

All ladies are welcome  
to participate in  
**SECRET PALS**  
It is time to sign up . . .  
We will draw names  
February 8th!  
Don't miss out on the fun.

Monthly Youth Devo  
at the Brewer's home  
January 25th after  
evening services  
Boys bring drinks  
Girls bring desserts

OUR RECORD	
<u>JANUARY 18, 2015</u>	
SUNDAY CLASS:	139
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	172
SUNDAY PM:	105
WEDNESDAY (21ST):	108
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,296

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Our sympathy goes out to Helen Swindle in the passing of her sister-in-law, Yvonne Garvin, last Sunday in Michigan.  
\*Also, our sympathy to Carolyn Henderson and her family in the passing of her husband, John. Funeral services were Friday at Roller McNutt in Greenbrier.  
\*Continue to pray for Elizabeth Mitchell and her family. Elizabeth is awake, but has a long road to recovery.  
\*Janet Banks' husband, Tom, had a biopsy but no update on further treatment.  
\*Jenni Hayes grandmother has been moved to hospice care.  
\*Mike Oury, the McInturff's brother-in-law, needs prayers at this time.  
\*Please pray for Fern Chism and those who are taking care of her - she is not doing well.  
\*Please keep Janet Banks, Laurie Henley's mother-in-law (Barbara Trout), Lynda Horton, Loy Mitchell, Gordon Trusty (friend of the Bell family), Dorothy Yeager's brother-in-law (Beryl Smith), and Burnadean Murray's sister (Caroline Sanson) in your prayers.

## BIRTHDAYS

Nicole Riela	1/27
Ethan Shannon	1/27
Clayton Dent	1/28
Keaton Whitley	1/30
Cassi Gilbow	1/31

## ANNIVERSARYS

Dudley & Debra Henry	1/27
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## MISSIONS DAY

February 1st  
Morning service, potluck, and  
second service at 1:00  
The elder's have set a goal of  
\$15,000 above our regular  
contribution for this day

## THANK YOU CARDS:

*Thanks to all our church friends for the  
calls, cards, and visits during Gene's  
stay in the hospital and after  
he came home.*

*In Christian love,  
Gene & Verple Baker*

*To my brothers & sisters in Christ,  
Thank you so much for your love,  
encouragement, cards, food & most of all  
prayers during my recovery - I love you.  
I now ask for your prayers for my husband  
Tommy. He goes to the VA hospital  
Wednesday for conformation of a malignant  
lung tumor. Prayer is powerful & I thank  
God for you all.*

*In His name,  
Janet Banks*

## BAPTISMS

We are happy to announce that Janie  
Shea (Laurie & Dale Henley's daughter)  
and Claire Drewry (Brian & Amy  
Drewry's daughter) were baptized into  
Christ last Saturday evening after  
Y.O.U. Let's encourage them in their  
walk with the Lord.

## Men's Breakfast

February 7th  
meet in the fellowship  
room at 8am

## VISITOR BAGS

*for February 1st  
Kathey Peterson & Beverly Woody*



*Pantry items for  
JANUARY:  
corn & green beans*



## FOOD COMMITTEE for JANUARY

*Please contact:*  
Kathy Camp & Shelly Dent  
472-7943 339-8105

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

January 25, 2014

WELCOME: Darren Dent  
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield  
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow  
LORD'S TABLE: Ratis Yeager  
Todd Edwards  
ASSIST: Ricky Shannon  
Greg Bradford  
Albert Hall  
Kevin Lovell  
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Cole  
GREETERS: David & Beverly Woody  
Ron & Doni McInturff  
CARDS: Austin Gilbow  
Preston Riela  
VISITOR GIFT/ Cassi Gilbow  
HOSTESSES: Gina Ratliff  
SCRIPTURE READER: Alex Riela  
Psalm 34:1-3

### SUNDAY EVENING

January 25, 2014

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: David Woody  
LORD'S TABLE: Darren Dent  
Matthew Dent  
CLOSING PRAYER: Nathan Woody

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

January 28, 2014

SONG LEADER: R. C. Rawls  
OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturff  
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Cole  
DEVOTIONAL: Rod Wilson

## 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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## TEA BAG RELIGION

It's been said that a tea bag is not worth much until it has been through some hot water. There is a lesson in this for Christians. No one enjoys the hardships that trials and tribulations bring our way, but most of us will admit that these are often the times when we experience greatest spiritual growth. Perhaps, this is what James had in mind when he wrote, "consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance" (Jas. 1:2-3). It is the sweat and toil of practice that readies the athlete for competition. Similarly, the difficulties and turmoil of life, when handled with faith and prayer, ready us to handle greater battles in the future. We need endurance, but endurance comes at a price.

Is it worth it? Will endurance pay off? Are we going to look back in the end and feel it was worth the cost we had to pay in terms of personal sacrifice? The Scripture answers with a resounding "Yes!" The Hebrew author exhorts us, saying, "you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised" (Hb. 10:36). Is eternity in heaven worth a little suffering in this present life? Paul answers in the affirmative, saying that this "momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison" (2 Cor. 4:17). Things that cost us nothing are seldom worth anything. Christianity costs us everything in spite of the fact that grace, itself, is a free gift. Paul tells us that our lives must be offered to God as "living sacrifices" (Rm. 12:1).

It is not possible to measure the value of faith apart from testing. Peter explains that "the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:6-7). Like gold refined by fire, faith is purified in the crucible of suffering.

But, not all suffering produces good. It depends on how we handle it. In boiling water, an egg becomes hard while a potato is softened. We can look at difficult circumstances as opportunities for spiritual growth or we can let life's challenges drive a wedge of bitterness deep into our hearts. The choice is ours. How much better it is to let God work in our lives for good! (Rm. 8:28). God will strengthen and bless if we will submit and obey. He "is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able" (1 Cor. 10:13). Trust Him. Always.

--Glen Elliott--