PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

April 26, 2015

WELCOME: Mike Wolff
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Patrick Rawls
LORD'S TABLE: Phillip Short

Jarrod DeValle

ASSIST: Tony Worm

Jackie Horton Ratis Yeager Don Barnett

CLOSING PRAYER: R. C. Rawls

GREETERS: Tim & Dona Dixon

Del & Love Hines (benevo

CARDS: Austin Gilbow

Ryeland Lovell

VISITOR GIFT/ Dana Short HOSTESSES: Nita Sadler SCRIPTURE READER: Will Drewry

Philippians 2:1-2

SUNDAY EVENING

April 26, 2015

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp
LORD'S TABLE: Gary Mavity

Pete Hines

CLOSING PRAYER: Herb Tatum

WEDNESDAY EVENING

April 29, 2015

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Brewer
DEVOTIONAL: Rod Wilson
CLOSING PRAYER: Darren 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 Cole 815-622-1874 (benevolence, pantry, greeters)

Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 (education & teachers)

Del Hines 501-733-4645 (finance & technology)

Mike Wolff 501-472-8912 (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 SOFT PILLOW OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

There is an old French proverb which says, "There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience." Believe it or not, there are people whose conscience will not allow them to sleep. A sensitive conscience is God's design for man—it is one of the things that distinguishes us from animals. When we say that someone is acting like a beast, it is often in reference to the fact that his conscience has become so callous as to be ineffective. Examples of such are evident every night in the evening news. Man's inhumanity to man is not evidence that he has evolved from a lower form of life; it is evidence that he has, by means of a seared conscience, descended to a beastly, passion-oriented existence.

The apostle Paul spoke of some who had "by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared... their own conscience as with a branding iron" (1 Tim. 4:2). He also spoke of those who had defiled both their mind and their conscience (Tit. 1:15). The conscience is "the faculty of recognizing the distinction between right and wrong in regard to [their] own conduct" (American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language). The conscience is intended to be sensitive to its violation. However, when repeatedly offended, the conscience becomes insensitive and useless in guiding moral conduct.

"Let your conscience be your guide" must, therefore, be taken within the scope of whether or not the conscience has been proper educated by the word of God. Otherwise, morality becomes a purely subjective matter. Before his conversion to Christ, Paul sincerely believed that he was correct in persecuting those who were Jews. He said, "Brethren I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day" (Acts 23:1). People may, in good conscience, be involved in all sorts of wicked activities. But, conscience alone is not a safe guide. It must be educated by what is revealed in the word of God. Otherwise, society degenerates into moral ambiguity, each man being a guide unto himself.

The Scripture encourages us to "keep faith and a good conscience" (1 Tim. 1:19). A conscience defiled can be cleansed by the blood of Christ so as to serve the living God (Heb. 9:14). By means of the conversion process, as described in Scripture, we become new creatures. Old things pass away and all things are made new (Rom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 5:17). There is saving power in Bible baptism. It is "not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ…" (1 Pet. 3:21). The soft pillow of a clear conscience is the result of obedience to the gospel and faithful Christian living. Therefore, we should by all means stand in the grace of God, having taken those steps that lead to a clear conscience through the blood of Christ (Rom. 5:2).

--Glen Elliott--



CARE GROUP MEETINGS

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!

A congregation picnic will take the place of care group meetings for May.
Please check out the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Bill & Pat Davidson's son (Phillip), daughter-in-law (Melody), and granddaughter (Morgan) were all baptized at Hartley Bridge Road church of Christ in Macon, GA on April 20th. We are so happy for this family!

OUR RECORD APRIL 19, 2015

SUNDAY CLASS: 164
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 200
SUNDAY PM: 100
WEDNESDAY (22nd): 129

BUDGET: \$5,400 OFFERING: \$7,073



PRAYER REQUESTS

*Gary Bradford's brother, Bruce, does not have bone marrow cancer. Please keep him in your prayers because of health issues.

*Tom Banks is in the VA hospital. He has not been eating and is very weak. Please keep him and Janet in your prayers.

*Jason Elliott has appointments at the Mayo Clinic for June 1st & 2nd.

*Pray for Ted & Barbara Knight while they are in Romania.

*Pete Newman, an elder at Morrilton, passed away. Remember his family in your prayers.

*Please keep Helen Swindle's brother-in-law (Jim Gilbert), Linda Harness' brother-in-law (Edward Harness), Tony Worm's son (Patrick), Ruth Hughes, Laurie Henley's mother-in-law (Barbara Trout), & Loy Mitchell in your prayers.

VISITOR BAGS

for May 3rd Amy Drewry & Dorothy Yeager



BIRTHDAYS Talisa Swindle Rod Wilson Sam Selby Aubrey Allensworth Nita Sadler Michael Cole ANNIVERSARYS BIRTHDAYS 4/26 4/29 5/01 5/02 5/02 ANNIVERSARYS

WEDDING SHOWER

for
Shelby Barkley
and Dillon Ross
April 26th from 2-4
in the fellowship room

*They are registered at Kohl's, Target, The Kitchen Store, & Tipton Equipment

THANK YOU:

Thank you for your prayers for my niece, Ava Gibson. The doctors say her cancer is gone - was in stage 4.
What a Great God we have.
I am so thankful for my church family.
I love all of you,
Nell Lee

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Brandon Beck and
Nathan Lovell
memorized 1 Corinthians 13
in their Sunday morning
5th & 6th grade Bible class.
They each received a flag that
was flown over the capital
in Washington, D.C.

SENIOR BANQUET

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 3rd.

After evening services, we will be celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating seniors Ethan Edwards,
Justin Smart,
Will Drewry and
Will Ratliff.

Everyone is invited.

We are catering the event this year, so please be sure to sign the attendance list that is on the bulletin board in the foyer by Sunday, April 26th.

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

FOOD COMMITTEE for APRIL

Please contact:

Anne Steele Beverly Woody 581-6311 730-2997

