## **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

#### SUNDAY MORNING March 19, 2017

WELCOME: Jarrod DeValle SONG LEADER: Don Barnett **OPENING PRAYER:** Patrick Rawls LORD'S TABLE: Phillip Short **Mike Brewer** ASSIST: Zac Gordey Tyler Blair Nathan Lovell Rick Camp CLOSING PRAYER: Shannon Whitley **GREETERS**: Tim & Dona Dixon Brian & Amy Drewry CARDS: Tate Stacks Jonathan Rawls Cassi Gilbow VISITOR GIFT/ HOSTESSES: Anne Steele SCRIPTURE READER: Nathan Lovell Hebrews 11:6

#### SUNDAY EVENING March 19, 2017

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell LORD'S TABLE: Kevin Barley Randy Gordey CLOSING PRAYER: Pete Hines

> WEDNESDAY EVENING March 22, 2017

SONG LEADER:Kevin LovellOPENING PRAYER:Jackie HortonDEVOTIONAL:Don BarnettCLOSING PRAYER:Tyler Blair

\*Please contact Mike Wolff if you are unable to serve.

### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

SUNDAY:						
BIBLE CLASS WORSHIP	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.					
EVENING		5:00 p.m.				
LAST SUNDAY OF T	HE MONTH	1:00 p.m.				
WEDNESDAY:						
BIBLE CLASS		7:00 p.m.				
THURSDAY:						
LADIES BIBLE CLAS	SS	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)						
<u>Ministers:</u> Glen Elliott	501-314-999	0				
Spencer Cromwell						
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#### WE ARE FAMILY!

In his first letter to Timothy, Paul referred to the church as the "household of God" (1 Tim. 3:15). Hugo McCord captured the essence of this expression when he translated it as "God's family." The church is the family of God. God is our Father and Jesus is our older brother (Mt. 6:9; Hb. 2:11). As members of the church, we are brothers and sisters in Christ by virtue of the fact that we have been born again of water and the Spirit and adopted into the family of God (Jn. 3:3-5; Gal. 4:4-7). Unity in the family of God is a wonderful blessing. As the Psalmist so eloquently put it: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133:1). Such unity ought to be pursued with fervor and devotion (Eph. 4:1-6; Ph. 2:1-2), but never at the expense of truth (Prov. 23:23; Rm. 12:18). One of our richest blessings is our sense of unity—that feeling of family in the body of Christ. Such a blessing can do much to influence the world around us to take a fresh look at God and His Son, Jesus (Jn. 17:20-23).

It is often the case, when traveling to places near or far away, that a sense of oneness is enjoyed when visiting other Christians who are worshiping "in spirit and truth" (Jn. 4:24). There is often a precious familiarity in the way we study the Bible, pray together, partake of the Lord's Supper, sing praises to God without the accompaniment of instrumental music, and have opportunity to give as we had been prospered. The simple pattern of New Testament worship makes it possible for us to connect with "family" wherever our travels may lead us.

Those who add to or take away from the simple pattern of New Testament worship promote division in the family of God and make unity impossible. The apostle Paul spoke of God's desire for unity in the family of God when he wrote to the church at Corinth and said, "Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10). Our unity is based on the name or authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. Because He has all authority and resides as head over the church (Mt.28:18; Eph. 1:22-23), we must follow His directives as they describe what God requires of us in worship or, for that matter, in any area of Christian living. When Paul says that we must all "agree", he uses a word that literally means "speak the same thing." How can we speak the same thing? Only by speaking, as it were, "the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11). We do not cause division by insisting on a "thus says the Lord." No, quite to the contrary, it is our insistence on such that promotes unity on the only enduring foundation—the foundation of God's inspired word. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Mt. 24:35). We are part of a family—a family securely anchored to the bedrock of truth!

-Glen Elliott-

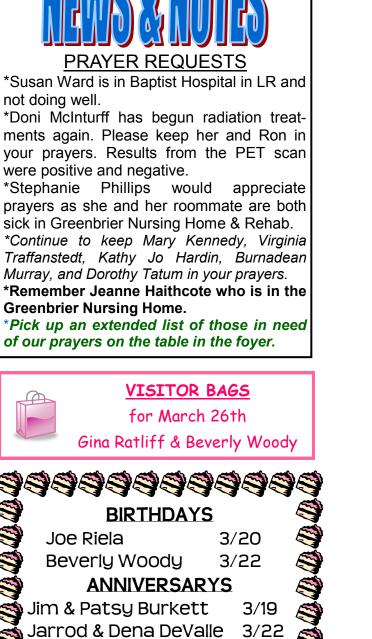
## **CARE GROUPS:**

<u>Care Group 5 (Yeager)</u> -Saturday, April 22nd at 5pm in the home of the Barnett's see signup sheet

<u>Care Group 6 (Gilbow)</u> -Sunday, March 19th after morning services in the fellowship room

# <u>CORRECTION -</u> <u>NEW ADDRESS</u>: Phillip & Dana Short Nita Sadler 1520 Briley Drive Conway, AR 72034 (remember to update your directory)

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OUR RECOR		Gina Ratliff & B	everly		
<u>MARCH 12, 2017</u>				-	
SUNDAY CLASS:	144		<b>199999</b> 8	30	
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	188		BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAYS	
SUNDAY PM:	88	8	Joe Riela	3/	
WEDNESDAY (15th):	133	8	Beverly Woody	3/	
BUDGET:	BUDGET: \$5,400 OFFERING: \$5,755		S ANNIVERSARYS		
<b>OFFERING</b> :			💑 Jim & Patsy Burkett		
YTD average:	\$5,123	Jarrod & Dena DeValle			
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LADIES DAY APRIL 8TH The ladies of Greenbrier church of Christ will host a brunch

and lesson from guest speaker -Anna Reid McAnally of Lawrenceburg, TN Registration will begin at 9:30am, brunch at 10am, done by 1:00pm Bring a friend and join us for a spiritually uplifting morning \*There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway for those who would like to help

## **BAPTISM:**

Jeremy Thomason was baptized into Christ Tuesday evening. Let's encourage him in his walk with the Lord.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

March 20th Areawide Fellowship & Singing Night

March 25th at 8am - Men's Breakfast

March 31st - April 2nd Area Wide Youth Retreat

FOOD COMMITTEE for March Please contact: Becky Bradford Dona Dixon 501-626-4436 501-680-6209



"We Have Something to Sing About!" "Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening."—Acts 16:25

Christianity is home to the most beautiful music in the world, as well as the most beautiful singers in the world. The accapella sound that we deliver to God is unmatched by any manmade instrument or technology. But we are not rating our faith on the basis of our music; it is on the basis of what we believe and Whom we believe in. Christians sing a lot because we have a lot to sing about.

When a believer can praise God in the midst of trials and suffering, a lost world takes notice. When you are going through hardship and can still praise God, nonbelievers will pay attention.

Case in point: Paul and Silas were thrown into a dungeon for preaching the gospel. They had been severely beaten and their feet were in stocks, but Acts 16:25 says, "Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening."

In Revelation 15, we find the martyrs from the Tribulation "singing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb" (verse 3). They have come through the worst fire imaginable: they had put been put to death for their faith. Yet they are in Heaven, singing their songs.

You may say, "But I don't have a great voice". That hasn't stopped thousands of people from auditioning for American Idol, so it shouldn't stop you! You aren't performing for anyone. When you worship, you are singing for an audience of one: God. So get into practice. - Spencer Cromwell