

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

December 10, 2017

WELCOME: Rod Wilson  
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Brian Drewry  
LORD'S TABLE: Michael Cole  
Mike Brewer  
ASSIST: Merrell Story  
Jackie Horton  
Phillip Short  
Matthew Dent  
CLOSING PRAYER: Ron McInturff  
GREETERS: Shannon & Jennifer Whitley  
Merrell & Patsy Story  
CARDS: Nick DeValle  
Miguel Montenegro, Jr  
VISITOR GIFT/ Anna Wolff  
HOSTESSES: Becky Gossett  
SCRIPTURE READER: Nathan Lovell  
James 1:21-22

### SUNDAY EVENING

December 10, 2017

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Randy Gordey  
LORD'S TABLE: Greg Bradford  
Kevin Blair  
CLOSING PRAYER: Marty Leonard

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 13, 2017

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell  
OPENING PRAYER: Tom Dryden  
DEVOTIONAL: Darren Dent  
CLOSING PRAYER: Rick Camp

***\*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  
(youth, devos for Wednesday & nursing home)  
Michael Cole 815-622-1874  
(benevolence/pantry, technology)  
Jarrod DeValle 501-470-8710  
(education & teachers)  
Mike Wolff 501-472-8912  
(building & grounds)

#### Ministers:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999

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### GIVING: THE EXPRESSION OF OUR LOVE

Without expression, love cannot survive. We know that genuine love finds expression in giving because of the example we have experienced in the love of God. His love found expression in the gift of His Son.

Giving that is motivated by love will be unselfish in its expression. The early church was well-known for her amazing generosity. In Acts 4:32, we read that "the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them." Then, in verse 34, we read: "For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales, and lay them at the apostles' feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need." Although this was a very unusual set of circumstances in Jerusalem at the time; it was, nonetheless, a powerful demonstration of their unselfishness. Their love for one another, as expressed in their giving, began when they accepted God's free gift of salvation in Christ.

Unselfish love does not ask, "How much do I have to give?" but "How much have I been blessed?" God expects better of us than giving just because we "have to." God requires that we first give Him our hearts.

Jesus reminds us that "God so loved the world that He gave..." (Jn. 3:16). While emphasis is given to the act of giving; we should keep in mind that God's love did not begin with the gift but resulted in the gift. In other words, God doesn't love us because of the gift of His Son; rather, He gave the gift of His Son because of His great love for us. Paul says, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Love preceded and motivated the precious gift presented at Calvary. God so loved that He gave....

Our giving should be based on the same principle. Paul commended the Macedonian brethren who, in spite of their "deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality" (2 Cor. 8:2). The next verse goes on to say that they gave "beyond their ability" and "of their own accord." They were not pushed into giving. In fact, they begged for the opportunity (vs. 4). But the key principle in all of this is revealed in verse five where Paul tells us that "they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God."

Giving precedes its offering. Give yourself to God and see if that doesn't impact the way you give of yourself to others and to the Lord!  
--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUPS:

Care Group 2 (Dent) -  
Saturday, December 30th in the  
Leonard's home- more details to come

## PRAYERS

Dorothy Yeager and Isabella  
Brown came forward last Sunday  
asking for prayers. Let's encourage  
them and each other in our  
walk with the Lord.

## NOTICE:

December 24th and December 31st  
we will have our regular morning  
services with a 1pm service each of  
these Sundays - NO POTLUCK

## OUR RECORD

DECEMBER 3, 2017

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|-------------------|----------|
| SUNDAY CLASS:     | 153      |
| SUNDAY WORSHIP:   | 187      |
| SUNDAY PM:        | 77       |
| WEDNESDAY (6th):  | 96       |
| BUDGET:           | \$5,400  |
| OFFERING:         | \$5,215  |
| YTD average:      | \$5,304  |
| YTD ahead/behind: | -\$4,691 |

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Tom Barkley's surgery went well last week. Please keep him in your prayers.

\*Charles Reynolds is in Conway Regional room 326.

\*Keep Angie Gordey's 6 month niece in your prayers. She had a tumor behind her eye, then surgery, and is now going through chemo.

\*Continue to keep Ratis Yeager; Herb Tatum's sister, Colleen Byrd; Junior Adams; Peggy Braden's daughter, Terri Massa; Mike Wolff's mother, Doris; Laura Blake's mother, Barbara McManus; Charles Reynolds; Terri Shoemaker; Verple Baker; Jim Sutterfield, and Joe Dillard in your prayers.

Remember Jeanne Haithcote who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home.

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|   | <b><u>BIRTHDAYS</u></b>                                                             |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |   |
|  | Ginger Beene                                                                        | 12/10                                                                               |  |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
|  | Linda Drewry                                                                        | 12/10                                                                               |  |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
|  | Jim Ratliff                                                                         | 12/11                                                                               |  |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
|  | Burnadean Murray                                                                    | 12/14                                                                               |  |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
|  | Rick Camp                                                                           | 12/14                                                                               |  |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
|  | Jim Bell                                                                            | 12/15                                                                               |  |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
|  | Charles Reynolds                                                                    | 12/16                                                                               |  |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
|  | <b><u>ANNIVERSARYS</u></b>                                                          |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |  |
|  | Derek & Cari Gilmer                                                                 | 12/11                                                                               |  |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
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## LADIES SNOWMAN EXCHANGE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH  
AT 2PM IN THE  
HOME OF  
THE BARNETT'S

BRING:

- \$10 SNOWMAN GIFT
- SMALL FINGER FOOD



## THANK YOU CARD

*Thank you for all the food, prayers,  
and messages during the last few  
weeks. It has made our transition  
with a new baby much easier. We  
greatly appreciate each of  
you and love you all.  
Christian love,  
The Gilbow Family*

## Blood Drive



American  
Red Cross

"THANK YOU"  
TO ALL  
WHO HELPED WITH  
THE BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY!

## Young Adults Holiday Pizza Party

Friday, December 15th  
at 6pm in the fellowship room  
Please see the signup sheet  
on the bulletin board  
for more details  
Deadline to signup is Dec. 13th  
(there will be childcare at the  
Lewis home if needed - just bring  
a sack dinner)

## Ladies Preparing Communion Trays

December 10th - Shelly Dent  
December 17th - Dena DeValle  
December 24th - Dona Dixon  
December 31st - Linda Drewry/  
Cyndi Moore

## VISITOR BAGS

for December 17th  
Anne Steele & Gina Ratliff



## FOOD COMMITTEE for December

Please contact:  
Gina Ratliff Dana Short  
581-1948 472-4740

