

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

April 16, 2017

WELCOME: Mike Wolff  
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Rod Wilson  
LORD'S TABLE: Marty Leonard  
Tim Blake  
ASSIST: Phillip Short  
Jim Bell  
Teddy Lewis  
Tom Barkley  
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson  
GREETERS: Merrell & Patsy Story  
Shannon & Jennifer Whitley  
CARDS: Benjamin Thomason  
Jag McNulty  
VISITOR GIFT/ Nita Sadler  
HOSTESSES: Dana Short  
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent  
Phil 2:9-11

### SUNDAY EVENING

April 16, 2017

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry  
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Blair  
LORD'S TABLE: Greg Bradford  
Jarrod DeValle  
CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

April 19, 2017

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell  
OPENING PRAYER: Don Barnett  
DEVOTIONAL: Michael Cole  
CLOSING PRAYER: Mike Brewer

***\*Please contact Mike Wolff  
if you are unable to serve.***

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY:

BIBLE CLASS 9:30 a.m.  
WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.  
EVENING 5:00 p.m.  
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 1:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY:

BIBLE CLASS 7:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY:

LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:00 a.m.

#### Elders:

Gene Blair 501-499-5868 Darren Dent 501-581-3052  
Gary Bradford 501-626-3232 Rod Wilson 501-328-7888

#### Deacons:

Kevin Barley 501-472-4852 Mike Brewer 501-472-7692  
(ushers) (youth)

Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Jarrod DeValle 501-470-8710  
(benevolence, pantry) (education & teachers)

Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909  
(nursing home, fellowship room set up)

Mike Wolff 501-472-8912  
(building & grounds)

#### Ministers:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999  
Spencer Cromwell 731-438-1206

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### MEMORY CHECK

Perhaps, you have noticed the proliferation of games and tests aimed at meeting our need to feel secure in the things we remember. With all the attention given to horrible diseases which rob the mind, we feel comforted in remembering. But, memory fails, even in the best of us.

According to Tyler Smith, "researchers [have] discovered that our memories might not be as reliable as we think. In fact, every time you recall a memory, your brain distorts it a little. Like making a copy of a copy of a copy, you reproduce the event in your mind's eye based on earlier versions of the memory" (Logos Talk. "Why You May Be Misreading Scripture, & and What to Do about it". Mon, April 10, 2017).

In practical terms, what this means is that your favorite stories, as told around the dinner table, might not be as accurate as you think they are—that fish you caught might not have been as big as described. It is not as though you are deliberately exaggerating—you may be recalling a memory of a memory of a memory.

If we are willing to listen, this says a lot about our need to rely on Scripture in our teaching and preaching. Otherwise, the retelling of familiar Bible stories becomes less and less like the original, divinely inspired narrative. Important details are lost or otherwise overlooked as we grow content in retelling the gist of the story from our own perspective.

Ancient Israelites, though commanded to tell and retell important stories of their colorful past, were required to go back to the Scriptures for periodic reminder (Dt. 31:9-13 cf. Josh. 8:34-35; 2 Kgs. 23:1-3; Neh. 8:1-12).

As Christians, we are also blessed with the ability to go back and check the facts from the inspired text. The story of Jesus may be told and retold many times. It is important, however, to rely on the Scriptures for accurate recall. Otherwise, we may soon be missing important details or adding to the story facts that are absent from the inspired account.

The writers of the New Testament were endowed with the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit to "guide [them] into all the truth" (Jn. 16:13). These men were "moved by the Holy Spirit" and "spoke from God" (2 Pet. 1:21). The Holy Spirit was sent to "teach [them] all things, and bring to [their] remembrance all that [Jesus had spoken to them]" (Jn. 14:26). The Bible is not a body of recollections dependent upon the frail memory of men—these are inspired remembrances, accurate in every detail.

Much of the good we accomplish today in preaching and teaching falls into the realm of reminder. Peter said he was ready to remind the brethren of important biblical truths and would continue to do so as long as God granted him life (2 Pet. 1:12-15; 3:1-2). Paul said it was no trouble for him to write the same things over again and that it was a safeguard for his readers (Ph. 3:1).

Perhaps, we would do well to remember that a sermon or class filled with Scripture, even Scripture with which we are well-familiar, is a necessary step we must take to avoid the digression which naturally occurs when we rely solely upon our failing memory.

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUPS:

Care Group 2 (Dent) -  
Saturday, April 22nd at 5pm  
in the Dent's home - see signup sheet

Care Group 3 (Bradford) -  
Saturday, April 22nd at 6pm  
in the Bradford's home - see signup sheet

Care Group 4 (Elliott) -  
Sunday, April 23rd after morning services  
in the Elliott's home - contact Colleen  
about what to bring - Italian menu

Care Group 5 (Yeager) -  
Saturday, April 22nd at 5pm  
in the Barnett's home - see signup sheet

Care Group 6 (Gilbow) -  
Sunday, April 23rd after morning services  
in the Gilbow's home - BBQ theme

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Prayers for Ron and Doni McInturff as Doni continues radiation treatments.

\*Peggy Braden had a slight heart attack during the heart catheterization but is home and doing fine.

\*Remember Bryan Gossett who is having side effects from chemo treatments.

\*Continue to keep Virginia Traffanstedt, Kathy Jo Hardin, Burnadean Murray, and Dorothy Tatum in your prayers.

\*Remember Jeanne Haithcote who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home.

*\*Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer.*

## Greenbrier church of Christ

### Lessons:

The Burning Bush: Exodus 3

The Flaming Altar: 1 Kings 18

The Chariot of Fire: 2 Kings 3

The Fiery Furnace: Daniel 3

### Classes offered for:

Nursery

Children

Teenagers

Adults

## FIRESIDE



## Vacation Bible School

MAY 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

7:00-8:15pm each night

Hebrews 12:28-29 "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

## Graduation Banquet

May 7th  
after evening services

We will be honoring this years seniors:

Ashley Barkley  
Brittney Beck  
Brooklyn Moore  
R. C. Rawls



## VISITOR BAGS

for April 23rd

Tiffany Hillman & Cyndi Moore

## FOOD COMMITTEE

for April

Please contact:

Anne Steele & Beverly Woody  
581-6311 730-2997



## OUR RECORD

APRIL 9, 2017

SUNDAY CLASS:	169
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	211
SUNDAY PM:	104
WEDNESDAY (12th):	124
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,690
YTD average:	\$5,203
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$2,950

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		
	Carolyn Henderson	4/16
	Ratis Yeager	4/17
	Jane Barnett	4/21
	Ada Forder	4/21
	Debbie Freeman	4/21
<b>ANNIVERSARYS - none</b>		

## EVERY DAY THINGS

### "A Lifestyle of Devotion"

If you were to outline the book of Hebrews, you would see that from 4:14 to 10:18, the author builds an extensive argument for the high priesthood of Jesus.

At the conclusion of that argument, he begins the next section with the words, "Therefore, brothers, since..." (10:19). In other words, here's what the author is trying to communicate: "If everything I've said about Jesus is true, then you ought to live in the following ways." This is a lifestyle of DEVOTION!

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." (Hebrews 10:22, ESV)

I'm very concerned with the way modern Christianity tends to think about our "devotional life." It seems as if we've reduced these devotions down to five minutes of reading a Psalm and saying a quick prayer for the day, or, reading an e-mail devotional sent out by an online ministry.

The Bible paints a much different picture of a devotional life. The author here uses the word "heart" twice in verse 22. For the Christian, a lifestyle of devotion shouldn't be reduced to an activity or daily routine (5-10 minutes); a lifestyle of devotion is characterized by a heart that's owned by Christ. - Spencer Cromwell