

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

May 11, 2014

WELCOME: Todd Edwards
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
LORD'S TABLE: Gene Blair
Tom Barkley
ASSIST: Ricky Shannon
Tyler Blair
Hunter Smart
Albert Hall
CLOSING PRAYER: Darren Dent
GREETERS: Merrell & Patsy Story
Shannon & Jennifer Whitley
CARDS: Ethan Akin
Ethan Shannon
VISITOR GIFT/ Tiffany Hillman
HOSTESSES: Amy Barley
SCRIPTURE READER: Foster Hines

SUNDAY EVENING

May 11, 2014

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Jarrod DeValle
LORD'S TABLE: David Woody
Robert Hayes
CLOSING PRAYER: Clayton Dent

WEDNESDAY EVENING

May 14, 2014

SONG LEADER: Foster Hines
OPENING PRAYER: Bill Davidson
CLOSING PRAYER: Brian Drewry
DEVOTIONAL: Darren Dent

****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:

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

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

Minister:

Associate/Youth Minister:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999 Brett McGohan 918-859-0446

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THE SPIRIT OF NON-RETALIATION

In a series of statements designed to heighten a sense of contrast between what they had heard and what He was teaching, Jesus cites various statements from the Law of Moses only to follow up with His own amplification or clarification regarding such principles. Having already discussed the Law's prohibitions against murder, adultery, and false oaths; Jesus continues His remarks, saying, "You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.' But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you" (Mt. 5:38-42). The overall tone of this section is descriptive of what has been called "the spirit of non-retaliation."

"An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" is one of those phrases with which even the biblically illiterate are all too familiar. It is a statement found three times in the Old Testament. Once as a penalty for causing a miscarriage (Ex. 21:24). Another time in reference to injuring a neighbor (Lev. 24:20). And, finally, as consequence to bearing false testimony in a court of law (Dt. 19:21). In all three instances, the penalty was to be carried out after judicial process.

As a 21st century rule of life, the "eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth" philosophy overlooks several important details. First, it is part of the Law of Moses—a law that is no longer in force—it has been nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14). Getting even with our enemies under the guise of following God's word is nothing more than a perversion of truth. Even if exchanging laws were possible, it would not be a good trade. We cannot pick and choose from the Old Testament those things which we would carry over into the New Testament. If we could, we would be bound to keep it all (Jas. 2:10). But the plain testimony of Scripture is that to do so would cause us to be "severed from Christ" and "fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:4).

A second problem associated with living by an "eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth" code of conduct is that such overlooks the purpose behind the law in the first place. The law was in place for the purpose of providing an equitable system of judicial

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justice. It was designed to prevent the escalation of violence, hatred, and vigilante justice. These are the very things that lie at the heart of many of our wars and conflicts.

On a personal level, Jesus went on to cite examples of how this principle of non-retaliation works—examples that relate to such things as turning the other cheek and going the second mile. Lord willing, we will talk about these in our next article.

--Glen Elliott--

New address for Linda Black:
1615 Westlake Drive apt 1507
Conway, AR 72034

Sunday during our gospel meeting, Sheila Lunsford, Angie Gordey's sister, asked to be restored to a right relationship with our Lord. Also, Khelzie Koston came forward needing prayers of forgiveness & help to do the right thing.

OUR RECORD

MAY 4, 2014

SUNDAY CLASS:	199
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	231
SUNDAY PM:	151
WEDNESDAY (30th)	131
OFFERING:	\$5,351

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Remember the families of all those who have lost these loved ones within the last week: Keith Post, RC Freeman, and Joe Phillips.

*Jeanne Haithcote is back at Greenbrier Nursing and Rehab Center with Mr. Haithcote.

*The Tatum's great grandson, Travis Talbert, is having serious colon problems.

*Wayne Hartness, a friend & firefighter with Phillip Short, has colon cancer.

*The McInturff's friend, Kelly Garner, is in the hospital after a long illness. She is a member at Sylvan Hills.

*Laurie Henley's father, Alan Lane, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer - his prognosis is good. Laurie's mother-in-law, Barbara Trout, has lung cancer, but the outlook right now is not good for her.

*Pete Hines will have hip replacement surgery on the Monday, the 12th at St. Vincent hospital.



BIRTHDAYS

Colleen Elliott	5/12
Laura Blake	5/12
Charlie McGohan	5/12
Pam Kunkel	5/13
Helen Swindle	5/16
Aryca Hall	5/16
Amy McGohan	5/17

ANNIVERSARYS

Rod & Cindy Wilson	5/13
Shawn & Jessica Smart	5/14
Pete & Joyce Hines	5/17
Brett & Amy McGohan	5/17



THANK YOU CARDS:

*To my dear church family,
Thank you so much for the Bible! We
really enjoyed the wonderful fellow-
ship and great food Sunday night.
We're mindful of the efforts required
of so many for this celebration
and we are grateful.*

*I have given thanks to God, asking
that he continue to bless our growth in
love, unity and service to Him.*

*God bless,
Gary Wade*



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



CONGREGATION PICNIC

at the pavilion in
Woolly Hollow State Park
MAY 17th

*Fun & fellowship begins at 3 pm
Bring you favorite outside game*

We will eat at 5 pm

*Sign up sheet on the bulletin
board in the hallway*



YOUTH NEWS

From Brett . . .

May 24th - "Altitude" for all ages.

*check out: www.gbcofc.com

Diapers and Wipes Shower

for Erin Thomason

*May 18th from 2 - 4
in the fellowship room*

*If you have any questions
please see Aryca Hall, Amy
McGohan, or Donna
Allensworth*

VISITOR BAGS

May 18th

Stephanie Barkley & Anne Janski



FOOD COMMITTEE

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Please contact:

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