PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

December 13, 2015

WELCOME: Michael Gilbow SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield OPENING PRAYER: David Woody LORD'S TABLE: Shannon Whitley

Albert Hall

ASSIST: Greg Bradford

Rod Wilson Tim Dixon

Jackie Horton
CLOSING PRAYER: Valdy Eichmann

GREETERS: Michael & Susan Cole

Scooter Akin

CARDS: Jag McNulty

Preston Riela

VISITOR GIFT/ Dorothy Tatum HOSTESSES: Linda Harness SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent

Psalm 93:1-2

SUNDAY EVENING

December 13, 2015

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Gary Bradford
LORD'S TABLE: Tom Barkley

Cayden Leonard

CLOSING PRAYER: Eli Leonard

WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 16, 2015

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Cole
DEVOTIONAL: Jim Bell
CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent

*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

Deacons:

Michael Cole 815-622-1874 (benevolence, pantry, greeters)

Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 (education & teachers)

Del Hines 501-733-4645 (finance & technology)

Mike Wolff 501-472-8912 (building & grounds)

Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909

(nursing home, fellowship room set up)

Minister:

Glen Elliott *501-314-9999 Church Office: 501-679-3647*

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TROJAN HORSE

Many of the details surrounding the legendary Trojan War have been forgotten, but its famous weapon still serves as a timely reminder of our need to practice vigilance in maintaining moral purity.

Frustrated in their attempt to conquer Troy, the Greeks used a large wooden horse as a strategic weapon. Pretending to retreat, they left behind their wooden horse as a gift. After much debate, the curious Trojans took the horse inside the city walls to examine it. What they didn't realize was that enemy soldiers had been hidden inside. During the night they climbed out, opened the city gates to the Greek army, and subsequently captured the city. Since that time, any innocent ploy which brings the enemy within has been labeled a Trojan horse.

While there are many Trojan horses in the world today, few are as damaging as letting the world into our lives under the guise that "everybody's doing it!" At one time or another, consciously or subconsciously, most of us have used that line to get what we wanted. But, does the widespread use of that rationale make it right?

For the most part, when the facts are known, "everybody is not doing it." Although Satan can be awfully persuasive in his use of peer pressure, there are others who have refused to follow his ways. And, if, for the sake of argument, there are no others who are doing the right thing, following the crowd is still the wrong course of action. Right and wrong is not determined by majority opinion, but by the character and expressed will of God. The Bible says, "You shall not follow a multitude in doing evil..." (Ex. 23:2).

The kind of mentality which depends on the people around us to show us the right thing to do leads to sinful behavior. Such thinking is characteristic of mob mentality and gang-related activity. The group takes on a collective conscience. What is right or wrong becomes something which is determined by majority rule.

We might not be tempted to act out in violent, mob-like behavior; but we should be aware of our challenge to stand up for what is right even when everyone around us has chosen to take the path of least resistance. Jesus says, "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it" (Mt. 7:13-14). May God grant us courage to walk the narrow path to life everlasting.

--Glen Elliott--

We are invited to the wedding of
Paige Almond
&
Spencer Cromwell
December 19, 2015
2:00 PM at
Somers Avenue
church of Christ
*if you are interested in riding the church van. please see sign up

church van, please see sign up sheet on the bulletin board

PANTRY ITEMS FOR DECEMBER:

peanut butter & jelly

OUR RECORD DECEMBER 29, 2015

SUNDAY CLASS: 169 SUNDAY WORSHIP: 204

SUNDAY PM: 106 WEDNESDAY (9th): 108

\$5,400 BUDGET:

\$5,607 **OFFERING:**

\$5,368 YTD average:

YTD ahead/behind: -\$1,577



PRAYER REQUESTS

*Jason Elliott was at the Mayo Clinic last week. He had a procedure as well as blood work and an MRI. *Laurie Henley had ankle surgery Thursday at St. Vincent's. Hoping to come home Saturday (12th).

*Please pray for Justin Vandaveer. He has suffered with a kidney disorder for several years. Now doctors say he needs a biopsy - which he had Thursday.

*Our sympathy goes out to Jerry Garrett in the loss of his sister, Sue.

*Please keep Ivana Selby; Benny Stephens cousin, James, the Yeager's friend, Lesia, Herb Tatum's friend, Gordon; Dorothy Yeager; Nita Sadler's sister-in-law, Betty Cockrill: Ronald Beene's brother, Mike: and Vic Byrd's daughter. Lauren. in vour prayers.

*Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the fover.

*Some names from this list have been moved to the extended prayer list.

In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus 1Thess. 5:18





LADIES ANNUAL SNOWMAN **EXCHANGE**

in the home of Don & Jane Barnett Sunday, December 13th at 2pm Bring a \$10 snowman gift and a light finger food -See signup sheet on the bulletin board

FROM THE ELDERS:

Mission's Day 2016 is fast approaching. It is about 2 months away -Sunday, February 7, 2016. As you remember, we were able to surpass our goal of \$15,000 over our weekly budget in 2015. For 2016, we ask that you prayerfully consider your giving towards this special day. We have set our goal for 2016 at \$20,000 over our weekly budget. May God continue to bless our efforts in the mission field and the congregation here at Greenbrier.

> In His Service, Gene & Darren

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your love, phone calls, and prayers after my accident - I am doing well. God is so good. Janet Banks

PRAYERS:

Laurie Henley, Helen Swindle, & Jim Webb came forward last Sunday morning requesting prayers. Let's keep these three in our prayers.

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Youth Events:

December 13th - Area wide youth fellowship at Liberty van will leave at 3:30

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VISITOR BAGS

for December 20th Donna Allensworth & Anna Wolff



FOOD COMMITTEE for **DECEMBER**

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