

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

June 18, 2017

WELCOME: Spencer Cromwell  
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Brian Drewry  
LORD'S TABLE: Patrick Rawls  
Jarrod DeValle  
ASSIST: Derek Gilmer  
Jim Bell  
Darren Dent  
Mike Brewer  
CLOSING PRAYER: Jackie Horton  
GREETERS: Gary & Becky Bradford  
Marty & Tina Leonard  
CARDS: Preston Riela  
Ryeland Lovell  
VISITOR GIFT/ Kathy Camp  
HOSTESSES: Dorothy Yeager  
SCRIPTURE READER: Eli Leonard  
Joshua 24:15

### SUNDAY EVENING

June 18, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jared Mahan  
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow  
LORD'S TABLE: Mike Wolff  
Matthew Dent  
CLOSING PRAYER: Wyatt Brewer

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

June 21, 2017

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff  
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell  
DEVOTIONAL: Gene Blair  
CLOSING PRAYER: Mike Brewer

***\*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.  
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 1:00 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  
Gary Bradford 501-626-3232 Rod Wilson 501-328-7888

#### Deacons:

Kevin Barley 501-472-4852 Mike Brewer 501-472-7692  
(ushers) (youth)

Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Jarrod DeValle 501-470-8710  
(benevolence, pantry) (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

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### "RIP IT OUT!"

In a devotional article, John Barry used Jesus' statement in Matthew 5:30 to emphasize our need to rip sin out of our lives. If you remember, Jesus said, "And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell."

In the physical realm, amputation is considered a drastic measure which sometimes must be taken in order to save a person's life. Spiritual amputation is the result of taking sin seriously and actively engaging in spiritual warfare against the forces of darkness that seek to defeat us.

To a large degree, we have grown tolerant of sin. We have cozied up to it, comfortably wrapping ourselves in the false assurance of our own broadmindedness and disposition of grace toward ourselves and others. But, overlooking sin does not accurately reflect the attitude of God (Acts 17:30-31). Judgment is coming at which time we must give an account (2 Cor. 5:10).

Sin, in all its forms, is a pernicious evil. Its wages is death (Rm. 6:23). Flirting with sin is like playing Russian roulette with a fully loaded pistol. To borrow the language of Moses in warning the children of Israel, "be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23). The deceitfulness of sin is seen in its ability to work in subtle, almost imperceptible ways to harden our hearts, desensitizing us to its grip of death (Hb. 3:13). Slowly, but surely, we lose consciousness and slip away into a spiritual stupor.

God's repeated call to sinful man is: "Wake up before it is too late!" While we are stirred by the goodness and kindness of God and drawn by His everlasting cords of love; these gracious attributes of God were never intended to be an excuse for sin or a substitute for repentance (Rm. 2:4; Jer. 31:3; Rm. 6:1-2). Instead, we are called to "come out...and be separate" (2 Cor. 6:17). We are told not to "participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them" (Eph. 5:11). Rather than snuggling up to sin, we are told to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts" (Rm. 13:14).

Let's face it--sin, in all its insidious forms, must be vigorously opposed. Nor is this a battle we can win by default. Satan "prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Pet. 5:8). We must resist him firm in our faith if we hope to overcome (1 Pet. 5:9; 1 Jn. 5:4). In such a battle as this, there can be no half-hearted response to sin in our lives. We must rip it out, cut it off, and throw it away.

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUPS:

Care Group 1 (Lewis) -  
Sunday, June 25th at 4pm  
at Woolly Hollow pavilion  
please see the signup sheet

Care Group 3 (Bradford) -  
Sunday, June 25th at 4pm  
at Woolly Hollow pavilion  
please see the signup sheet

Care Group 6 (Gilbow) -  
Sunday, June 25th at 4pm  
at Woolly Hollow pavilion  
please see the signup sheet

Cheyenna Linn came forward  
Wednesday night asking for  
prayers for her and her family

## OUR RECORD

JUNE 11, 2017

SUNDAY CLASS:	161
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	212
SUNDAY PM:	97
WEDNESDAY (14th):	98
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$6,126
YTD average:	\$5,294
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$2,537

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Pete Hines hip replacement surgery went well on Wednesday at UAMS.

\*A friend of some in our congregation, Tracy Rose, her daughter (Heather) is having heart issues at this time.

\*Michael O'Brien is out of the hospital but continue to pray for him.

\*Continue to keep Jim Sutterfield, Verple Baker, Janet Rhyne, Doni McInturff, and Dorothy Tatum in your prayers.

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

Remember Jeanne Haithcote who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home.

## Secret Pal Reveal Party

Monday, June 26th at 6:00  
in the fellowship room

Bring a salad and a final gift for your secret pal - please let Colleen know if you will be unable to attend



## BIRTHDAYS

Janet Banks 6/20

Kristie Brewer 6/23

## ANNIVERSARYS

- none -

## WEDDING

We are all invited to the wedding of  
Michaela Roberts & Nathan Woody



Saturday June 24th  
at 6:30 (RSVP)

## BAPTISM

Isabella Brown (Izzy) was baptized at camp Wednesday night. Let's encourage Izzy in her walk with the Lord.

## LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

June 25th is our last Sunday of the month service. We will have our regular morning services with a 1pm service. No 5pm service.



## VISITOR BAGS

for June 25th

Nita Sadler & Dana Short

## FOOD COMMITTEE

for June

Please contact:

Gina Ratliff Dana Short  
581-1948 472-4740



## "Swimming Blind?"

"How come you ripped your goggles off after that race Michael?" the interviewer asked after Michael Phelps won another gold medal. "Was something going on there?" "My goggles filled with water as soon as I dove in the water," the superstar stated matter-of-factly. "So you swam the entire race unable to see?" the commentator was amazed. He finished with gold and broke another world record. Surprising? Later we learned his coach purposely stepped on his goggles at a meet two years ago and broke them. It may have seemed like a senseless gesture then, but it sure makes sense now.

"That's what a good coach does," the gym trainer told me this morning while he monitored his trainee's water exercises:

What is God, our coach, producing in you and me? Do we question his love when the hardships come? How does a good father train up his child?

In 2 Timothy Paul writes a letter to his protégé Timothy, from prison - a Roman dungeon. He is preparing to pass him the torch, the stewardship of the gospel: "You then my son be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 2:1) The strength he described was from God. Timothy would be empowered by grace, a divine gift (grace) we all possess in Christ. He told Timothy to entrust the gospel to reliable or faithful men who will also be qualified to teach others. Timothy did his job.

We have received the torch. It has passed through many hands down through the ages. "Keep reminding them of these things" (2 Timothy 2:14) he told Timothy.

- Spencer Cromwell