

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

March 23, 2014

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Derek Phillips
LORD'S TABLE: Cody Barley
R. C. Rawls
ASSIST: David Woody
Jarrod DeValle
Daniel Phillips
Hunter Smart
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow
GREETERS: Rod & Cindy Wilson
Joe & Katie Riela
CARDS: Miguel Montenegro, Jr
Jag McNulty
VISITOR GIFT/
HOSTESSES: Becky Gossett
Anna Wolff
SCRIPTURE READER: Foster Hines
Psalm 31:23-24

SUNDAY EVENING

March 23, 2014

SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Tom Barkley
LORD'S TABLE: Wyatt Brewer
Garrett Brewer
CLOSING PRAYER: Ethan Edwards

WEDNESDAY EVENING

March 26, 2014

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Tom Barkley
CLOSING PRAYER: Foster Hines
DEVOTIONAL: Robert Hayes

****Please call the church office at
679-3647 if 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:

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Deacons:

Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Del Hines 501-733-4645
Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912
Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909

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THE CHURCH IS THE KINGDOM (2)

The church is the kingdom—the kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven, and the kingdom of Christ. All three expressions are used in Scripture to refer to the church. There are three elements required for a kingdom to exist.

In the first place, a kingdom must have a king. Without a king there can be no kingdom. Israel was a kingdom, even before the anointing of Saul. Original intent for the kingdom of Israel was for God to be its king (1 Sam. 8:7 cf. Jud. 8:23). In asking for a king, the people of Israel did not reject Samuel, but God as their king (1 Sam. 8:5). Even without God as king, they were still a kingdom because they were ruled by Saul and his successors. Centuries later, on the first Pentecost following the ascension of Christ, Peter said that Jesus had been “exalted to the right hand of God” and had been made “both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:33, 36). This is the practical equivalent of being named king. From that time forward, the kingdom of God, the church, is spoken of as being in existence (Col. 1:13; Mt. 16:18-19). It is unreasonable to believe that a kingdom can exist without a king. It is equally unreasonable to say that Jesus became king at His ascension but will not actually rule as king until He comes again.

A kingdom must also have citizens, those who are subject to the king. Confession of Jesus as Lord is acknowledgment of His kingly right to rule in our lives. Paul reminds us that “our citizenship is in heaven” (Ph. 3:20). Heaven is the place from which Christ rules over His kingdom, the church. It is a heavenly kingdom—the kingdom of heaven. We become citizens in His kingdom as a result of having been born again of the water and Spirit. Jesus said, “unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (Jn. 3:5).

Finally, a kingdom must also have laws. It is impossible to govern without laws. While we are not under the Law of Moses; we are under law. Paul calls it “the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus” (Rm. 8:2). James refers to it as “the perfect law, the law of liberty” (Jas. 1:25). Those who argue that we are not under law have failed to appreciate the fact that “the law of the Spirit of life” sets us “free from the law of sin and death” (Rm. 8:2). The law of sin and death is the law which says that death is the penalty for sin (cf. Rm. 6:23). In other words, without being under law to Christ, we are doomed to suffer the penalty death—spiritual and eternal separation from God. Christ is king over His kingdom and rules His citizens through His inspired word. Must we be part of His kingdom to be saved? We will discuss this in our next article.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUP MEETINGS:

- Care group 1 - April 13th
*(Barley's after morning services -
signup sheet on bulletin board)*
- Care group 2 - April 13th
*(fellowship room
after morning services)*
- Care group 3 - March 23rd
*(fellowship room after evening
services - **desserts and coffee/soda**)*
- Care group 4 - April 12th
(Allensworth's home at 5 pm)
- Care group 5 - April 12th
*(4:00 pm in the fellowship room -
Mexican theme)*
- Care group 6 - April 13th
(Rhyne's home after evening services)
- Care group 7 - April 27th
*(fellowship room after morning services-
Italian theme)*
- Care group 8 - N/A

**Please let Shelly Dent know
when your next meeting
will take place.*

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Thelma Davis fell Thursday in rehab center and broke her other hip. She had surgery Thursday night at Conway Regional.
- *Howard Haithcote is in Conway Regional. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers.
- *Bryan Gossett, Bob & Becky's son, has colon cancer - additional tests & treatments are planned. And Bob, as he continues to struggle with his health.
- *Please pray for a friend of the Sadler family who has cancer.
- *Tom Banks, Janet's husband, had a CT scan Thursday to see if the cancer has spread.
- *Matthew Post's grandfather, Leon Post, passed away Thursday afternoon.
- *Continue to remember Steven Baker, Verple & Gene's grandson; Mary Mix; and Glen Elliott's sister, Marlene Caldwell.

*Please pick up a prayer request sheet
on the table in the foyer. This is an
extended list of all those who are
in need of our prayers.*

		
BIRTHDAYS		
	Christian Rowen	3/24
	Taylor Riela	3/26
	David Woody	3/27
	Brenna Leggett	3/29
ANNIVERSARYS		
	Todd & Lesia Edwards	3/23
	Herb & Dorothy Tatum	3/26
		

MEN'S BREAKFAST

APRIL 19TH AT 8 AM

*SINCE THIS IS EASTER WEEKEND,
THERE WILL BE A SIGNUP SHEET
ON THE BULLETIN BOARD TO SEE HOW
MANY WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.*

LADIES GETAWAY

*APRIL 25TH & 26TH
In Little Rock @ Wingate Inn*

*Sign up sheet and more
information on the ladies table*

*See Jan Biggs or Donna
Allensworth with any questions*

PLEASE

*stop by the table in the
hallway by the offices to see if
any of those dishes are yours.
They will be left out for
ONE more week.*

YOUTH NEWS

From Brett

- March 23rd** - movie night after evening services
- March 30th** - student led worship
- April 4th-6th** - youth retreat @ Camp Wyldewood
- *check out the calendar on our website:
www.gbcofc.com*

NEW CLASS:

*"How to Put Together a Sermon/Devo"
Sunday afternoons 3:30 - 4:30pm*

*Glen will be offering
instruction, practical tips,
and assistance.*

VISITOR BAGS

*March 30th -
Cassi Gilbow &
Gina Ratliff*



FOOD COMMITTEE

MARCH
Please contact:
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