

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

April 30, 2017

WELCOME: Mike Wolff  
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Eli Leonard  
LORD'S TABLE: Clayton Dent  
Wyatt Brewer  
ASSIST: Jacob Riela  
Brandon Beck  
Zac Gordey  
Nathan Lovell  
CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent  
GREETERS: Mike & Anna Wolff  
David & Beverly Woody  
CARDS: Miguel Montenegro, Jr  
Lyndon Lewis  
VISITOR GIFT/ Stephanie Barkley  
HOSTESSES: Anne Janski  
SCRIPTURE READER: Jacob Riela  
Psalm 34:7-8

### SUNDAY EVENING

April 30 2017

SONG LEADER: Jared Mahan  
OPENING PRAYER: Spencer Cromwell  
LORD'S TABLE: Eric McNulty  
Blake Traffanstedt  
CLOSING PRAYER: Rod Wilson

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

May 3, 2017

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell  
OPENING PRAYER: Randy Gordey  
DEVOTIONAL: Mike Brewer  
CLOSING PRAYER: Jarrod DeValle

***\*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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### SACRIFICIAL DELIGHT

The story is told of a man traveling through Korea following the war. One day he met an old man and a young boy as they were struggling to pull a plow through their field in preparation for planting their crops. He was amazed at their friendliness and positive attitude. As they were visiting together, he learned that they were believers in Christ and that their little church building had been destroyed during the war. Survivors in the congregation agreed to rebuild their place of worship--each member contributing what they could. The old man and boy had no funds to contribute; but they did have an ox which they sold and save the proceeds toward the building of their chapel. Even though they now had to pull the plow themselves, their gift was not so much a sacrifice in their minds as a delight.

When the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he spoke of the generosity of the Macedonians. In 2 Corinthians 8:2, he said that even though they were "in a great ordeal of affliction, their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality." He went on to say that "according to their ability, and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord" (vs. 3). What caused such generosity of spirit? Verse five provides the answer: "they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God." Their giving was an outgrowth of their faith and love. They had captured the spirit of Christ in their hearts. As an example of such giving, Paul pointed to Jesus, saying, "For you know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

All giving is measured by Christ's gift. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Giving provides a blessing to the giver as well as to the recipient. In giving, we are the greater beneficiaries. Giving has a way of lifting us higher--causing us to look beyond selfish pursuits. It is, in fact, the fulfillment of the royal law to love your neighbor as yourself.

In giving, we must look beyond that which is financial. Most think in terms of dollars and cents. While it is important to practice good stewardship with our money, we must not limit giving to the financial realm. Paul said, "If I give all my possessions to feed the poor...and do not have love, it profits me nothing" (1 Cor. 13:3). In other words, it's not the act itself but the act conjoined with the right attitude which is important. The kind of giving the Lord desires is that which comes from the heart. God desires that we give freely from the heart--not out of compulsion or manipulation. And, do not forget that the number one thing God wants you to give is your heart. Purpose today to give yourself to God and to others in the spirit of Christian love. You will be blessed for it and, in the end, it will not seem so much a sacrifice as a delight.

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUPS:

Care Group 5 (Yeager) -  
Saturday, May 13th at 5pm in the  
home of Nora Smith - see signup sheet

## PANTRY ITEMS for MAY

Peanut Butter  
& Jelly



## VISITOR BAGS

for May 7th

Edie Singleton & Annie Blair

## FOOD COMMITTEE

for May

Please contact:

Sandra Blair or Donna Allensworth  
733-1824 454-0595



## OUR RECORD

APRIL 23, 2017

SUNDAY CLASS:	152
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	194
SUNDAY PM:	109
WEDNESDAY (26th):	119
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,855
YTD average:	\$5,223
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$3,007

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Our sympathy goes out to Darlene Langley in the passing of her father, L. D. Dorsey, in Texas last week.

\*Our sympathy goes out to Talisa Swindle in the passing of her grandmother, Oma Kirst, in Ohio last week.

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

\*The daughter of a good friend of the Brewer's and a co-worker of Laura Blake, Ashley, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is only 25 years old, and she and her husband have a 1 year old daughter.

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

## BIRTHDAYS

Aubrey Allensworth	5/2
Nita Sadler	5/2
Michael Cole	5/2
Audrey Thomason	5/3
Nell Lee	5/5
Courtney Moody	5/6

**ANNIVERSARYS - none**



## High School Graduation Banquet

May 7th

After evening services, we will be  
honoring this year's seniors:

**Ashley Barkley**

**Brittney Beck**

**Brooklyn Moore**

**R. C. Rawls**

If you plan to attend, please see the  
signup sheet on the bulletin  
board in the **HALLWAY** so we can  
get a head count for food.

**If anyone can help decorate,  
please be at the building at 2pm  
Sunday, May 7th**

## Greenbrier church of Christ

Lessons:

The Burning Bush: Exodus 3

The Flaming Altar: 1 Kings 18

The Chariot of Fire: 2 Kings 2

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."



## "Time Is Spiritual Money!"

Let's say that your phone rings tomorrow morning, and it's a call from the manager of your bank. He tells you, "I received a very unusual call the other day. Someone who loves you very much and is quite wealthy has given you a large sum of money. This anonymous donor will be depositing 86,400 cents into your account every single day." "How's that again?" you ask. "Every single day, this person will deposit 86,400 cents into your account."

Is that much money? you wonder at first. Then you get out your calculator and figure out that it amounts to \$864 every day. That's pretty good, you're thinking.

"But there is one condition," the banker continues. "You have to spend it every single day. You can't save it up. You can't add it to the next day's balance. Every day, you must spend that money. What is not spent will be taken away. This person will do this each and every day, but the condition is that you must spend the money."

So you go back to your calculator and figure out that \$864 times 7 equals \$6,048 per week. That amount, multiplied by 52, comes to \$314,496 per year. That's a pretty good deal. And that is also a fantasy.

So let's deal with reality. Someone who really does love you very much, deposits into your bank of time 86,400 seconds every single day. That someone is God. And the condition is that you must spend it. You can't save up time today and apply it toward tomorrow—there's no such thing as a 27-hour day. Each and every day, you have the opportunity to invest your precious commodity of time.

I like the way Paul wrote about this in Ephesians 5:15-17: "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."  
- Spencer Cromwell