

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

August 7, 2016

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Gary Bradford
LORD'S TABLE: Teddy Lewis
Greg Bradford
ASSIST: Matthew Dent
Jackie Horton
Tim Dixon
Tyler Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Ron McInturff
GREETERS: Marty & Tina Leonard
Ron & Doni McInturff
CARDS: Preston Riela
Ryeland Lovell
VISITOR GIFT/ Cassi Gilbow
HOSTESSES: Anne Steele
SCRIPTURE READER: Clayton Dent
Psalm 119:33-35

SUNDAY EVENING

August 7, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Eli Leonard
LORD'S TABLE: Mike Brewer
Phillip Short
CLOSING PRAYER: Ratis Yeager

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 10, 2016

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Jackie Horton
DEVOTIONAL: Jarrod DeValle
CLOSING PRAYER: Nathan Woody

****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.

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:

Kevin Barley 501-472-4852 Mike Brewer 501-472-7692
Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Jarrod DeValle 501-470-8710
(benevolence, pantry) (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
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MAN IS NOT GOD (2)

Some think God is just like man. They bring Him down to our level. But, God is not man. He is God and, therefore, must occupy first place in our minds and hearts. But, a second mistake people make is thinking of ourselves as God. How tragic! We are but men and, therefore, completely dependent on God for true guidance and strength.

The practical test that reveals if we have elevated ourselves to the position of God is whether or not we have placed our trust in God or self. God is the one in whom we have placed our trust—the one whom we have made our trust. Just because we attend worship on Sunday morning does not necessarily mean we have placed our trust in the Lord.

When God's people encountered potential disaster from a neighbor to the north, they looked for help from their neighbor to the south. God rebuked their misplaced trust, saying, "Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are strong, but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the Lord!" (Isa. 31:1). The prophet goes on to point out that "the Egyptians are men, and not God, and their horses are flesh and not spirit..." (vs. 3). We would do well to learn from their mistake. Solomon writes, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding" (Prov. 3:5). When we resort to sources other than God for spiritual deliverance, we have elevated man to the level of God. Such is always a fatal error because these sources "are men, and not God....flesh and not spirit."

So, in our understanding of God and His relationship to man, we should neither make the mistake of lowering God to the level of man nor elevating man to the level of God. Instead, we must "not think more highly of [ourselves] than [we] ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment..." (Rom. 12:3). We must recognize both God's outright supremacy and our own complete and total dependency upon Him. At the same time, we should keep in mind that we are loved by Him with a love so great that He sent His only Son to die on our behalf. Such awareness calls us into His service so as to render humble obedience to His will. Jesus says, "whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted" (Matt. 23:12).

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care group 1 (Yeager) -

Saturday, August 20th at 5pm
in Nora Smith's home - see the bulletin
board for menu, signup, and address

Care group 2 (Dent) -

Saturday, August 27th at 5pm
in the Wilson's home

Care group 3 (McInturff) -

Sunday, August 14th after evening
services in the fellowship room
potluck meal - see signup sheet

Care group 4 (Wolff) -

Sunday, August 28th after morning
services in the fellowship room
potluck meal - see signup sheet

Please see the bulletin board for
thank you notes from Edie
Singleton and the Sutterfield's.

OUR RECORD

JULY 31, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS:	142
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	194
SUNDAY PM:	103
WEDNESDAY (3rd):	113
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,369
YTD average:	\$5,771
YTD ahead/behind:	\$11,513

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Bob Gossett came home from the hospital on Monday. He is being treated for pneumonia.
*Ratis Yeager is being treated for the early stages of pneumonia - prescription and rest.
*Continue to keep Steve Lucas; Amy Drewry's dad (Mike Chunn); and Dianna Bane in your prayers.
*Remember our shut-ins including Jeanne Haithcote, who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home, & Mack Hankins, who is at home.
*Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer.
*Some names from this list have been moved to the extended prayer list.

NEW ADDRESS:

Marty & Tina Leonard
235 Anna Mae Lane
Damascus, AR 72039

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Barkley 8/12
Audrey Riela 8/12
Alan Biggs 8/13

ANNIVERSARYS

Greg & Kinsey Bradford 8/8
Tom & Stephanie Barkley 8/12
Tim & Dona Dixon 8/12

BABY SHOWER

for Annie Blair
has been postponed -
it will be rescheduled.
She is going into the hospital Sunday
and will have her baby Monday.

BRIDAL SHOWER

August 14th
for Brianna Swindle,
daughter of Brian & Talisa Swindle
granddaughter of Helen Swindle,
3:30 - 5:00
in the fellowship room
Brianna is marrying Drew Payne
and they are registered
at Wal-mart & Target

We rejoice with Ruth Garrett in
her decision to be baptized last
week. Let's encourage Ruth in
her walk with the Lord.

VISITOR BAGS for August 14th
Cindy Wilson & Gina Ratliff



John 21:15-17; Peter had denied Jesus three times after vowing to never forsake his Lord! Peter, very broken, confesses to Jesus that he "blew it". Rather than agreeing or disagreeing, Jesus issued Peter a job: **"Feed my lambs"** (21:15). Imagine the thoughts running through Peter's mind: *Wait, what, Jesus? I flat-out denied You three times. How can You trust me with anything?* Undoubtedly, Peter was struggling with the obstacle of unworthiness.

But this entire exchange between Jesus and Peter underscores Jesus' intention: to restore Peter. It's as if Jesus puts His hand on His disciple's shoulder and says, "True, Peter, you did blow it. But I'm not done with you yet." Jesus chose not to review the past. The past was over. Reconciliation doesn't deny the past; it moves forward in the present. Though Peter had failed and fallen, he was still going to be used.

That's grace. Jesus invited Peter to get up, stop wallowing in his failure, come home, take his place beside Jesus, and be used in the Master's plan.

In our lives, when Jesus shows up, He restores us and gives us new purpose. That's a good word for you today, a hopeful message of undeserved favor. God's not done with you yet! It's never too late for you, even if you have wandered. He can cross the chasm and tear down the wall.
-Spencer Cromwell

FOOD COMMITTEE for August

Please contact

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