

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

March 29, 2015

WELCOME: Michael Gilbow
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Clayton Dent
LORD'S TABLE: Gary Mavity
Wyatt Brewer
ASSIST: Eli Leonard
Hunter Smart
Justin Smart
Alex Riela
CLOSING PRAYER: Will Drewry
GREETERS: Robert & Jenni Hayes
Ricky & Keri Shannon
CARDS: Nicholas DeValle
Ethan Shannon
VISITOR GIFT/ BECKY GOSSETT
HOSTESSES: Anna Wolff
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent
Psalm 119:129-130

SUNDAY EVENING

March 29, 2015

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Will Ratliff
LORD'S TABLE: R. C. Rawls
Matthew Dent
CLOSING PRAYER: Cayden Leonard

WEDNESDAY EVENING

April 1, 2015

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Jackie Horton
CLOSING PRAYER: Eli Leonard
DEVOTIONAL: Kevin Blair

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.
BIBLE STUDY/CLASS 6:00 p.m.

Elders:

Gene Blair 501-499-5868 Darren Dent 501-581-3052

Deacons:

Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Del Hines 501-733-4645
(benevolence, pantry, greeters) (finance & technology)
Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912
(education & teachers) (building & grounds)

Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909
(nursing home, fellowship room set up)

Minister:

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NO MATTER THE COST

When Jesus calls us to follow Him, He tells us plainly what to expect in terms of personal sacrifice and hardship. He says, "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Mt. 5:1-12).

Persecuted for what is right—that is what Jesus had in mind in this passage. We don't like being persecuted. We don't even like feeling persecuted. Yet, the Scripture tells us that "all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Tim. 3:12). Why? Because the nature of Christianity, when practiced consistently, will make us different than the world around us. People who are different are often misunderstood and mistreated. John explains why Jesus suffered rejection, saying that "the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil" (Jn. 3:19). Later in the book, Jesus tells us that a slave is not greater than His master (Jn. 15:20). If Jesus was persecuted, those who follow Him may expect the same treatment from the world.

A second reason why persecution might be expected has to do with the exclusive nature of Christianity. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life and no man can come to the Father except by Me" (Jn. 14:6). Christianity is exclusive. Devotion is directed to one God, one Mediator, and one message of divine truth. Something that exclusive is bound to run into opposition. Some have sought to make Christianity less exclusive by compromising truth, thus enabling all beliefs to cohabitate with Christianity. A serious flaw in this line of reasoning is seen in the fact that truth, by its nature, is exclusive. Compromising the truth does not change it, it merely gives rise to deception. Truth is still truth. God is still God and there are no other gods. Jesus is still His Son and there is no other way to the Father. And, His word, the Bible, is still sufficient to equip us for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Such an exclusive religion will encounter persecution.

A third reason why the Christian religion may suffer persecution is because of its evangelistic thrust. Many are content to allow Christians to believe what they believe just so long as they keep it to themselves. But, the gospel is good news that must be shared. Should we remain silent, we would prove untrue to the God whom we serve. We must speak the truth and we must speak it in love (Eph. 4:15). We must stand for what is right no matter the cost. God comes first and there is no alternative. So, when persecution comes, endure it. Take heart in the awareness that you are in good company and that the blessing of heaven is upon you.

-- Glen Elliott --

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our sympathy goes out to Rick Camp in the passing of his stepfather, Jim Lindsey. Graveside services were Monday in Newport.

*Also, our sympathy goes out to Jan Biggs and Linda Black, in the passing of their mother Ellen Stracener. Her funeral was Wednesday here at the building.

*Tony Worm's son, Patrick, is needing our prayers at this time as he goes through some personal problems.

*Helen Swindle's brother-in-law, Jim Gilbert, has cancer and is undergoing radiation treatments.

**Please keep Ruth Hughes, Jason Elliott, Abby Owens (Shug & Joanne McMillan's niece), Nell Lee's niece (Ava Gibson), Laurie Henley's mother-in-law (Barbara Trout), Edward Harness (Linda's brother-in-law), Tom Banks, & Loy Mitchell in your prayers.*

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

CARE GROUP MEETINGS

Care group 2 (Dent) - April 19th
in the fellowship room after morning services with care group 3

Care group 3 (Blair) - April 19th
in the fellowship room after morning services with care group 2

Care group 4 (Wolff) - April 18th
in the fellowship room at 5:30

Care group 5 (Hayes) - April 12th
in the fellowship room after evening services - Mexican theme - signup sheet

Care group 6 (Gilbow) - April 26th
in the fellowship room after morning services - Italian theme

***Remember to check the bulletin board for any signup sheets!**

MARCH 29th - Fifth Sunday Potluck and 1:00 service

OUR RECORD MARCH 22, 2015

SUNDAY CLASS:	164
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	189
SUNDAY PM:	125
WEDNESDAY (25th):	94
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,705

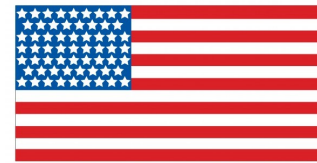
	
BIRTHDAYS	
McKenzie Shannon	3/30
Gene Blair	3/31
Albert Hall	4/02
Tony Dunn	4/04
Cindy Wilson	4/04
ANNIVERSARYS	
none	
	

THANK YOU CARD:

*To all my beloved Christian family,
Thank you all so much for the cards,
calls, texts, visits, food and mostly for
your continual prayers while I was in
the hospital. Our God is good
and so are all of you.*

*Love you all so much,
Sandra Blair*

AMERICA'S MOST PRESSING CONCERN



Seminar by
Dr. Dave Miller
of Apologetics Press
April 10 - 12
10th, 11th @ 7:00 pm
12th @ 9:30 & 10:30 am

VISITOR BAGS

for April 5th
Cassi Gilbow & Anne Steele



APRIL EVENTS

April 10-12th
Seminar with Dr. Dave Miller

April 12th
Areawide Youth Fellowship
at Vilonia

April 18-19th
Casey & Keri Nash Visit
(youth minister candidate and his wife)

April 19th
Monthly Youth Devo
at the Wilson's home

April 20th
Areawide Fellowship
at UACCM
(Greenbrier will be hosting)

April 25-26th
Caleb Hambelton Visit
(youth minister candidate)

April 26th
Wedding shower for
Shelby Barkley from 2-4
(more details coming soon)

PANTRY ITEMS FOR MARCH:
Canned pasta & cereal

FOOD COMMITTEE for APRIL

Please contact:
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