#### **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

#### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**January 31, 2015** 

WELCOME: Mike Wolff
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Brian Drewry
LORD'S TABLE: Clayton Dent

**Wyatt Brewer** 

ASSIST: Jacob Riela

Matthew Dent Eli Leonard

Hunter Smart

CLOSING PRAYER: Greg Bradford
GREETERS: Tim & Dona Dixon

Del & Love Hines

CARDS: Benjamin Thomason

**Keaton Whitley** 

VISITOR GIFT/ Tiffany Hillman HOSTESSES: Cyndi Moore SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent

1 Timothy 4:12

#### SUNDAY EVENING

January 31, 2015

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Tyler Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Gene Blair

Matthew Dent

CLOSING PRAYER: Nathan Woody

#### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**February 3, 2015** 

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell
OPENING PRAYER: Eli Leonard
DEVOTIONAL: Michael Gilbow
CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew 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.

**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 Cole815-622-1874Del Hines501-733-4645(benevolence, pantry, greeters)(finance & technology)Jarrod DeValle501-450-8719Mike Wolff501-472-8912(education & teachers)(building & grounds)

Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909

(nursing home, fellowship room set up)

**Ministers:** 

Glen Elliott *501-314-9999* Spencer Cromwell *731-438-1206* 

**Church Office:** 501-679-3647

#### **GREENBRIER CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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### HIS CHARACTER—OUR ASSURANCE

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Ted Engstrom said, "Integrity is doing what you said you would do." It is commonly stated that "Character is what you are when no one is looking." Sincerity is a word that derives from two Latin words meaning, "without wax." When an ancient pottery merchant said that a particular piece was without wax, he meant there were no imperfections hidden beneath wax. Honesty—integrity—character. All traits sorely needed.

Where do we begin in our pursuit of these virtues? As is always the case, we must look in a heavenly direction. Jesus is our example in all things. He is the personification of truth, for He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." (Jn. 14:6). Jesus is God in human form. Of the Father, we read: "let God be found true, though every man be found a liar..." (Rm 3:4). Again, in Titus 1:2, the Bible describes God as One who "cannot lie." All the characteristics of the Father may be attributed to the Son for Jesus Himself said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (Jn. 14:9). But, what if Christ could not be trusted? What then?

If Christ were unreliable, He would not be a worthy example. But, Peter tells us that Jesus is our example "to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth..." (1 Pet. 2:21-22). Jesus is the pattern by which we shape our lives. His life was without sin. While we will never be perfect in that sense, we can become more and more like Him. In striving to be like Jesus, we prepare for eternal glory. But, if Jesus were untrustworthy, there would be no one to show us the way. How blessed we are to know that Jesus is the Way and His claims are completely reliable!

If Christ were untrustworthy, we would not enjoy assurance that our sins have been forgiven. It is the blood of Christ that provides cleansing from sin. John describes Jesus as the One "who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood..." (Rev. 1:5). Ananias admonished Saul of Tarsus to "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away [his] sins, calling on His name" (Acts 22:16). Jesus' blood is the cleansing agent and baptism in water is where the blood is applied to the soul. If Christ was not who He claimed to be, then His blood would be no more effective than the blood of bulls and goats in the removal of sin. The writer of Hebrews explains, "For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Heb. 9:13-14). Praise God that Jesus did come and shed His blood and that His blood has the power to take away all our sins!

#### **5th Sunday Services**

January 31st
Regular morning services, NO POT-LUCK, afternoon services at 1:00pm

#### **MISSIONS DAY**

February 7th
Regular morning services,
POTLUCK, afternoon services
at 1:00pm

If you would like to be of service on our food committee, please see Donna Allensworth to have your name added

Our congregation will be hosting the

#### AREAWIDE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



February 14th
Please sign up to bring a dessert
for the meal to follow

## OUR RECORD JANUARY 24, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS:

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 204

SUNDAY PM:

WEDNESDAY (27th): 125

BUDGET: \$5,400

OFFERING: \$5,171

YTD average: \$5,636

YTD ahead/behind: \$945



#### PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Keep Cleon Koone in your prayers please. He has some upcoming doctor appointments.

\*Our sympathy goes out to Joanie Hart in the loss of her mother, Henri Pruitt. Arrangements are not known at the time of this writing. Please remember this family in your prayers.

\*Continue to keep Joe Dillard in your prayers.

\*A friend of the Yeager's, Terrie Shoemaker, is in Conway Rehab room 505 and will be having surgery soon at UAMS.

\*Nora Smith's niece, Connie Adams, that lives in Peru, was dehydrated a month ago and went blind. She has not fully recovered yet.

\*Please keep Mac Hankins; Peggy Braden's daughter, Terri; Jason Elliott; Vic Byrd's daughter, Lauren; Curtis Terry; Laurie Henley; Ivana Selby; the Yeager's friend, Lesia; Nita Sadler's sister-in-law, Betty Cockrill; Mike Wolff's friend's wife, Dana; and Ronald Beene's brother, Mike, in your prayers.

#### **BIRTHDAYS** Cassi Gilbow 1/31 2/1 Zakary Swindle Susan Ward 2/2 2/2 Shelly Dent Hattie Rainey Katie Riela 2/5 Marilyn Watson **ANNIVERSARY** Steve & Joanie Hart 888888888

#### **THANK YOU CARDS:**

Dear friends,

We appreciate so much all of the kind words of encouragement and prayers before and after the surgery. We are blessed to have so many friends at the Greenbrier church and we love you. Gene Blair & family

To my wonderful church family at
Greenbrier church of Christ,
Thank you all so very much for your
love, your prayers, your support, food,
and helping me through financial
crisis - I love you all so much and thank
God for you In Christian love,
Janet Banks

# PANTRY ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY:

peanut butter & canned pasta

#### Secret Pals

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGNUP, SEE THE SHEET ON THE LADIES TABLE -WE WILL DRAW NAMES JANUARY 31ST

#### VISITOR BAGS







1 Timothy 4:12, 15 "12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believer an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." "15 Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress."

When Paul told Timothy to "practice" and "immerse" himself in these pursuits, he was calling him to an attitude of perseverance in training. It's an attitude Paul had stated earlier and was reinforcing for its significance: "... train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come" (1 Timothy 4:7-8).

If we aim at perfection, we fall short. But if we persevere at making genuine progress, willing to let God work on us as long as it takes, good things happen. We won't ever "arrive" at perfection this side of heaven, but we are growing and moving forward. We're farther along than we were a year ago—and wiser than we were six months ago. God delights in such progress. Most people already know you aren't perfect, so don't waste time trying to prove otherwise. But they will pay attention when they see progress in your life. You will be amazed at the way God makes little adjustments in your character that can have a huge impact on others. In order for these good things to happen, you must persevere with Christ. -Spencer Cromwell

### FOOD COMMITTEE for FEBRUARY



Laura Blake or Donna Allensworth 269-6522 454-0595

