PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

April 12, 2015

WELCOME: Mike Wolff
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Barley
LORD'S TABLE: Tyler Blair

Eli Leonard

ASSIST: Cayden Leonard

Kevin Blair Gene Blair

Marty Leonard

CLOSING PRAYER: Cody Barley

GREETERS: Ratis/Dorothy Yeager

Tim & Laura Blake

CARDS: Brandon Beck

Jonathan Rawls

VISITOR GIFT/ Gina Ratliff

HOSTESSES: Beverly Woody SCRIPTURE READER: Jacob Riela

Psalm 37:23-26

SUNDAY EVENING

April 12, 2015

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Cole
LORD'S TABLE: Albert Hall

Will Ratliff

CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

WEDNESDAY EVENING

April 15, 2015

SONG LEADER: Ethan Edwards
OPENING PRAYER: Will Drewry
DEVOTIONAL: Kevin Lovell
CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent

*Please call the church office at 679-3647 if unable to serve.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

BIBLE CLASS 9:30 a.m. WORSHIP 10:30 a.m. EVENING 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

BIBLE CLASS 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY:

LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:00 a.m. BIBLE STUDY/CLASS 6:00 p.m.

Elders:

Gene Blair 501-499-5868 Darren Dent 501-581-3052

Deacons:

Michael Cole815-622-1874Del Hines501-733-4645(benevolence, pantry, greeters)finance & technology)Jarrod DeValle501-450-8719Mike Wolff501-472-8912(education & teachers)(building & grounds)

Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909

(nursing home, fellowship room set up)

Minister:

Glen Elliott *501-314-9999* **Church Office:** 501-679-3647

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THE RELIGION OF EXCITEMENT AND THE EXCITEMENT OF RELIGION

Alexander Campbell (1838)

In the present day we seem to have more of the religion of excitement than we have of the excitement of religion. The ancient and apostolic plan of first enlightening the understanding by declaring and illustrating the testimony of God seem to be both too rational and slow for the ardent demands of the proselyting spirit of the age. Our Saviour and His Apostles spoke plain good sense of the understandings of men, knowing it to be God's chartered way to the heart. Paul, teaching that "faith came by hearing," and "hearing came by the Word of God," and that as he "preached so the people believed," was only anxious to declare the whole testimony of God, with its innate and cognate evidences of the divine authenticity. His preaching, being first understood and then believed, he knew, could not possibly fail to seize the heart with omnipotent power and turn it to God and Christ and heaven. Therefore, he never made an effort to excite the feelings of any audience until he had "declared to them the whole counsel of God." He threw no artificial exciting circumstances around them: he never thought of "an anxious seat," nor of "a mourning bench," and never called up convicted and trembling sinners to pray for them. These are all of the greenhouse or hotbed appliances of the present day. Our mushroom Christians sometimes grow to perfection in a night and wither in a day. They have no root in themselves. They are born in the midst of excitement—they live in the midst of excitement, and, soon as it wanes, they generally sicken and die. They have no taste for religion, that demands both reading and meditation as the food of its devotion, and greatly prefer those feelings which a warm exhorter can produce to all the moral feelings and refined and purifying sentiments and sympathies, which the truth, believed and read and pondered in the heart, can awaken within us. They are deluded by the idea that religion is the effect, and not the cause, of feeling. Religion, with them, is the fruit of excitement, rather than the root and reason of it. Hence, such converts display little or nothing of that constant and powerful excitement to love and to good works, which so visibly and constantly attended the profession of the faith in the New Testament age. The faith of Christ and the consequent hope and joy which simultaneously arise in the heart of a true convert, like the mainspring of a watch or the primum mobile of any complicated machinery, set our whole frame in motion and excite to every praiseworthy deed both towards God and man. (continued inside)



CARE GROUP MEETINGS

Care group 1 (Elliott) - April 25th in the home of Don & Jane Barnett at 6:00 pm - bring a side dish

Care group 2 (Dent) - April 19th in the fellowship room after morning services with care group 3

Care group 3 (Blair) - April 19th in the fellowship room after morning services with care group 2

Care group 4 (Wolff) - April 18th in the fellowship room at 5:30 - see signup sheet on bulletin board

Care group 5 (Hayes) - April 12th in the fellowship room after **evening** services - Mexican theme - signup sheet

Care group 6 (Gilbow) - April 26th in the fellowship room after **morning** services - Italian theme

*Remember to check the bulletin board for any signup sheets!

OUR RECORD APRIL 5, 2015

SUNDAY CLASS: 186 SUNDAY WORSHIP: 248

SUNDAY PM: 88

WEDNESDAY (25th): 114

BUDGET: \$5,400 OFFERING: \$5,786



PRAYER REQUESTS

*Gary Bradford's mother, Eulene, is at UAMS following a stroke. Please keep her in your prayers. *Bob Gossett's procedure was successful.

*Talisa Swindle's grandfather passed away in Ohio. Remember Brian, Talisa, and Zakary in your prayers as they travel.

*Helen Swindle's brother-in-law, Jim Gilbert, is in NEA Hospital in Jonesboro. Also, her sister (Jim's wife) has suffered a stroke.

*Please keep Linda Harness' brother-in-law (Edward Harness), Tony Worm's son (Patrick), Ruth Hughes, Nell Lee's niece (Ava Gibson), Laurie Henley's mother-in-law (Barbara Trout), Tom Banks, & Loy Mitchell in your prayers.

NEW ADDRESS!!

Linda Black 2200 Meadowlake Rd, Apt. 803 Conway, AR 72032

PANTRY ITEMS FOR APRIL: Jiffy mix & mac-n-cheese



(continued from the front)

The Christian religion is, indeed, a religion of the purest, noblest, and most refined feelings and excitements of which our fallen nature is susceptible. It exerts a constant power upon all the affections and moral sensibilities of our hearts; but it is, itself, the offspring not of fancy, but of faith; not of excitement, but of reason; not of visions, dreams, or extraordinary impulses, but of the testimony of God. developed and confirmed by the Holy Spirit. It is, in one word, the effect of the Christian truth believed, and not the cause of faith, for it is faith, and not feelings, that works by love, that purifies the heart and that overcomes the world.

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WEDDING SHOWER

for

Shelby Barkley April 26th from 2-4 in the fellowship room

*Registered at Kohl's, Target, The Kitchen Store, & Tipton Equipment

THANK YOU

We are so thankful to God for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have shown such kindness to us and family through your cards, prayers and expressions of concern for Jason. He is so appreciative and impressed by the cards he has received from Greenbrier.

We love you, Glen and Colleen

APRIL EVENTS

April 12th

Areawide Youth Fellowship

(at Vilonia - Barkley's will be driving the van which will leave at 4:30)

April 18-19th

Casey & Keri Nash Visit (youth minister candidate and his wife)

April 19th

Monthly Youth Devo at the Wilson's home April 20th

Areawide Fellowship at UACCM

(Greenbrier is hosting)
April 25-26th

Caleb Hambelton Visit (youth minister candidate)

VISITOR BAGS

for April 19th

Kathey Peterson & Kathy Camp



FOOD COMMITTEE for APRIL

Please contact:

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