#### **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE** SCHEDULE OF SERVICES **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** May 15, 2016 **WORSHIP EVENING** WELCOME: Darren Dent Jim Sutterfield SONG LEADER: **BIBLE CLASS** OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturff LORD'S TABLE: **Ratis Yeager** Mike Brewer ASSIST: Marty Leonard Elders: Gene Blair 501-499-5868 Pete Hines Nathan Woody Eli Leonard CLOSING PRAYER: Shannon Whitley Robert & Jenni Haves **GREETERS**: Joe & Katie Riela Jag McNulty CARDS: Keaton Whitlev Becky Gossett **VISITOR GIFT/** HOSTESSES: Anna Wolff Ministers: SCRIPTURE READER: Hunter Smart Glen Elliott 1 Timothy 6:7-8 Spencer Cromwell SUNDAY EVENING May 15, 2016 12 Wilson Farm Rd. SONG LEADER: **Brian Drewry** Greenbrier, AR 72058 OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell LORD'S TABLE: Kevin Lovell Matthew Dent CLOSING PRAYER: Rick Camp WEDNESDAY EVENING May 18, 2016 Kevin Lovell SONG LEADER: OPENING PRAYER: Garv Bradford **DEVOTIONAL:** Spencer Cromwell CLOSING PRAYER: Albert Hall \*Please contact Mike Wolff if you are unable to serve.

### SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY: 7:00 p.m. **THURSDAY:** LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:00 a.m. Darren Dent 501-581-3052 Deacons: Michael Cole 815-622-1874 (benevolence, pantry, greeters) Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 (education & teachers) Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909 (nursing home, fellowship room set up) Mike Wolff 501-472-8912 (building & grounds) 501-314-9999 731-438-1206 Church Office: 501-679-3647 **GREENBRIER CHURCH OF CHRIST**



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### **OUR "FOREVER" PRIEST**

"For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever" (Hebrews 7:1–3, ESV)

In the book of Hebrews, the inspired author stresses the superiority of Christianity over Judaism by drawing contrasts between the two systems. One such contrast is a comparison between the Levitical priesthood under the Law of Moses and priesthood of Jesus Christ. The priesthood of Jesus is likened to that of Melchizedek to show the perpetual nature of Christ's priesthood. In the Levitical system, priests were hindered by human frailties and death. The mention of Melchizedek calls to mind a somewhat obscure reference of an event in the life of Abram (Gen. 14:17-20). Melchizedek was the "priest of the Most High God" and "king of Salem" to whom Abram paid tithes following his victory over those who had kidnapped his nephew, Lot. The comparison between Jesus and Melchizedek is two-fold. In the first place, Jesus, like Melchizedek, is both a king and a priest. But, the primary point of comparison in the book of Hebrews is that the priesthood of Christ lasts forever (Hb. 7:3, 16, 24). What was it about Melchizedek that makes him like the Son of God in this way? It is because there is no record of his father or mother-of his beginning or end of days. Genealogical records were so important to the Jewish mind that the absence of such indicated no beginning or end of life. In this regard, Melchizedek is a suitable type of Christ who is without beginning or end of days.

Those who claim Jesus as their priest need to understand that such a priesthood would have been impossible under the Levitical priesthood as revealed in the Law of Moses. Hebrews 7:12 says that "when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also." Why was a change of law mandated by a change of priesthood? The writer explains that "the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests" (Heb. 7:13-14). The Law of Moses specified that priests should come only from the tribe of Levi. Jesus was from the tribe of Judah. Therefore, Jesus could not be a priest unless there was a change of law. Jesus is a priest forever, not after the order of Aaron, but after the order of Melchizedek.

Today Jesus is our great high priest. Paul reminds us that there is only "one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus..." (1 Tim. 2:5). Why turn to the false hope of human mediation when Jesus sits at the right hand of God and lives forever to make intercession for us? (Heb. 7:25). --Glen Elliott--

### **CARE GROUPS:**

<u>Care group 1 (Yeager)</u> -Saturday, May 21st at 6pm in the home of the Rhyne's

<u>Care group 2 (Dent)</u> -Saturday, June 4th at 5pm in the home of Edie Singleton (potluck)

<u>Care group 3 (McInturff)</u> -Sunday, May 22nd after evening services in the fellowship room Mexican food theme - see sign up sheet

Care group 5 (Hayes) -

Sunday, June 5th after morning services in the home of the Leonard's

Care group 6 (Gilbow) -

Sunday, May 22nd after morning services in the home of the Gilbow's see signup sheet

## VISITOR BAGS for May 22nd

Anne Steele & Cassi Gilbow

OUR RECORD <u>MAY 8, 2016</u>	
SUNDAY CLASS:	180
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	24]
SUNDAY PM:	101
WEDNESDAY (11th):	126
BUDGET:	\$5,400
<b>OFFERING</b> :	\$6,236
YTD average:	\$5,925
YTD ahead/behind:	\$9,971



PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Nell Lee's granddaughter, Lena, will have surgery on May 16th to remove a mass.

\*Herb Tatum had a pacemaker put in on Friday at Conway Regional. It went well - he will stay overnight. \*Amy Drewry's dad, Mike Chunn, is in the VA Hospital in LR with what doctors believe to be a serious lung disease. They are waiting on biopsy results.

\*Bob Gossett has been diagnosed with Lupus and Sjogrens. Keep him in your prayers.

\*Ivana Selby had a heart procedure & is now on medicine. They will try again later to help. She is out of the hospital.

\*Remember Jeremy and Erin Thomason in the passing of her grandmother and Jeremy's dad. \*Continue to keep Ted & Barbara Knight; Kevin Barley's brother and dad; Rod Wilson; Linda Black & Jan Biggs uncle, A.J. and Brian Wright's grandfather, Freddy Richardson in your prayers.

#### THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS will begin a new book on June 2nd in the fellowship room - ALL ladies are invited to attend. BIRTHDAYS Helen Swindle 5/16 5/16 Aryca Hall **RC Rawls** 5/18 Sue Shumate 5/21 **ANNIVERSARYS** Pete & Joyce Hines 5/17



We rejoice in Vic Byrd's decision to be baptized last Sunday. And we rejoice with Peggy Braden who came forward asking for prayers to be restored to the Lord. Also, Cheyenna Linn came forward asking for prayers May 4th and Robin Linn came May 11th asking for prayers. Let's encourage them and one another!

# \*Directory pictures

(FOR ALL MEMBERS) - Pictures will be taken for a couple of more weeks - - please see Dorothy Yeager or Donna Allensworth about a time <u>OR</u> they will be available 10 minutes before & after services on Sundays.

### \*Fellowship meal & singing

May 21st at Camp Areopagus Eat at 1:00, 2:00 singing begins see bulletin board to sign up & for more details.

### **CAMP AREOPAGUS SCHEDULE**

**Day Camp** - June 6-9 **9th - 12th grade** - June 12-18 **4th - 6th grades** - June 19-25 **7th - 8th grades** - June 26-July 2



God wants you to use wisdom. Wisdom says wait a little while until the emotions settle down, then check to see if you really believe it's the right thing to do. The Bible says in <u>Colossians</u> <u>3:15</u> to be led by peace in making decisions. Don't let your emotions make your decisions. A good statement to remember is this: "Wisdom says wait; emotions say hurry."

An emotional person is defined as: "One easily affected with or stirred by emotion; one who displays emotion; one with a tendency to rely on or place too much value on emotion; one whose conduct is ruled by emotion rather than reason." Be honest with yourself in this area. If you believe that you're not managing your emotions, begin to pray and seek God for emotional maturity.

In the past I experienced a lot of ups and downs, or what we call mood swings. This kind of behavior was hard on me, as well as everyone around me. I felt bad about myself. People who are out of control always feel unhappy with themselves. God created us to operate with a free will. We choose what we will do and what we won't do. There is a God-given desire inside the believer to do the right thing. When we allow our flesh to rule, we know we're out of control; however, we're created to operate with the fruit of self-control.

Self-control is a freedom, not a bondage. You're free to use wisdom, free to obey God, and free to follow the leading of the Spirit. You're free not to be pushed around by your feelings. You don't have to do what you feel like doing. You're free to do what you know is wise. --Spencer Cromwell

FOOD COMMITTEE for May *Please contact* Sandra Blair & Doni McInturff 733-1824 912-6693

