

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

December 21, 2014

WELCOME: Gene Blair  
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield  
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Blair  
LORD'S TABLE: Ron McInturff  
Mike Brewer  
ASSIST: Eli Leonard  
Alex Riela  
Jackie Horton  
Ratis Yeager  
CLOSING PRAYER: Clayton Dent  
GREETERS: Michael & Cassi Gilbow  
Steve & Joanie Hart  
CARDS: Keaton Whitley  
Brandon Beck  
VISITOR GIFT/STEPHANIE BARKLEY  
HOSTESSES: Anne Janski  
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent  
Psalm 84:8-12

### SUNDAY EVENING

December 21, 2014

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff  
OPENING PRAYER: Tom Barkley  
LORD'S TABLE: Jarrod DeValle  
Matthew Dent  
CLOSING PRAYER: Greg Bradford

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 24, 2014

SONG LEADER: R. C. Rawls  
OPENING PRAYER: Will Drewry  
CLOSING PRAYER: Eli Leonard  
DEVOTIONAL: Darren Dent

## 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 Del Hines 501-733-4645  
Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912  
Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909

#### Minister:

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## KEYS TO A HAPPY MARRIAGE (2)

Marriage can be, and should be, among the most satisfying relationships known to man. Yet, such is often not the case. There are many reasons why marriage has fallen into a state of disarray. But the heart of the issue has to do with the fact that, to a large degree, we have departed from God's original design. Last week we mentioned the importance of placing marriage before all earthly relationships. One must leave his or her parents and establish a new identity as husband or wife. While parents are still important and loved, there must be a sense of independence—a new identity as husband and wife. Without leaving father and mother, future difficulties will surely arise. God 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). A man must leave his father and mother.

A second important principle for marital success is found in the phrase, "and shall cleave to his wife..." *Cleave* means to glue or cement together. It implies a firm and strong unity—the kind of unity found in lifetime commitment. When two "cleave to one another", they cannot be torn apart without damaging both partners. This, in part, explains why divorce is so devastating. After Jesus told married couples to cleave to one another, He added, "What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate" (Mt. 19:6).

What is involved in cleaving to one another? Anything which cements more firmly the relationship between a husband and wife is part of the cleaving process. It would include shared experiences, whether joyful or sorrowful. Things we do in marriage should be preceded by asking, "Will this activity draw us closer together or drive us further apart?" If something creates greater distance between husband and wife, it should be reconsidered.

Strong, enduring marriages are not a matter of luck, but hard work. Many have drifted from the belief that marriage is a lifetime commitment. Bishop Spong went so far as to suggest that "the high divorce rate represents something positive rather than negative for human life" (Living in Sin?). He goes on to suggest that divorce is the cost we must pay for the emancipation of women. In other words, the Bible does not have relevance in modern moral decisions. Is it any wonder why we have drifted from God's plan for marriage when religious leaders have rejected the Bible, saying it is not always relevant? Just when is it relevant? Only when we agree? Not so, if we claim to follow God's pattern at all, we must follow it completely.

--Glen Elliott--

## YOUTH OUTREACH UNIVERSITY

January 16-18

Please sign up in class before  
January 4th

MEMBERS: we will be housing  
Harrison & Mountain Home teens,  
please be thinking of how many you  
will be able to keep in your home  
for two nights

*Pantry items for  
DECEMBER:  
Jiffy mix & cereal*

### OUR RECORD

DECEMBER 14, 2014

SUNDAY CLASS:	167
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	204
SUNDAY PM:	98
WEDNESDAY (17th):	124
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,798
YTD average:	\$5,220
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$8.965

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Beryl Smith, Dorothy Yeager's brother-in-law, is in rehab in Conway. Remember him in your prayers.  
\*Janet Banks' foot surgery went well on Monday. She is home recovering.  
\*Kenzie Hawks, daughter of Brian & Talisa Swindle, had hip surgery on Friday. Please pray for her.  
\*Please keep Talisa Swindle, Mike Oury (McInturff's brother-in-law), Laurie Henley, Lynda Horton, Loy Mitchell, and Gordon Trusty (friend of the Bell family) in your prayers.

**"THANK YOU"** to all who helped during the Red Cross Blood Drive: from bringing cookies and being the greeters, to donating blood. It was a success!

Stop by the table in the hallway by the offices and see if any of the dishes are yours

									
<b><u>BIRTHDAYS</u></b>									
	Ryeland Lovell	12/23							
	Amy Drewry	12/24							
	Brianna Swindle	12/25							
	Mary Tubbs	12/27							
<b><u>ANNIVERSARYS</u></b>									
	Merrell & Patsy Story	12/22							
	Larry & Susan Ward	12/23							
									



Youth Group  
New Year's Eve  
Devo/Party  
in the Drewry home  
after December 31st  
services until 12:01am  
*Everyone bring a finger food!*

### Our Deacons & their Responsibilities

- Michael Cole** - benevolence, pantry, greeters
- Jarrod DeValle** - education, teachers
- Michael Gilbow** - nursing home, fellowship room set up
- Del Hines** - finance & technology
- Mike Wolff** - building & grounds

### VISITOR BAGS

for December 28th  
*Lesia Edwards & Edie Singleton*



## New Year's Eve Party

after Wednesday evening,  
December 31st, services please  
join us in the fellowship room for  
a time of fun and games as we  
ring in the New Year together!

*Bring a board game and  
a finger food.*

## 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.



## FOOD COMMITTEE for DECEMBER

Please contact:  
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