



Weekly Newsletter

April 26, 2020

### Updates on Our Together Apart Life

Here are my main two observations on where things stand with our Water Mill family at this point: 1) We've all been doing as well as we know to do, and most of us are doing ok, but most of us are also longing for this to pass, and to be back together. 2) I'm so proud of the way I've seen my brothers and sisters here cope with this situation, while remaining interested in our congregational life, kind and encouraging toward each other, and generous about serving.

That said, I know we are all thinking about what this is going to look like going forward in the weeks and months that are ahead. We feel the urge to be planning, yet we realize that we don't yet know the situation we'll be working with, and what the civil authorities will ask of us. Our elders are paying attention to the situation, are in contact each week, and are trying to be ready to communicate with us about plans as they can be formulated more specifically. Remember them in your prayers.

About our the livestream of our service and class: 1) Thank you for being with us, for encouraging us, and for inviting friends and family to be with us. All of you know this isn't my favorite thing—but I'm so grateful we have the tools available that we do, and that we can serve the Lord together this way. We're learning as we go, and we're doing our best to make it edifying. Pray for us, please. 2) Special thanks to John Hulett and Scott Barton for their work in having these things up and going so that at least these things can be available to all of us. Thanks to Linda and Eddie for helping at times, too. 3) We're trying to make it possible for us to sing together and it still be us. Thanks for Jon Davis and Jon, Coyeatte, and Briley Ewing for putting some songs with the four parts together for us. 4) We've been respecting the limits on how many of us can be here even to do the livestream. Part of this has involved being careful about how many households we have here at one time. We know others would love to come and help, and we're looking forward to when we all can!

We completed our "Rescued" series from 2 Samuel Wednesday evening! It turned out to be a blessing to me to get to do it. Thank you for your participation in it, and for your comments. We'll take up a new line of thought this Wednesday.

Grace, mercy, and peace to you, your family, and our whole Water Mill family throughout this new week.

—Bill



- ◆ Worship live on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- ◆ Bill's Wednesday evening class live on FB at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.
- ◆ Prepackaged communion cups can be picked up at the office.



- **Debbi Ratterree** is in Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Cards can be sent to 1 Parkview Pl, Room 8805, St. Louis, MO 63110. She has some hard days due to reaction to medications. David said he would let me know when she will move to an apartment. KEEP PRAYING.
- **Frances Grann** is now in her last days; Nancy asked that we pray for peace and comfort for her and the family.

- **Oran Green** is now at home being cared for by Nadean and the family.
- **Connie Thompson**, Vern's wife, as she deals with complications from throat cancer.
- Orvella Blackburn's son-in-law, Josh's father, **Barry DeWeese**. Doctors cannot do anything more for him.
- The Essex's granddaughter, **Victoria Lacy**, has stage 3 aggressive breast cancer. She will do 18 weeks of aggressive chemo and then surgery.
- Elizabeth Lilly's dad, **Frank Cunningham**, as he begins radiation treatments.

**Continued prayers for health concerns: Carolyn Young, Shirlane Horton, Connie Westerman, Marlene Matthews, Bob Snider, Alice Daniels, Julie Alexander, Ann Fahr, Russell Harber, Betty Grabber, Ruth Raines, Marty Long, Dennis Smith, Sandra Pingnot, Lynette Schreiwes, Barney Crawford's sister, Kathy Farris, Rachel Lilly, Beverly Hammond**

Continue to **PRAY FOR OUR ELDERS** in the days and weeks ahead.  
 Pray for **our congregation!** Pray for all **healthcare workers!**  
 Pray for the **leaders of our country.**

**Shut-Ins**  
 Ron Bower  
 Mary Bratcher  
 Don Essex  
 Clarence Feeny  
 Ola Jean Feeny  
 Cecil Frost  
 Wanda Frost  
 Doris Iorg  
 Debbi Ratterree  
 Jim Reaves  
 Ruth Reaves  
 Doris Tobler  
**Nursing Homes**  
 Ella Mae Findlay  
 Ann Freeze  
 Jerry Gillespie  
 Frances Grann  
 Wayne Harmon  
 Virginia Morgan  
 Sandra Pingnot  
 Nancy Snider

**Expectant Moms**  
 Chelsea Thrasher  
 Girl/August 10  
 Alison Thurlkill  
 Girl/August 31

## Great Grandkids

make life grand

Congratulations:

- Carol & Allen McCann** on their 5th great, Atlas Daniel Posey, in Denver.  
**Fred & Norma Lorenz** on the birth of Hadassah (Haddie) Jo Meinsen on April 20th to Daniel & Elizabeth;  
**Oran & Nadean Green** on their 8th great, Zane Robert Kreizenbeck, in Oregon. Barry Green in grandpa.

This is the day  
 that the  
 Lord  
 has made. we will  
 rejoice  
 and be  
 glad  
 in it.  
 Psalm 118:24

## New Addresses

Springer Family  
 2008 E. Charles  
 Republic, MO 65738

Mike Jackson Family  
 7536 W. Wynwood Dr.  
 Springfield, MO 65802

## May Anniversaries

- 7 James/Lori McCall 32 yrs.
- 7 Aaron/Brittany Morrison 15 yrs.
- 10 Jason/Lora Luna 23 yrs.
- 12 Jerry/Pat Milligan 58 yrs.
- 14 Cambre/Chelsea Thrasher 9 yrs.
- 16 Gene/Kelley Kenyon 39 yrs.
- 19 Rosalie/Charlie Cruse 48 yrs.
- 19 Bill/Kay McFarland 46 yrs.
- 25 Keaton/Kylie Galindo 1 yr.
- 27 Aaron/Stephanie Schwartz 14 yrs.
- 28 Barry/Cindy Hannah 43 yrs.

◆ **OUR CONTRIBUTION:**  
 Mail to 3020 N. Barnes, 65803  
 Drop it by the building  
 For on-line giving, go to our website,  
[www.watermillchurchofchrist.org](http://www.watermillchurchofchrist.org)  
 and click on the GIVE link.

## Health Care Workers:

- Deana Asher
- Vickie Baker
- Audra Bowling
- Morgan Burdette
- Susan Crum
- Gaitha Downing
- Josiah Downing
- Megan Hollingsworth
- Mike Jackson
- Andrea James
- Kelli Kirk
- Elizabeth Lilly
- Luke Lines
- Lori McCall
- Kim Maples
- Pam Morrison
- Aaron Morrison
- Shawn Sekulic
- Julie Taylor
- Brittany Springer
- Lisa Stokes
- Dustin Stokes
- Kevin Westerman
- Terri Wilson
- Family:** Ashley Hopper
- Brandon Snider
- Allison Snider
- Connie Snider



## Birthdays

- 26 Doris Iorg
- Gail White
- 29 Larry Baggett
- 30 Lauren Brumfield
- Carson Griffin
- 5/2 Stephanie Schwartz
- 3 Jo Baggett
- 4 Byrle Hayter
- John Stayton
- 6 Don Essex
- Tom Easterly
- Jenny Carroll
- 7 Angela Brummet
- Gregory Johnson
- Jessica Orum
- 8 Clint Holden



Dear ladies  
 of all the classes that  
 have sent me so  
 many beautiful cards:  
 Thank you, thank  
 you. It sure is nice to  
 be remembered. I  
 appreciate it so very  
 much. God bless  
 you all. Mail call is  
 wonderful each day.  
 At this particular time  
 it means so much. I  
 love you all.  
 Doris Iorg