PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

February 5, 2017

WELCOME: Brian Drewry
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Rod Wilson
LORD'S TABLE: Jim Bell

Marty Leonard

ASSIST: Tim Dixon

Ratis Yeager Eric McNulty

Greg Bradford

CLOSING PRAYER: Mike Brewer GREETERS: Merrell & Patsy Story

Shannon & Jennifer Whitley

CARDS: Benjamin Thomason

Jag McNulty

VISITOR GIFT/ Tiffany Hillman HOSTESSES: Edie Singleton SCRIPTURE READER: Brandon Beck

Psalm 106:1-3

SUNDAY EVENING

February 5, 2017

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell

OPENING PRAYER: Spencer Cromwell LORD'S TABLE: Jackie Horton

Robert Hayes

CLOSING PRAYER: Rick Camp

WEDNESDAY EVENING

February 8, 2017

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Robert Hayes
DEVOTIONAL: Kevin Lovell
CLOSING PRAYER: Clayton 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.

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:

<u>Kevin Barley</u> 501-472-4852 <u>Mike Brewer</u> 501-472-7692

(ushers) (youth)

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* Spencer Cromwell *731-438-1206*

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PREPARING THE WAY FOR FORGIVENESS

Jacob was returning home after twenty years. His hasty departure and long absence is explained, in part, by his brother's oath to kill him. Esau was upset at Jacob for stealing his birthright. It is understandable, then, that Jacob's eventual return would be marked by fear and apprehension. How would Esau react to his return? Would he carry out his threat to kill him? Jacob prepared for the worst. He placed his wives and children in an order which reflected his favorites and divided his flocks and herds in hopes that some might be saved in the event of conflict. Then, he sent servants to Esau with overtures of peace along with gifts, hoping to soften Esau's attitude toward him. The gifts were not accepted and his servants returned warning him that Esau was on his way with 400 men. It would be an understatement to say that the situation was tense.

Having done the best he could to protect his family, Jacob prayed to God for protection. He reminded God of His promise that He would make of his seed a great nation. That night, in an event unparalleled in human history, God appeared in human form and Jacob wrestled with the Lord all night. Following the struggle, God provided assurance to Jacob, changing his name to Israel, meaning "prince of God" (Gen. 32:28).

As Esau approached the next morning, Jacob left his family behind and went out to meet his brother, bowing seven times before him. Esau ran to meet his brother, fell upon his neck kissing him, and they both wept. Jacob expressed his gratitude, saying, "I see your face as one sees the face of God, and you have received me favorably" (Gen. 33:10). There was no hint of the bitterness which had characterized their previous time together. All had been forgiven.

Centuries later, another situation arose—a situation intense beyond comparison. Jesus faced the men who nailed Him to the cross, the soldiers who cast lots for His clothing, and the Jews who had condemned, ridiculed, and mocked Him. These angry, hardened souls might have expected words of condemnation, anathema, and cursing as was common place among those being crucifixion. Instead, they heard words of love for His mother, cries of anguish to His Father, and words of mercy for His tormentors. How could He do it? How could He forgive those who had treated Him so badly? Paul answers the question, saying, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rm. 5:8). In light of the fact that our sins put Jesus on the cross, it is remarkable that He should be so utterly selfless in His sacrifice. Since He was so gracious in preparing the way for our forgiveness through the blood of the cross, how earnest ought we to be in extending mercy to those who sin against us?

--Glen Elliott--

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PAST - gone can't change it

PRESENT - here you're living it

FUTURE - coming where will you spend it?



VISITOR BAGS

for February 12th

Nita Sadler & Dana Short

OUR RECORD JANUARY 29, 2017

SUNDAY CLASS: 160
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 187
SUNDAY PM: 82
WEDNESDAY (1st): 113

BUDGET: \$5,400
OFFERING: \$5,067
YTD average: \$5,067
YTD ahead/behind: -\$1,664



PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our sympathy goes out to Gina Ratliff in the passing of her mother, Betty Williams. Services were Wednesday in Fayetteville.

*Susan Ward had a lung ablation on Thursday.

*Rick Camp's stepmother, Brenda, has been readmitted to ICU at Springhill Baptist in NLR.

*Verple Baker's grandson, Brian, did not have surgery because the tumor has expanded. He is beginning radiation and chemotherapy.

*Cindy Wilson has requested prayers for her son -in-law's grandmother, Hertaline McAnally.

*Pete & Joyce Hines are in need of prayers due to health concerns.

*Alisa Stephens is ill at this time.

*Continue to keep Mary Kennedy, Janet Banks, Patrick Worm, Burnadean Murray, Dorothy Tatum and Doni McInturff in your prayers.

*Remember Jeanne Haithcote who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home.

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

BIRTHDAYS Katie Riela 2/5 Marilyn Watson 2/6 Darren Dent 2/7 Lou Dillard 2/7 Dave Rhyne 2/7 Anne Steele 2/9 ANNIVERSARYS - none

THANK YOU CARD

Thanks for all the prayers, cards & your concern shown to us during the passing of our sister.

We love you so much, Linda Black & Jan Biggs

CONGRATULATIONS

Rickey and Kathy Camp are grandparents of a baby boy -Kage Charles Breeding. He was born Friday, January 27th weighing 8lbs 9oz & 19 1/2 inches long.

AREA WIDE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

February 12th
Liberty church of Christ at 5pm
Van will leave at 4:30

FOOD COMMITTEE for February

Please contact:

Laura Blake or Donna Allensworth 269-6522 454-0595



MISSIONS DAY

February 5th

We will have regular morning services, *potluck*, then a 1:00pm service - **NO 5pm service**

The goal has been set for \$20,000 over the normal weekly budget. Please be praying for all our missionaries and prayerfully consider you giving towards this special contribution

AREA WIDE FELLOWSHIP

February 11th

at Camp Areopagus beginning at noon -If you have any questions, please see Bill Davidson