PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING August 24, 2014

WELCOME: Darren Dent SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield OPENING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow LORD'S TABLE: Brian Drewry Kevin Lovell ASSIST: **Tvler Blair Ricky Shannon** Patrick Rawls **Ratis Yeager** CLOSING PRAYER: Jackie Horton GREETERS: Kevin & Amy Barley Herb Tatum CARDS: Ethan Akin Nathan Lovell VISITOR GIFT/ Anna Wolff HOSTESSES: **Becky Gossett** SCRIPTURE READER: Alex Riela 1 Cor. 15:1-4

SUNDAY EVENING August 24, 2014

Jim Sutterfield

Bill Davidson

Wyatt Brewer

Justin Akin

Jim Bell

SONG LEADER: OPENING PRAYER: LORD'S TABLE: CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING August 27, 2014

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SONG LEADER: OPENING PRAYER: CLOSING PRAYER: DEVOTIONAL:

R: Albert Hall R: David Woody Jim Bell

*Please call the church office at 679-3647 if unable to serve.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDA BIBLE CLASS WORSHIP EVENING	<u>\Y</u> : 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:	
BIBLE CLASS	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	
LADIES BIBLE CLASS	10:00 a.m.
<u>Elders:</u> Gene Blair 501-499-5868 Da	arren Dent 501-581-3052
<u>Deacons:</u> Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909	
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Glen Elliott 501-314-9999 Brei	tt McGohan 918-859-0446
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QUESTIONING CHRISTIANITY (4)

When Jesus asks a question, we should sit up and take notice, for a life-changing principle is sure to follow. When some questioned His authority, Jesus asked, "And why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Lk. 6:46).

Authority—where would we be without it? Can Jesus be Lord of our lives if we do not obey Him? Where did Jesus get His authority? How do we know that such authority resides in Him? And, how do we accept His authority and truly make Him Lord in our lives?

Jesus deals with the issue of authority in a clear and precise fashion. When asked about His authority, He answered with a question, "Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?" (Lk. 20:4). Had they acknowledged John's baptism as coming from heaven, Jesus would have asked them why they did not submit to it (vs. 5). But, had they said the baptism of John was from men, they would have found themselves in a perilous situation because the people believed that John was a prophet (vs. 6). So, since they were trapped, they refused to answer (vs. 7). Knowing this, Jesus, likewise, refused to answer their question (vs. 8).

The question Jesus asked still needs to be answered. What we do religiously—is it from heaven or from men? It is a matter of authority. Jesus possesses all authority in heaven and on earth (Mt. 28:18). He is "Lord of lords and King of kings" (Rev. 17:14). Only Jesus has the right to tell us what to do religiously.

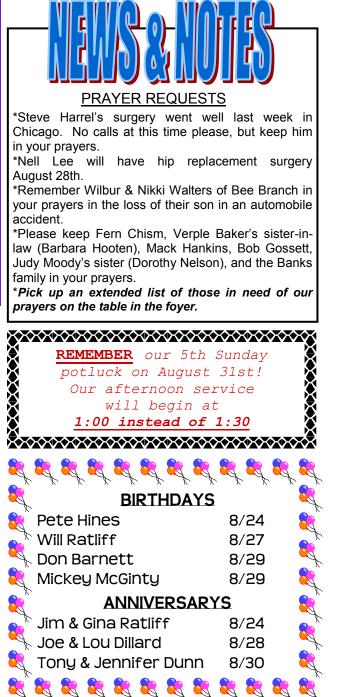
What proof did Jesus offer of His supreme authority? The many miracles Jesus performed prove that He has all authority. Nicodemus well observed, "no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him" (Jn. 3:2). John adds, "many other things...Jesus did, which if they were written in detail...the world itself would not contain the books which [could be] written" (Jn. 21:25). Of course, the greatest testimony of all to the power and authority of Christ was His resurrection from the dead (Rm. 1:4).

How do we accept the authority of Jesus and make Him Lord of our lives? The answer is found in the question. "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Lk. 6:46). We make Jesus Lord by obeying His commands. Then, in order to reinforce His teaching, Jesus told the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders (Lk. 6:47-49). Jesus is our Lord only if we hear and obey His word.

The world may scoff at such obedience, but Jesus placed a premium upon it and said, "blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it" (Lk. 11:28). We would do well to do likewise.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUP MEETINGS: Care group 1 (Elliott) - August 24th at the Elliott's home after morning services Mexican theme - please contact Colleen about what to bring Care groups 5 (Akin) & 8 (Barkley) -August 24th after morning services in the fellowship room Care group 6 (Gilbow) - Sept. 14th after morning services in the fellowship room Care group 7 (Hayes) - August 31st combined with congregation potluck Ted Knight will be here August 24th to deliver a mission report during our XXX class time and deliver our a.m. sermon OUR RECORD AUGUST 17, 2014 SUNDAY CLASS: 172 196 SUNDAY WORSHIP: SUNDAY PM: 102 WEDNESDAY (20th): 138 BUDGET: \$5,400 **OFFERING:** \$5,041 \$5,213 YTD average: YTD ahead/behind: -\$6,184



There will be a parent/teen meeting in the fellowship room after evening services on Sunday, August 24th If any men are interested in learning the sound equipment, please see Robert Hayes. Thursday morning ladies Bible class will begin September 4th at 10 a.m. The study will be over the book **Seasoning Your Words** Steve Harrel address while recovering from surgery: 1728 Clyde Drive Naperville, IL 60565 Class promotions are Sunday, September 7th **Pantry items for AUGUST: SPAGHETTI NOODLES SPAGHETTI SAUCE** VISITOR BAGS August 31st Cassi Gilbow & Anne Steele

