## **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

SUNDAY MORNING August 13, 2017

WELCOME: Michael Gilbow SONG LEADER: Don Barnett Rod Wilson OPENING PRAYER: LORD'S TABLE: Ratis Yeager Rick Camp ASSIST: Garrett Brewer Zac Gordey Mike Wolff Kevin Lovell CLOSING PRAYER: Albert Hall **GREETERS**: Kevin & Annie Blair Tim & Laura Blake CARDS: Ethan Gilmer Caden Mahan Gina Ratliff VISITOR GIFT/ **Beverly Woody** HOSTESSES: SCRIPTURE READER: Luke Lewis Psalm 23:1-6

## SUNDAY EVENING August 13, 2017

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent LORD'S TABLE: Tom Barkley Michael Cole CLOSING PRAYER: Clayton Dent

> WEDNESDAY EVENING August 16, 2017

SONG LEADER:Jared MahanOPENING PRAYER:Teddy LewisDEVOTIONAL:Nathan WoodyCLOSING PRAYER:Derek Gilmer

\*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 TH	IE MONTH	1:00 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY:			
BIBLE CLASS	<u>ILCDAT</u> .	7:00 p.m.	
	JRSDAY:	7.00 p	
LADIES BIBLE CLAS		10:00 a.m.	
Elders:			
Gene Blair 501-499-5868			
Gary Bradford 501-626-32		on <i>501-328-7888</i>	
	eacons:		
Mike Brewer 501-472-7692 (youth)		<u>Cole</u> 815-622-1874 nce, pantry)	
Jarrod DeValle 501-470-8		ico, parti j/	
(education & teachers)			
Michael Gilbow 501-208-2	909		
(nursing home, fellowship r	oom set up)		
Mike Wolff 501-472-8912			
(building & grounds)			
Ministers:	501 214 000	0	
Glen Elliott	501-314-999	9	

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## **INTERNAL EVIDENCE OF THE BIBLE'S INSPIRATION**

How do we know the Bible is from God? After all, there are books, other than the Bible, which claim to be inspired. How do we make a distinction between these books and the word of God? The answer lies within the Bible itself. Unlike other books, the Bible contains an abundance of internal evidence supporting its claim to inspiration.

First, the Bible's scientific foreknowledge testifies to its divine origin. For example, the Bible describes the shape of the earth about 1,000 years before the birth of Christ. At that time, Solomon spoke of God as having "inscribed a circle on the face of the deep..." (Prov. 8:27). Then, around 700 B.C., Isaiah spoke of God as sitting "above the circle of the earth..." (Is. 40:22). The Hebrew word for "circle" literally means "sphere." How did the writers of the Bible know what science would not discover for over 2500 years? They were inspired by God. Even as late as 350 B.C., the earth was thought to be flat. By the time the Romans came to power, people commonly accepted an earlier belief that the earth was shaped like a disc. It was not until Magellan's voyage around the earth in 1520 A.D. that science finally accepted the fact that the earth is round.

In addition to its scientific foreknowledge, the Bible also testifies to its own divine origin through its remarkable historical accuracy. At one time, skeptics of the Bible claimed that there were 47 kings mentioned only in the Bible. In their minds, this was evidence that the Bible was the fictitious work of man. Amazingly, since that time, all 47 kings on that list have been confirmed through archaeological findings. The Bible is neither an historical nor a scientific textbook, but where it touches on science and history; it has been proven accurate time and time again.

In addition to these two lines of evidence, a person must also consider the weight of hundreds of prophetic statements made in the Bible that have been precisely fulfilled, often many centuries later. Only God knows the end from the beginning and that is why we have strong confidence in the inspiration of God's word.

Finally, the unity of the Bible speaks to its divine origin. The Bible was written by 40 different authors over a period of over 15 hundred years and, yet, shows a degree of unity unlike any other book that has ever been written. One author noted that "The Bible is not such a book a man would write if he could, or could write if he would." The Bible is "inspired of God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in right-eousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Doesn't the Bible deserve your careful attention and study today?

--Glen Elliott--

**CARE GROUPS:** 

<u>Care Group 1 (Lewis)</u> -Saturday, August 26th at 5:30 in the home of Greg & Kinsey Bradford <u>Care Group 2 (Dent)</u> -Sunday, August 27th after morning services in fellowship room See the signup sheet <u>Care Group 3 (Bradford)</u> -Saturday, August 19th at 5pm in the home of Vickie Hasty See the signup sheet <u>Care Group 5 (Yeager)</u> -Friday, August 18th at 6:30pm in the home of the Yeager's See the signup sheet

VISITOR BAGS

for August 20th Cindy Wilson & Kathey Peterson

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OUR RECORD		
<u>AUGUST 6, 2017</u>		
SUNDAY CLASS:	151	
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	177	
SUNDAY PM:	104	
WEDNESDAY (9th):	143	
BUDGET:	\$5,400	
OFFERING	\$4,816	
YTD average:	\$5,332	
YTD ahead/behind:	<b>-\$2,177</b>	



