PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING
January 4 , 2014

WELCOME: Darren Dent Jim Sutterfield SONG LEADER: OPENING PRAYER: Rod Wilson LORD'S TABLE: Phillip Short Greg Bradford ASSIST: Cavden Leonard Justin Smart **Rick Camp** Will Ratliff CLOSING PRAYER: Tim Dixon Ricky & Keri Shannon **GREETERS**: Joe & Katie Riela CARDS: Miguel Montenegro, Jr Nicholas DeValle Linda Harness VISITOR GIFT/ **Dorothy Tatum** HOSTESSES: SCRIPTURE READER: Hunter Smart Psalm 119:97-100

> SUNDAY EVENING January 4, 2014

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff Kevin Barley OPENING PRAYER: LORD'S TABLE: Patrick Rawls R. C. Rawls CLOSING PRAYER:

Herb Tatum

WEDNESDAY EVENING January 4, 2014

SONG LEADER: **OPENING PRAYER:** CLOSING PRAYER: **DEVOTIONAL:**

Kevin Lovell **Jackie Horton** Ratis Yeager Jarrod DeValle

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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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		
<u>Elders:</u> Gene Blair <i>501-499-5868</i>	Darren Dent 501-581-3052	
Deacons: Michael Cole 815-622-1874	Dol Hippo 501 722 4645	
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UNFAILING LOVE

"What a man desires is unfailing love" (Prov. 19:22). These inspired words of Solomon emphasize the fact that love is our most crucial emotional and spiritual need. Without love, we are drowning in a sea of loneliness and despair. Again, to quote the words of Solomon, "Better is a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred" (Prov. 15:17). In language many can relate to: "It is better to eat a lukewarm TV dinner with people you love than to go out to the fanciest restaurant and eat in an atmosphere of hatred and ill-will."

How can we grow in our love for others? The first thing we must do is focus on the magnitude of God's love for us. This is because we really cannot feel good about others unless we feel good about ourselves. But, don't take this to extreme. There is no excuse for becoming a self-oriented person. The biblical frame of reference is taken from the apostle John who said, "We love because he first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19). In knowing that we are yet the objects of His love in spite of our failings that gives us power to love others unselfishly.

We need to know something about God's love before we can love others effectively. Still, we must confess our inability to fully comprehend the depth of His love. The apostle Paul prayed that the Ephesian Christians might be "rooted and grounded in love" and "comprehend...what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge" (Eph. 3:18-19). Don't throw up your hands in despair and ask, "Well, if I cannot know everything about the love of Christ, why should I try at learn anything at all?" Most of us would confess our limited knowledge of mathematics. Yet, we are thankful for what we do know, even if it is just the basics. We cannot let the things unknown prevent us from enjoying things known. There are nearly 700 passages in the Bible using some form of the word, "love." Even in a lifetime of devotion, we will not be able to plumb the depths of such an awesome subject. Nevertheless, we can be grounded in the knowledge of God's love and grow in your appreciation of it, showing grateful acknowledgement in a life of loving obedience.

--Glen Elliott--

We will be hosting Dr. Dave Miller's seminar on "AMERICA'S MOST PRESSING CONCERN" April 10-12th Make plans NOW to attend

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OUR RECORD DECEMBER 28, 2014		
SUNDAY CLASS:	145	
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	179	
SUNDAY PM:	94	
WEDNESDAY (31st):	79	
BUDGET:	\$5,400	
OFFERING:	\$4,582	
YTD average:	\$5,222	
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$9,258	



