

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

February 8, 2014

WELCOME: Todd Edwards
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
LORD'S TABLE: Michael Gilbow
Phillip Short
ASSIST: Marty Leonard
Merrell Story
Will Drewry
Mike Wolff
CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Bradford
GREETERS: Todd & Lesia Edwards
Wayne & Karen New
CARDS: Nathan Lovell
Austin Gilbow
VISITOR GIFT/ DOROTHY YEAGER
HOSTESSES: KATHY CAMP
SCRIPTURE READER: WYATT BREWER
Psalm 40:1-3

SUNDAY EVENING

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SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Nathan Woody
LORD'S TABLE: Mike Brewer
Garrett Brewer
CLOSING PRAYER: Pete Hines

WEDNESDAY EVENING

February 11, 2014

SONG LEADER: R. C. Rawls
OPENING PRAYER: Will Drewry
CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent
DEVOTIONAL: Michael Gilbow

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:

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Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912
Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909

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THE BLESSING OF A BROKEN HEART

At first glance, the second beatitude might catch us by surprise. Jesus says, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Mt. 5:4). What does happiness have to do with mourning? Joy and sorrow seem more like polar opposites. As is often the case, the teaching of our Lord requires careful thought and reflection. In this passage, Jesus reveals a positive side to grief.

When we no longer feel remorse for wrong-doing, we are also beyond the point of experiencing the profound comfort of the Lord. Sorrow over sin is essential to divine comfort (2 Cor. 7:10). Pain has its purpose. It tells us that something is wrong and needs our attention. Spiritually speaking, Paul describes those who were past feeling as "callous" (Eph. 4:19). It is a terrible thing when a person becomes so hardened by sin that the voice of conscience can no longer be heard. In such cases, the conscience has been seared as with a hot branding iron (1 Tim. 4:2).

In stark contrast, the mournful Jesus spoke of in this passage are those who are able to feel the pain and sting of a guilty conscience. These are the ones who place themselves in a position to receive comfort from the Lord. In the first beatitude, Jesus told us to be conscious of our deep need for God—that we must be poor in spirit. In this beatitude, Jesus tells us that we should be grieved over our moral and spiritual shortcomings.

Sadly, in our day, the distinction between right and wrong has been blurred. Isaiah lamented over the spiritual condition of the people of his day, saying, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil..." (Is. 5:20). We have traveled too far in the same direction and, as a result, the voice of conscience is poorly educated, often misled by the philosophies of the world. The Bible is our only source of true spiritual education because it alone reveals the mind and purpose of God.

A little boy was told by his father that the conscience is a small voice which talks to us when we have done wrong. While such a definition is not entirely accurate, it does convey an important truth: we must listen to our conscience. The little boy's response to his father's explanation is telling. He prayed, "O God, make the little voice loud!" We need consciences that are educated by and sensitive to the word of God. Only then will we be able to claim the promise of spiritual comfort in Christ.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUP MEETINGS

Care group 2 (Dent) - Feb 21st
4pm at the Dent's home

Care group 5 (Hayes) -Feb 21st
5pm at the Hayes' home - soup & salad potluck

LADIES DAY
at Guy Church of Christ
February 14th at 9am

Signup sheet on bulletin board in the hallway if you want to ride the van which will leave at 8:30am

Speakers:
COLLEEN ELLIOTT,
Angela Almond,
Sharon Myers

OUR RECORD
FEBRUARY 1, 2015

SUNDAY CLASS:	175
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	223
SUNDAY PM:	127
WEDNESDAY (4th):	93
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$23,965

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our sympathy goes out to Laurie Henley in the passing of her aunt, Vicky Gilmer.

*Ethan Edwards had surgery Wednesday on his ACL. Surgery was successful and he is home recovering.

*Good news for Elizabeth Mitchell - she is able to be in a room and out of ICU. She is at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock.

*Tom Banks, Janet's husband, as he begins radiation and chemo on Thursday at the Med Center in Little Rock.

*Shellie Post has been admitted to the VA with an intestinal blockage - room 123 on the 4th floor (B).

*Good reports from the McInturff's brother-in-law, Mike Oury, and the Bell's friend, Gordon Trusty.

*Please keep Laurie Henley's mother-in-law (Barbara Trout), & Loy Mitchell in your prayers.

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
LOCK YOUR VEHICLE IN
THE PARKING LOT**

BIRTHDAYS

Anne Steele	2/9
Hannah Dean	2/9
Fern Chism	2/11
Ellis Turney	2/13

ANNIVERSARYS

none

THANK YOU CARD:

Dear Christian friends,
Thank you so much for your prayers, card, and words of encouragement during the time of my sister's passing. Sadness and sorrow are easier endured when we have people around us whom we know love us -
Gene Blair & family

February 15th
Our afternoon service will begin at 1:00pm due to the work that will be done afterward. Please stay and help move pews!

Areawide Youth Fellowship
February 8th
at Liberty church of Christ
The Short's will be driving the van which will leave at 3:30pm

LOVE IS IN THE AIR
You are invited to attend a
SWEETHEART VALENTINE PARTY
Hosted by Rod and Cindy Wilson
Friday evening, February 13th
6:30pm
Wear Red and
Bring Your Sweetheart
3 Four Farms Trail
Plumerville, AR
501-354-6440 or 501-328-7887
Signup sheet on the bulletin board

Painting in the auditorium will begin February 9th. Please take your personal belongings with you Sunday, February 8th.
Thank you!

Pantry items for FEBRUARY:
cans of soup & tuna

VISITOR BAGS
for February 15th
Nita Sadler & Dana Short



FOOD COMMITTEE
for FEBRUARY
Please contact:
Laura Blake & Donna Allensworth
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