## **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE** SCHEDULE OF SERVICES SUNDAY: SUNDAY MORNING **BIBLE CLASS** 9:30 a.m. August 30, 2015 **WORSHIP** 10:30 a.m. **EVENING** 5:00 p.m. WELCOME: Mike Wolff Jim Sutterfield SONG LEADER: WEDNESDAY: **BIBLE CLASS** 7:00 p.m. OPENING PRAYER: Don Barnett LORD'S TABLE: Clayton Dent **THURSDAY:** Hunter Smart LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:00 a.m. ASSIST: Wyatt Brewer Eli Leonard **Elders:** Matthew Dent Gene Blair 501-499-5868 Darren Dent 501-581-3052 Jacob Riela Deacons: CLOSING PRAYER: Nathan Woody Del Hines 501-733-4645 Michael Cole 815-622-1874 **GREETERS: Merrell & Patsy Story** (benevolence, pantry, greeters) (finance & technology) Shannon & Jennifer Whitley Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912 CARDS: Brandon Beck (education & teachers) (building & grounds) Miguel Montenegro, Jr Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909 (nursing home, fellowship room set up) Gina Ratliff VISITOR GIFT/ **Beverly Woody** Minister: HOSTESSES: 501-314-9999 Glen Elliott SCRIPTURE READER: Eli Leonard Church Office: 501-679-3647 1 John 4:4 SUNDAY EVENING **GREENBRIER CHURCH OF CHRIST** August 30, 2015 12 Wilson Farm Rd. Greenbrier, AR 72058 SONG LEADER: **Brian Drewry Del Hines** OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Blair LORD'S TABLE: Tyler Blair CLOSING PRAYER: Pete Hines WEDNESDAY EVENING September 2, 2015 Mike Wolff SONG LEADER: OPENING PRAYER: David Woodv **DEVOTIONAL:** M CLOSING PRAYER: Marty Leonard \*Please contact Mike Wolff if you are unable to serve.



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## **TRUE OBEDIENCE**

According to the apostle Paul, God's grace and man's faith are two essential elements in our salvation. He says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith" (Eph. 2:8). Since we are saved by grace through faith, we must understand something about the nature of obedience.

Obedience begins with an attitude. It is a disposition of trust in someone greater than ourselves. From this perspective, obedience requires faith as much as faith calls for obedience. The two are dependent upon one another. Webster offers the words "submission" and "compliance" as synonyms for "obedience." The obedient person is one who possesses the humility and trust necessary for submission and compliance with the will of God.

Obedience has a lot to do with the manner in which the word of God is received. When the word of God is received by faith, the natural result is obedience. The word translated "obey" comes from two words: HUPO, meaning "under" and AKOUO, meaning "to hear" (Vine 123). "To hear under" suggests something about the attitude and disposition required for faith to produce obedience. Concerning the Israelites who fell in the wilderness, we are told that "the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard" (Hb. 4:2). Their disobedience and subsequent fall is traced to the fact that they did not believe the good news they had received. James tells us that, as we receive the word of God, we must "put aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, [and] in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save [our] souls" (1:21). Beginning with this attitude, he explains how this relates to obedience, saying, "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves" (22). The context describes the effectual doer as one who looks intently into the perfect law and abides by its precepts (23-25). Obedience begins with the attitude of the one receiving the message. Pride will not leave any room for obedience because pride refuses to submit or comply with the will of another. Instead, our humble expression of faith should be: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." This is the attitude from which all true obedience flows.

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUP MEETINGS:

<u>Care group 2 (Dent)</u> September 12th in the Dent's home @ 5pm

Care group 4 (Wolff) September 14th in the fellowship room after morning services

<u>Care group 5 (Hayes)</u> September 12th in the Henley's home @ 5pm – bring your favorite finger food and a sequence board

PANTRY ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER MAC & CHEESE AND JIFFY MIIX

OUR RECORD AUGUST 23, 2015 SUNDAY CLASS: 153 192 SUNDAY WORSHIP: SUNDAY PM: 103 WEDNESDAY (26th): 100 BUDGET: \$5.400 \$4.805 **OFFERING:** \$5.439 YTD average: YTD ahead/behind: \$1,313



