

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: Tyler 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

SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Bill Davidson
LORD'S TABLE: Wyatt Brewer
Justin Akin
CLOSING PRAYER: Jim Bell

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 27, 2014

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell
OPENING PRAYER: Albert Hall
CLOSING PRAYER: David Woody
DEVOTIONAL: Jim Bell

****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.

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Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912
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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--

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Steve Harrel's surgery went well last week in Chicago. No calls at this time please, but keep him in your prayers.
 *Nell Lee will have hip replacement surgery August 28th.
 *Remember Wilbur & Nikki Walters of Bee Branch in your prayers in the loss of their son in an automobile accident.
 *Please keep Fern Chism, Verple Baker's sister-in-law (Barbara Hooten), Mack Hankins, Bob Gossett, Judy Moody's sister (Dorothy Nelson), and the Banks family in your prayers.
 *Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer.

REMEMBER our 5th Sunday potluck on August 31st! Our afternoon service will begin at **1:00 instead of 1:30**

BIRTHDAYS

Pete Hines	8/24
Will Ratliff	8/27
Don Barnett	8/29
Mickey McGinty	8/29

ANNIVERSARYS

Jim & Gina Ratliff	8/24
Joe & Lou Dillard	8/28
Tony & Jennifer Dunn	8/30

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 class time and deliver our a.m. sermon

OUR RECORD AUGUST 17, 2014

SUNDAY CLASS:	172
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	196
SUNDAY PM:	102
WEDNESDAY (20th):	138
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,041
YTD average:	\$5,213
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



Words That Hurt

It's a myth that speaking out against an injustice makes you a bigot or intolerant. Most people accept this, except for when it comes to Christians. Our Wednesday night class we discussed making decisions based on fear or love. One part of the lesson focused on telling someone the truth even if it hurt them or yourself. The myth says that if you don't accept me for who I am then you don't really care or love me. Nothing could be further from the truth! In fact, I would submit that you don't really care or love someone-if you said NOTHING at all. To do nothing about someone not following biblical teaching is to accept that they are where they are and that is as far as they can go in the relationship with God. Jesus never taught us this! In Matthew 4 we read where Jesus started to gather disciples and in verse 19 said to "come follow me and I'll make you fishers of men." Meaning, he accepted them for who they were AT THE MOMENT, but not they were ok to stay there. We as children of God need to understand that it our duty to bring the Word of God to those starving for it, and to do so may hurt their feelings in the process. But it is better to try to get them on the right path than to stay on the path towards destruction.

- Brett McGohan

FOOD COMMITTEE AUGUST

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