



Weekly Newsletter

July 5, 2020

Order of Worship

Greeting
Justin Hatfield

Song Leaders
Kerry Cole
Briley Ewing

Opening Prayer
Eddie Currier

Message
Bill McFarland

The Lord's Supper
Paul Lines

**Announcements/
Closing Prayer**
Barney Crawford



Schedule of Services

- ◆ Sunday In-Person Worship at 10 am.
- ◆ Worship live on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- ◆ Wednesday Bible class live on FB at 6:30 p.m.

Good Government

Government is not God. This is a self-evident truth to anyone who considers reality from the perspective assumed in the scriptures. Something is out of focus in our thinking if the fact cannot be stated without a partisan connotation being attributed to it.

God is God. He sits enthroned over all the inhabitants of the earth, so sustaining the life of the earth and filling it with righteousness, justice, and steadfast love that all should stand in awe of him alone (Ps. 33:14, 5-8). The plans of his heart stand to all generations, while the counsel of the nations comes to nothing (Ps. 33:10, 11).

God has instituted government (Rom. 13:1). The Sender must be greater than the sent, and he will not be replaced by it. He means governing authority to be his servant for the good of people, punishing evil and praising good (Rom. 13:4; 1 Pet. 2:14). He wants government to be respected (Rom. 13:7).

Government is no substitute for the other institutions that have been ordained by God, namely, the home and the church. It cannot do effectively over time what they are meant to do. Neither does it have the power to keep them from doing what God has given them to do, or the right to define them.

Government is incapable of providing for the fulfillment of the ultimate human needs, including the security of the hidden person of the heart. Where such matters are concerned, trust in arms, alliances, and assistance is bound to fail (cf. Isa. 30:1-4; 31:1-3). "The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue" (Ps. 33:15, 16).

Government needs the involvement of honorable and capable people, but none of them are worthy of the unconditional loyalty and adoration that is fitting for God. Even the best of them are still just people, but he is the Lord God Almighty, holy in every way (cf. Rev. 4:8). Their cause may be deserving of support, but his house is worthy of consuming zeal (cf. Ps. 69:9).

Government does not cancel the individual responsibility of the human person to his own conscience, nor his accountability to God. After all, "all men are created equal, [and] they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights..."

–Bill McFarland



Next Sunday, July 12, we will have our Graduates' Reception. Tables will be set up in the back of the auditorium for each graduate decorated by their parents with pictures, etc. There will also be a box for cards for each one.

For a reminder, here is a list of the graduates: High School: Josiah Downing, Kameron Epperly, Anthony Kraus, Gabe Mahon, Ariel Valeika, Logan Winters. College: Jedonna Griter-MSU/Masters, Jared Duncan/OTC, Adam Barton/MSU, Luke Lines/Harding.



- Sue Lewis is recovering from retina surgery; James McCall is recovering from knee replacement surgery; Judy Kirby is recovering from the shingles.
- Ruth Raines as she recovers from a recent stroke; she also needs to have hip replacement surgery; Clint Holden has been dealing with pneumonia and a swollen arm; Truman Coltrane as his health has declined recently; he is home with constant care from Helen and Scheryl as he falls a lot.

- Oran Green is in Maplewood. He is adjusting and doing ok. Cards should be sent to their home.
- The Essex's granddaughter, Victoria Lacy, as she continues chemo and all the side effects.
- Julie Alexander's surgery is 7/27 at Cox South. She has an appointment in St. Louis on 7/16.
- Shirlane Horton will have knee surgery on 8/11. She also has to see a back specialist.
- Connie Thompson as she deals with complications from throat cancer.
- Leah Freeze's brother, Ben, has tested positive for Covid-19. He lives in Texas.
- Marge Langston, Virginia Hayter's mother, spent time in ER recently after a few falls.

Continued prayers for health concerns: Ron Stokes, Carolyn Young, Don Essex, Marty Long, Frank Cunningham, Marlene Matthews, Russell Harber, Betty Grabber, Dennis Smith, Lynette Schreiwes, Rachel Lilly

- Shut-Ins**
Ron Bower
Mary Bratcher
Don Essex
Clarence Feeney
Ola Jean Feeney
Cecil/Wanda Frost
Doris Iorg
Oran Green
Jim/Ruth Reaves
Doris Tobler
Nursing Homes
Ella Mae Findlay
Ann Freeze
Wayne Harmon
Virginia Morgan
Sandra Pingenot
Nancy Snider

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

- Birthdays**
 5 Ruth Lund
 6 Sawyer Murphy
 10 Mike Thurlkill
 10 Harper Hatfield
 10 Alexis David
 11 Izumi Loomis
 12 Pam Morrison
 13 Ginger White
 Carrie Lines
 Brandt Snitker
 15 Judy Kirby
 16 Orvella Blackburn
 18 Jan Bowling
 Sophia Brumfield

Josh and Mercedes invite you to celebrate the union of their marriage August 1 at 2 p.m. at Water Mill Church of Christ. Reception to follow. RSVP at lunawedding1@gmail.com by July 5th would be appreciated.

- ◆ Thursday Ladies Bible Class will start back on July 9 at 10:30 am. The lesson will be "Temperance with Boundaries" taught by Virginia Buck.
- ◆ Quilters will meet at 9 am and Card Makers will meet at 9:30.
- ◆ Elders will meet the 14th at 5 p.m.

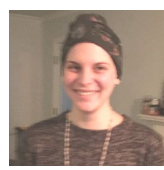
You're Invited To a retirement party celebrating Glenda Thurlkill & Connie Westerman on Saturday, July 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship room. Casual attire. No gifts please.

You are invited to a baby shower honoring **Allison & Jeremy Thurlkill** on Saturday, August 8th, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Amazon, Target & Walmart. It's a girl!

- July Anniversaries**
 6 David/Karen Grimm 44 yrs.
 8 Tommy/Betty Grabber 53 yrs.
 9 Jonathan/Laurel Pendergraft 4 yrs.
 10 Clarence/Ola Jean Feeney 69 yrs.
 11 Chris/Trish Andrews 33 yrs.
 11 John/Michelle Hulett 28 yrs.
 12 Jerry/Angela Brummet 17 yrs.
 24 Truman/Helen Coltrane 61 yrs.

WEDNESDAY EVENING:
 Please join us Wednesday at 6:30 via livestream. If you missed any of the sessions in this series, please go to the Water Mill Facebook page and take the time to watch.

*Practice the 3 w's: wash-wait-wear.
 More importantly,
 remember these 3 W's—
 Welcome to Water Mill for Worship!*



This is a picture of Victoria Lacy, Don & Ruth's granddaughter. The cap she is wearing was made by our Caring Creations ladies. This is her favorite so she wears it all the time. Keep praying for her as she has 2 more chemo treatments and will then have surgery for breast removal. Keep her picture in your mind as you pray. She and her husband Ross appreciate very much all your prayers.

- Camp Water Mill begins today! Please be in prayer for our students and the host families!
- July 13th - 7pm - Backyard Bible study at the Hatfield house.
- July 19-22nd - Water Mill's Camp Wilderness - K-6th grade are invited to participate in this back yard mini camp hosted by various members of Water Mill. Use the QR code below (simply point your phone's camera at the code and click the link provided) to find out more and register your child. There is NO cost to you!
- July 17th, 6pm - Outdoor Youth Group Movie night at the Lunas.

