

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

April 9, 2017

WELCOME: Mike Wolff
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Gary Bradford
LORD'S TABLE: Robert Hayes
Merrell Story
ASSIST: Kevin Barley
Tim Dixon
Shannon Whitley
Michael Cole
CLOSING PRAYER: Tom Barkley
GREETERS: Joe & Katie Riela
Patrick & Jennifer Rawls
CARDS: Ryeland Lovell
Preston Riela
VISITOR GIFT/ Dorothy Yeager
HOSTESSES: Kathy Camp
SCRIPTURE READER: Brandon Beck
Exodus 3:9-11

SUNDAY EVENING

April 9, 2017

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Jackie Horton
LORD'S TABLE: Brian Drewry
Albert Hall
CLOSING PRAYER: Teddy Lewis

WEDNESDAY EVENING

April 12, 2017

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Valdy Eichmann
DEVOTIONAL: Randy Gordey
CLOSING PRAYER: Ratis Yeager

****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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WHILE THE BRIDEGROOM TARRIES

In the Parable of the Ten Virgins, Jesus describes a hypothetical situation in which ten virgins are awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom. Five are foolish and the other five are wise. The reason for such an assessment is that the wise virgins took oil for their lamps in case there was a delay in the bridegroom's coming while the foolish virgins made no such preparation. Then, at midnight, a most unexpected time, the arrival of the bridegroom is announced. Because the prudent virgins had oil enough only for themselves and the foolish virgins did not have enough for their lamps, they were forced to go to the dealers in the middle of the night to buy more oil. While they were away, the doors were shut and they were unable to gain access into the wedding feast (Mt. 25:1-11).

The events described in this parable may sound strange to the ears of modern-day disciples who are unfamiliar with Hebrew marriage customs. The Bible Knowledge Commentary provides the following insight:

Marriages were arranged for individuals by parents, and contracts were negotiated. After this was accomplished, the individuals were considered married and were called husband and wife. They did not, however, begin to live together. Instead, the woman continued to live with her parents and the man with his for one year. The waiting period was to demonstrate the faithfulness of the pledge of purity given concerning the bride. If she was found to be with child in this period, she obviously was not pure, but had been involved in an unfaithful sexual relationship. Therefore the marriage could be annulled. If, however, the one-year waiting period demonstrated the purity of the bride, the husband would then go to the house of the bride's parents and in a grand processional march lead his bride back to his home. There they would begin to live together as husband and wife and consummate their marriage physically.

As the bride of Christ, the church is currently in a phase of preparation—a time of waiting for the appearance of the bridegroom (Eph. 5:25-27). The church is betrothed to Christ, awaiting the day of presentation (2 Cor. 11:2). We must "Be on the alert then, for [we] do not know the day or the hour" (Mt. 25:13). John identifies our wedding day in the events that mark Christ's second coming, saying, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev. 21:1-2).

Concerning these matters, we observe two important things: (1) Continual preparation is wise, neglect is foolish; and, (2) We cannot borrow preparation from others—it must be our own. In the light of such truths, how diligent ought we to be in preparing for our eternal future!

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care Group 1 (Lewis) -
Saturday, April 15th at 5:30 pm
in the Lewis' home

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 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



VISITOR BAGS for April 9th

Anna Wolff & Becky Gossett

OUR RECORD

APRIL 2, 2017

SUNDAY CLASS:	159
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	199
SUNDAY PM:	100
WEDNESDAY (29th):	118
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$6,134
YTD average:	\$5,240
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$2,240

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our sympathy goes out to Anne Steele in the passing of her brother, Bennie Powell. He will have a military graveside service at May Cemetery in Houston, AR April 12th at 11:00am.

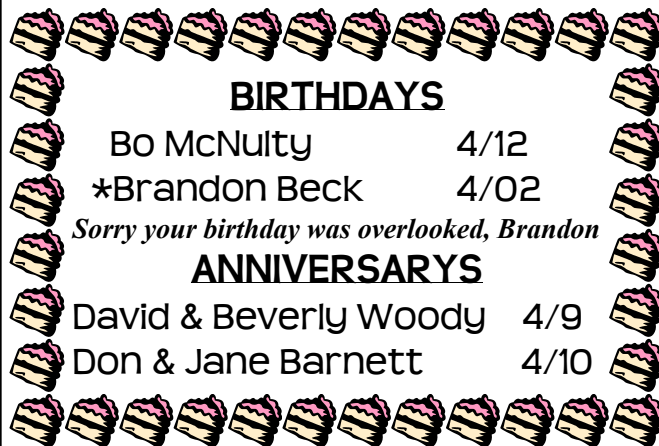
*Our sympathy goes out to Jim Bell in the passing of his aunt, Pat Warner. Her funeral was Thursday.

*Doni McInturff as she continues radiation treatments. Please keep her and Ron in your prayers.

*Joyce Hines received good news from her liver biopsy.

PRAYERS

Kevin Blair came forward asking for prayers to be the Christian he knows he needs to be. Please remember him in your prayers.



BIRTHDAYS

Bo McNulty 4/12
*Brandon Beck 4/02

Sorry your birthday was overlooked, Brandon

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Beverly Woody 4/9

Don & Jane Barnett 4/10

THANK YOU CARDS:

Thank you for the cards, calls, food,
and prayers after my recent surgery.

In Christian love,
Burnadean Murray

Dear Church Family,
I'm thankful for your prayers and
kindness shown to me during my
recent heart procedure.

In Christian love,
Sue Shumate

To all our friends at GCofC,
We would like to thank you for your
kindness, thoughts, and prayers during
Susan's long, hard struggle.

She loved this church,
The Ward Family

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brianna & Drew Payne are the proud
parents of a baby boy - Wyatt Keith
who was born April 4th

weighing 7lb 1oz and 19 1/2 inches

Brian & T Swindle are the grand-
parents and Helen Swindle is now
a great-grandmother

Thanks to everyone for their prayers.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
MAY 24TH - 27TH

FOOD COMMITTEE

for April

Please contact:

Anne Steele & Beverly Woody
581-6311 730-2997



"From East to West"

"As far as the east is from the west, so far
has He removed our transgressions from
us." - Psalm 103:12 NASB

The chief of police stood sheepishly
before the city council. Council members
recalled how he had lobbied for an upgraded
computer system. When finally purchased,
the system was loaded with data, and his
staff endeavored to take every precaution.

Then, out of the blue, a bolt of lightning
struck, and the computer's memory was
erased. No back-up had been kept, so all
data was lost. Law-breakers rejoiced, but
city politicians were exasperated and angry.

Many computer users have experienced
similar problems, often through various
forms of "crashes," which teach the
importance of backing up data. But these
experiences also provide a powerful illustration
of God's forgiveness. In His sight,
something forgiven is gone forever, just like
the information erased from a computer's
memory. It cannot be brought back. The
record is wiped out, and we can start over
again with a clean slate.

David knew what it meant to be forgiven.
He knew that when God forgives our sins,
they are separated "as far as the east is from
the west." Today, are you worried about sins
you've committed? Are there burdens that
weigh you down? Remember: Jesus died so
you could be forgiven. Confess your sins. Be
honest with God. Accept His complete
forgiveness and freedom.

- Spencer Cromwell