to destinies. If we are wise, we will consider our ways in the light of the following realities.

Our plans depend upon circumstances we assume but cannot guarantee. This is the key fact in Proverbs 16: “The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps” (v. 9). Life is uncertain and temporary. When and where and what and how much are in the hands of Providence, not in the grasp human ingenuity (James 4:13-15).

Lacking control of events and knowledge of the future, our thinking and choices are inadequate guides where the ultimate issues of life are concerned. “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (v. 25; also 14:12). None of us has the perspective necessary to declare on our own the way that is right.

An important reason is that our motives are a significant part of the story. “All the ways of man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit” (v. 2). It is not just where we are headed that matters, but why.

The overriding intention to please God is therefore the difference-making factor in any person's life. “Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established” (v. 3). Ways that are born of trusting obedience to him will stand the test of time.

Such a purpose tends to produce good fruits in the other relationships of our lives. “When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be a peace with him” (v. 7). Even God has his enemies, but as a general rule the dearest relationships of life are enriched by loyalty to him.

That sense of purpose and loyalty secures one from evil influences. “A man of violence entices his neighbor and leads him in a way that is not good” (v. 29). What would otherwise be too much pressure is not as threatening when we are committed to the Lord's way.

Guarding our way is thus the crucial concern of our lives. “The highway of the upright turns aside from evil; whoever guards his way preserves his life” (v. 17). If our plans are to walk with the Lord, our ways will indicate that we do—and life worth living will be the result!

—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

July 23

Bible Study:	228
Morning:	280
Evening:	173
Wednesday (7/26):	231
Contribution:	\$ 8,946
Weekly Budget:	\$10,119
Year-to-Date Above (Below) Budget:	\$ (8,393)

Erica Ewing is now on her way home from a mission trip to Vanuatu. She and 2 other women had the opportunity to study with a woman named Netty. After studying she made the decision to obey the gospel. As they wrapped up their VBS Thursday night, 3 more women were baptized. Great work Erica. We are all proud of you. Keep Erica and her group in your prayers as they travel home this weekend.

Continue to remember Eula Compton, Rachel Lilly, Gracie Taylor, Wanda Wilkinson, Gail White, Clyde Iorg, Ron Bower

- ◆ Kerry Cole is recovering from surgery on his arm
- ◆ Donna Sanders is doing some better but still having problems with afib.
- ◆ Shirlane Horton as she continues to have a lot of pain associated with her therapy.
- ◆ Tim Timmons as he continues his radiation treatments
- ◆ Cindy Hannah will have surgery on August 10.

Friends & Family

- 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, has been in the hospital the last two weeks with multiple health issues but was moved to Meyer Skilled Nursing Friday.
- Bill's mom, Pauline Redmon, in rehab at Care Manor, Room 305B, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653.
- Tim & Becky Marsolf's granddaughter, Harper, is doing well after having her tonsils out this past week.
- Bill & Gail White have several family members who need our prayers: Bill's brother-in-law, Elva West, had a stroke. He lives in Anaheim, CA. His wife Nadine was visiting him in the hospital and she fell and broke her shoulder and also has a concussion and bleeding on the brain; Gail's daughter-in-law, Deb Jackson, is doing well after her surgery and is now home.



Our Deepest Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to David Nimmo and Maranda and other family and friends of **June Jean**, who passed away recently.

June and her husband Gerald were long time members of North National/Water Mill.

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 Pingenot
Nancy Snider



Expectant Mom

Brittany Springer
girl/September

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

NO MEAL THIS WEEK DUE TO THE BLOOD DRIVE!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Jobs Family
242 High Meadows Dr.
Rogersville, MO 65742

Jonathan/Laurel Pendergraft
1328 South Arcadia
Springfield, MO 65804

Terry Loveland
1538 N. Old Castle Road
Apt. 110
Nixa, MO 65714

New Phone Number
Jim Elliff/417-350-5990

TODAY is the 5th Sunday.

All contributions will go towards our building. Each month we pay an additional \$2,000 towards principal on our mortgage which is built into our yearly budget. The Elders have asked that you consider increasing your contribution today to help us stay on budget. Thank you for your always generous hearts.

Family Bible Time Tonight at 5 p.m.

News and Activities



TODAY
Everyone is invited to a Baby Shower this afternoon from 2 -4 p.m. honoring **Brittany and Patrick Springer** who are expecting a girl in September.

BIBLE CLASS PROMOTION DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 6!!



Wednesday, August 2, 3-6 p.m.

Remember, type "0 negative" is always in short supply. Every donation is critical. The Blood Center has set a **GOAL OF 20.** Sign-up today at the Information Desk if you are willing to help.

Ladies Bible Class meets Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Our lessons are from the book "Because I Said So." Gena Ussery will teach lesson 12: "Because I Said So": Accepting God's Authority.



Congratulations to Jo & Larry Baggett on the safe arrival of granddaughter, Juliette Kate Thompson, born July 7 in Edmond, OK to Ben and Monica Thompson and big sister Evangeline. Everyone is doing great!

Upcoming Events

OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING SUMMER SERIES

Thanks to Ken Burton for bringing us a great lesson in our Wednesday night summer series on "Kindness" as we continue our theme "A Fruitful People: The Spirit in the Life of a Congregation." Our guest speaker this Wednesday night will be **Jason Hart** as he speaks on "**Goodness.**" If you have not been attending on Wednesday evening, this would be a great time to get started and invite a friend to come be with us this week. 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.



Birthdays

- 30 Ruth Reaves
- Jason Luna
- 31 Nadean Green
- Terry Loveland
- Josie Eilenstein
- 8/2 Kevin Wuench
- 3 Gene Lund
- Lori McCall
- Chelsea Thrasher
- 4 Greta Thrasher
- 5 Braden Keener
- 6 Maranda Nimmo
- 7 Chloe Gaddis
- David Ratterree
- Madison Davis
- Gabe Mahon
- 8 Jerry Gillespie
- John Orum
- Kaven Mahon
- 9 James McCall
- Wanita Duncan
- 12 Sandy Cole
- Jenna Nichols
- Jacee Simons

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

AUGUST Anniversaries 1 - 15

- 1 Patrick/Brittany Springer 8 yrs.
 - 2 Gregory/Nancy Johnson 9 yrs.
 - 7 Dave/Pat Blackburn 57 yrs.
 - 8 Jerry/Lanae Gillespie 47 yrs.
 - 11 Don/Gail Gaunt 55 yrs.
 - 13 Matt/Sara Keener 18 yrs.
 - 15 Charles/Susan Crum 37 yrs.
 - 15 Todd/Brandi Kraus 19 yrs.
- Happy Anniversary!!**



We are in need of a male teacher for our 5th grade Wednesday evening class. Please see Tom Davis if you are interested in helping with this work.

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Greeters: *Truman & Helen Coltrane*
 Van Driver: *Kevin Wuench/833-6134*
 Nursery: *Lora Luna/Kirsten McFarland*

THIS EVENING

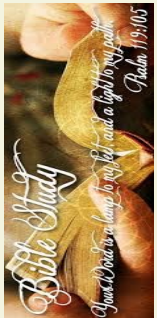
Song Leader: *Jeremy Thurlkill*
 Opening Prayer: *Luke Lines*
 Lesson: *Adam Blaney*
 Closing Prayer: *Tom Easterly*
 Communion: *A. Alexander/Josh Luna*
 Nursery: *Lora Luna/Kirsten McFarland*

NEXT WEEK, August 6

	<i>AM</i>	<i>PM</i>
Song Leader:	<i>Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing</i>	<i>Jon Davis</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Gene Kenyon</i>	<i>Todd Kraus</i>
Communion:	<i>Aaron Morrison</i>	<i>Gene Lund/John Dutton</i>
Closing Prayer:	<i>John Mahon</i>	<i>Russell Lilly</i>
Greeters:	<i>Verl & Karen Duncan</i>	
Van Driver:	<i>AM: Luis Tovar/864-8409</i>	
Nursery:	<i>AM: Melinda Barton/Donna Jordan</i>	
	<i>PM: Linda Tracy/Gloria Luallin</i>	

Wednesday, August 2

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	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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 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands

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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 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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