

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

August 6, 2017

WELCOME: Michael Gilbow
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Valdy Eichmann
LORD'S TABLE: Tim Dixon
Teddy Lewis
ASSIST: Merrell Story
Shannon Whitley
Jerry Garrett
Jim Bell
CLOSING PRAYER: Kevin Barley
GREETERS: Kevin & Amy Barley
Jim & Martha Bell
CARDS: Jag McNulty
Tate Stacks
VISITOR GIFT/ BECKY GOSSETT
HOSTESSES: ANNE STEELE
SCRIPTURE READER: Zac Gordey
1 Timothy 4:16

SUNDAY EVENING

August 6, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jared Mahan
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Jackie Horton
Tyler Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Randy Gordey

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 9, 2017

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Gary Bradford
DEVOTIONAL: Teddy Lewis
CLOSING PRAYER: Tyler Blair

****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:

Mike Brewer 501-472-7692 Michael Cole 815-622-1874
(youth) (benevolence, pantry)

Jarrold DeValle 501-470-8710
(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

GREENBRIER CHURCH OF CHRIST

12 Wilson Farm Rd.
Greenbrier, AR 72058

Greenbrier church of Christ

12 Wilson Farm Road
Greenbrier, Arkansas 72058

E-mail: office@gbcofc.com

(501) 679-3647

Web: www.gbcofc.com

August 6, 2017

"DID YOU HAVE FUN?"

Frequently asked of children by well-intentioned parents is the above question. It is a question underscoring the fact that, too many times, the rightness or wrongness of a particular activity is measured by the pleasure derived from the activity. Simply defined, fun is a "source of enjoyment or pleasure; an amusing diversion." We are grateful to have been created with the capacity to experience pleasure. But pleasure, itself, was never intended to be our goal in life nor the standard by which we measure morality.

Because we live in a pleasure-driven society, we must take special care not to be taken captive by worldly pleasure. Such cannot deliver what is promised. Peter warns of those who promise "freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved" (2 Peter 2:19). Sinful pleasure is a trap. Things that feel good now may later bring pain and sorrow. Many are the examples which might be cited - alcoholism, drug addiction, and sexual immorality. The story is the same: for a moment of reckless folly, there is a lifetime of regret - a high price to pay for "just having a little fun."

There is a better way. Jesus promised a full and abundant life (Jn. 10:10). He died and rose again that we might rejoice forevermore (Jn. 16:22). We must be God-seekers, not pleasure-seekers. Jesus is the only way to the Father (Jn. 14:6). In the Father there is "every good and perfect gift" (Jas. 1: 17). Pleasure derived from the legitimate use of God's precious gifts brings joy and gratitude. Bowing to the god of pleasure is as inappropriate as bowing to an idol.

Learning to tell the difference between legitimate pleasure and sinful pleasure requires spiritual growth - the development of discernment through proper education of the conscience with the word of God. God's word is our moral standard. Feelings are not a safe guide (Jer. 10:23). When we follow the Creator's plan, as revealed in His word, life provides its richest joy and most sublime pleasures. Life's greatest joys result from denying sinful pleasures and setting ourselves free to become servants of righteousness (Tit. 2:12; Rm. 6:17-18). Rather than inhibiting joyful living, God's commandments provide the guidance we need to enjoy happiness in this life and in the world to come.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care Group 1 (Lewis) -

Saturday, August 26th

at 5:30 in the home of

Greg & Kinsey Bradford

Care Group 2 (Dent) -

Sunday, August 27th after morning

services in fellowship room

Care Group 3 (Bradford) -

Saturday, August 19th at 5pm

in the home of Vickie Hasty

HOUSEWARMING

Saturday, August 26th at 5:30 in

Greg & Kinsey Bradford's new

home. All are welcome. Finger

foods, please see Kristy Lewis or

Becky Bradford for details.

OUR RECORD

JULY 30, 2017

SUNDAY CLASS:	131
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	175
SUNDAY PM:	98
WEDNESDAY (26th):	143
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,928
YTD average:	\$5,349
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$1,593

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Alta McAteer is in Conway Regional room 432. Her knee surgery went well, but then she started struggling with her breathing. Doctors found multiple blood clots in her lungs.

*Our sympathy is extended to Jim Sutterfield in the passing of his brother, Larry.

*Heather Mahan's grandmother and 2 nieces were involved in an auto accident. Her grandmother needed surgery on her arm.

*Phillip Short's dad, Charles, is at Baylor Medical Center where he had surgery.

*Peggy Braden's daughter, Terri Massi, surgery went well n Kentucky.

*Continue to keep Verple Baker; Bryan Gossett; Jim Sutterfield; Joe Dillard; and Gina Ratliff's mother-in-law, Francis, in your prayers.

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Barkley 8/12

Audrey Riela 8/12

ANNIVERSARYS

Greg & Kinsey Bradford 8/8

Jerry & Ruth Garrett 8/9

Tom & Stephanie Barkley 8/12

Tim & Dona Dixon 8/12

"Christians Can Be Confident About Creation" Seminar

With Dr. Jeff Miller

September 29 - October 1st

Seminar Sessions:

I. The Evidence Points to God

II. Which God Exists?

III. The Biblical Creation Model I

IV. The Biblical Creation Model II

V. Is Creation Scientific?

VI. Is Creation Scientifically Defensible?

VII. Why Become a Christian?

VISITOR BAGS

for August 13th

Gina Ratliff & Beverly Woody

FOOD COMMITTEE for August

Please contact:

Dona Dixon
680-6209

Becky Bradford
626-4436



4 More Lessons in our Summer Series

AUGUST

9th - Matthew Martin:

"How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great a Salvation?" (Hb. 2:3)

16th -

"If Salt Loses Its Saltiness, How Can It Be Made Salty Again?" (Mk. 9:50)

23rd - Loyd Harris:

"Why Do You Call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and Do Not Do What I Say?" (Lk. 6:46)

30th - Chase Turner:

"But the Nine - Where Are They?" (Luke 17:17)

Consider these great questions
Make plans to be present
Bring a friend with you

SAVE THE DATE!

Ladies Fall Retreat

October 27-29th

Ozark Conference Center

