PRIVILEGED TO SERVE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES SUNDAY MORNING July 17, 2016 WELCOME: Jarrod DeValle Jim Sutterfield SONG LEADER: Spencer Cromwell OPENING PRAYER: LORD'S TABLE: **Ratis Yeager Mike Brewer** ASSIST: Travis Moody Elders: Albert Hall Garrett Brewer Phillip Short CLOSING PRAYER: Tom Barkley Michael & Susan Cole **GREETERS**: Tim & Dona Dixon CARDS: Jonathan Rawls Jag McNultv Donna Allensworth VISITOR GIFT/ HOSTESSES: Linda Harness SCRIPTURE READER: Eli Leonard Acts 17:24-26 SUNDAY EVENING July 17, 2016 Don Barnett SONG LEADER: OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair LORD'S TABLE: Nathan Woody **Rick Camp** CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow WEDNESDAY EVENING July 20, 2016 SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturff **DEVOTIONAL:** Randy Gordey CLOSING PRAYER: Jarrod DeValle *Please contact Mike Wolff if you are unable to serve.

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. Gene Blair 501-499-5868 Darren Dent 501-581-3052 Deacons: Michael Cole 815-622-1874 (benevolence, pantry, greeters) Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 (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 Church Office: 501-679-3647 **GREENBRIER CHURCH OF CHRIST** 12 Wilson Farm Rd. Greenbrier, AR 72058



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GOD IS NOT A MAN (2)

In last week's bulletin article, we mentioned the fact that there are two common mistakes we make in regard to man's relationship to God. The first is that we tend to think of God in human terms-that is, we try to refashion God into a man.

At a time when the kingdom was being torn from the hands of King Saul because of his rejection of the word of the Lord, Samuel observed that "the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind" (1 Sam. 15:29). Because God is not a man, He does not issue meaningless commands. His word must be obeyed from the heart. Saul had been told to utterly destroy the Amalekites (vs. 3). But, he had not carried out the Lord's will in the manner instructed. Therefore, Samuel prophesied: "Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has also rejected you from being king" (vs. 23). Did the Lord mean what He said? Of course. Would He change His mind in the matter? No. Yet, there are some who believe God will relent from carrying out His wrath upon the unrighteous on the Day of Judgment. Rejecting God's word carries serious consequences. Jesus says, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day" (Jn. 12:48). God is not like an overly indulgent parent who threatens punishment but then changes His mind at the last minute. If we think or act as though He is, then we have lowered God to the level of man.

Lowering God to the level of man is equivalent to the act of idolatry. In Isaiah chapter forty-four, the inspired author describes the utter futility of trying to create a God who is like man. A tree planted grows to such a size as to be useful. It is cut down and becomes fuel for a fire by which one warms himself or bakes a loaf of bread. The rest is used to fashion an idol before whom one prostrates himself in worship. Doesn't make a lot of sense, does it? Yet, this is exactly what takes place when we live as though God is iust like us.

God's patience is meant to lead us to repentance (Rm. 2:4). His promises are reliable and stand as encouragements to all who desire to practice godliness. Likewise, His warnings are certain and stand as barriers to keep us in the path of righteousness. Let us, therefore, reverence God for who He is rather than lower Him to our own level.

Next week, we plan to look at a second mistake commonly made in regard to our relationship with God-namely, trying to elevate man to the position of God.

--Glen Elliott--

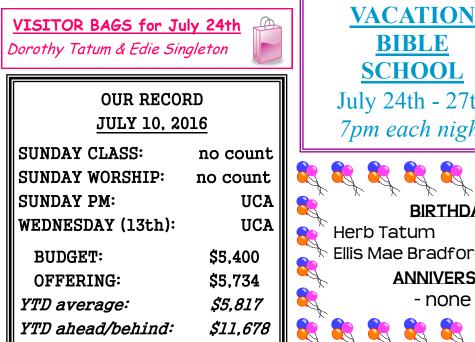
CARE GROUPS:

Care group 4 (Wolff) -Sunday, July 17th after evening services in the fellowship room - see signup sheet

Care group 5 (Hayes) -Sunday, July 17th after morning services *in the Barley's home - see signup sheet*

SIGNUP

to bring homemade cookies for our VBS see the bulletin board in the hallway!

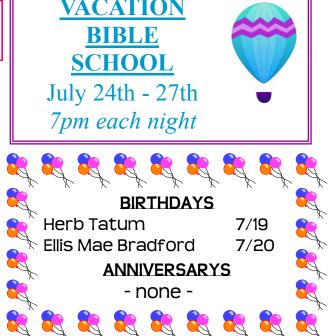




because of an infection but is home now. Please keep him in your prayers.

*The Davidson's son, Phillip, is hopeful to come home from the hospital sometime this week. *Continue to keep Steve Lucas: Amy Drewry's dad (Mike Chunn); Dianna Bane; Joe Dillard; and Sam Selby in your prayers.

*Remember our shut-ins including Jeanne Haithcote, who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home, & Mack Hankins, who is at home. *Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer.



CHRIST QUEST August 5-7 in Mountain Home if you haven't signed up yet, see Spencer.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Kevin Barley and Mike Brewer have been put before the congregation to serve as deacons. Gary Bradford and Rod Wilson have been put before the congregation to serve as elders.

If you have any questions or scriptural objections with any of these men, please go directly to them and discuss. If, after that discussion, you still have a scriptural objection, please provide that objection in writing with your signature to Gene or Darren for further discussion and consideration. Of there are no scriptural objections by July 31, these men will begin serving on that date.

PANTRY ITEMS for JULY:

Soup & canned pasta

Food



For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps (1 Peter 2:21,).

Authentic: it's the real thing, not a knockoff or cheap replica. And authentic is one way we describe a life worth living. A person living out who they are meant to be is the best sense of the idea. Genuine people are often hard to find.

The ultimate standard for authenticity is Jesus Christ. He's the real original. This is true because He is not only our Maker and therefore qualified to tell us how to live authentically, He is also our example. Humanly speaking, He was in every way our perfect model.

In fact, the Christian life could be described as learning to live faithfully as an authentic imitation of Jesus. That's why the apostle Peter, no stranger to hard lessons and humiliating failures, was told in no uncertain terms by Jesus, "You follow (John 21:22). It's also why me" Peter passed on that same wisdom to us: "For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps" (1 Peter 2:21). -Spencer Cromwell

FOOD COMMITTEE for July Please contact Kathy Camp & Shelly Dent 472-7943 339-8105

