PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING December 14, 2014

WELCOME: Gene Blair Jim Sutterfield SONG LEADER: Patrick Rawls OPENING PRAYER: Michael Cole LORD'S TABLE: Darren Dent ASSIST: Cavden Leonard R. C. Rawls Don Barnett **Kevin Barlev** CLOSING PRAYER: Ethan Edwards **GREETERS**: Joe & Lou Dillard Mike & Kristie Brewer CARDS: Austin Gilbow Bo McNultv Amv Drewry VISITOR GIFT/ Amy Barley HOSTESSES: SCRIPTURE READER: Will Drewry Colossians 3:17

> SUNDAY EVENING December 14, 2014

> > Brian Drewry

Ron McInturff

Jackie Horton

Ethan Edwards

Brian Drewry

Michael Cole

Gary Mavity

Justin Akin

SONG LEADER: OPENING PRAYER: LORD'S TABLE:

CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

WEDNESDAY EVENING December 17, 2014

SONG LEADER: OPENING PRAYER: CLOSING PRAYER: DEVOTIONAL:

SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. **BIBLE CLASS** 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 Del Hines 501-733-4645 Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912 Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909 Minister: Glen Elliott 501-314-9999 Church Office: 501-679-3647

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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KEYS TO A HAPPY MARRIAGE

Most would agree that the institution of marriage has fallen upon hard times. Over half of those getting married wind up getting divorced. Some have opted out of marriage altogether. Others have been deceived into believing that cohabitation is the happy alternative to traditional marriage. Cohabitation lacks the loving commitment essential to building strong relationships. The "misery quotient" of cohabitation is off the charts, even as compared to marriage as it exists today.

Personal happiness, however, is not the measure of morality. Nor, is pleasure is our God. When God instituted marriage, He said, "For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). These words provide three key principles for a happy marriage.

The first principle for a happy marriage is that a man and a woman must leave all other relationships. Parental bonds may be strong, but they must be changed so as to permit full commitment to one's spouse. Meeting your spouse's needs must become the primary focus of each marriage partner. In his book, <u>Parenting Isn't For Cowards</u>, Dobson reports the results of his radio survey. When people were asked, "What are the greatest problems you face in dealing with your parents or in-laws, and how will you relate differently to your own children?" The number one problem between parents and their grown children, according to the poll, was: "The inability or unwillingness of parents to release their grown children and permit them to live their own lives." We used to refer to this "release" as "cutting the apron strings."

In getting married, all other relationships and activities must be changed so that focus and priority may be given to the marriage itself. In other words, you cannot allow parents to interfere with decisions that should be made by you and your spouse, no matter how insistent or well-intentioned they might be. Young people considering marriage must examine their readiness to leave their father and mother.

Be careful also about trying to bring a single lifestyle into marriage. Maturity and unselfishness are essential to making marriage work. Your friends, hobbies, and work cannot come before your marriage. This doesn't mean that you give up these things—it just means that your husband or wife has a higher priority. Only the Lord Himself comes before your mate (Col. 1:18; Acts 5:29).

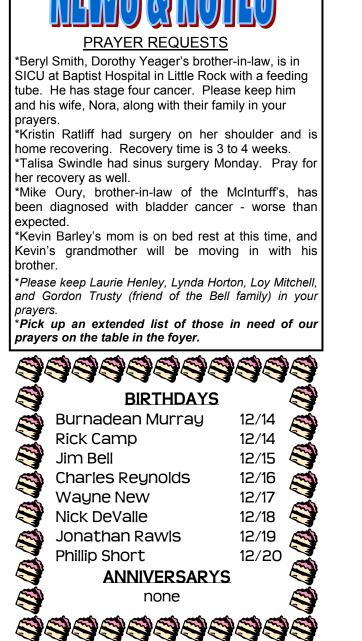
The first principle, then, in God's instructions for marriage is "leave." We will look at a second principle in next week's article.

--Glen Elliott--

If you haven't picked up a directory update, they are available in the office.

DON'T TELL GOD HOW BIG YOUR STORM IS -TELL THE STORM HOW BIG YOUR GOD IS!

OUR RECOF	RD
<u>DECEMBER 7, 2014</u>	
SUNDAY CLASS:	
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	
SUNDAY PM:	174
WEDNESDAY (10th):	113
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING	\$5,291
YTD average:	\$5,229
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$8.363





Pantry items for DECEMBER:

Jiffy mix & cereal

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(2 yr old class - high school) Please meet in the fellowship room on December 20th at 1:00 to decorate cookies and deliver them

To all the youth:

FOOD COMMITTEE

We are updating the food committee list for 2015. Please stop by the bulletin board and update any



information. Also, if you are not involved in this service. please consider adding your name to the list



