

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

May 7, 2017

WELCOME: Gene Blair
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Gary Bradford
LORD'S TABLE: Shannon Whitley
Merrell Story
ASSIST: Jeremy Thomason
Kevin Blair
Brandon Beck
Kevin Barley
CLOSING PRAYER: Derek Gilmer
GREETERS: Ratis/Dorothy Yeager
Aubrey & Donna Allensworth
CARDS: Austin Gilbow
Nick DeValle
VISITOR GIFT/ Edie Singleton
HOSTESSES: Annie Blair
SCRIPTURE READER: Zac Gordey
Ephesians 2:10

SUNDAY EVENING

May 7, 2017

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow
LORD'S TABLE: Marty Leonard
Tyler Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Clayton Dent

WEDNESDAY EVENING

May 10, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jared Mahan
OPENING PRAYER: Spencer Cromwell
DEVOTIONAL: Randy Gordey
CLOSING PRAYER: Darren Dent

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

BIBLE CLASS 9:30 a.m.
WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.
EVENING 5:00 p.m.
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 1:00 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
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)

Ministers:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999
Spencer Cromwell 731-438-1206

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DISCERNMENT AND COURAGE

"Because the ways of God tend to be both counter-intuitive and counter-cultural", there is an urgent need for "both discernment and courage" in meeting current challenges facing the church. (Tyler Smith, "The Future of Ministry." Logos Talk. April 25, 2017).

Following God requires serious choices on the part of man. Joshua challenged his people, saying, "choose for yourselves today whom you will serve..." (Josh. 24:15). Faithful service to God is the result of making right choices. But right choices are informed choices. As Joshua took on the monumental task of leading God's people into the Promised Land, Moses charged him to "Be strong and courageous." His courage moved him in the direction of being careful to obey all the law which had been given through Moses. He was not to "turn from it to the right or to the left." Then, and only then, would he enjoy success (Josh. 1:7).

While great courage is needed in facing the challenges of the future, discernment is needed so that we can make choices that lead to spiritual prosperity. This is why Moses went on to say, "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success" (Josh. 1:8). Knowing the right way is half the battle. The rest is doing it. For this, there is courage and strength, for he says, "Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (vs. 9).

Ultimately, victory comes with the power and presence of the Lord. The apostle John speaks to this matter, saying, "greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world" (1 Jn. 4:4). In light of our own strength, we can do nothing (Jn. 15:5). But in Christ, we can handle every situation (Ph. 4:13). If we will take advantage of it, God's word is powerful enough to provide us both with discernment and courage in facing the challenges of living in a world at odds with God's revelation (Hb. 4:12; Rm. 1:16).

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care Group 5 (Yeager) -
Saturday, May 13th at 5pm in the
home of Nora Smith - see signup sheet

CONGRATULATIONS



to **Tiffany Hillman**
on graduating
from UCA!!



VISITOR BAGS

for May 14th

Dorothy Tatum & Linda Harness

FOOD COMMITTEE

for May

Please contact:

Sandra Blair or Donna Allensworth
733-1824 454-0595



OUR RECORD

APRIL 30, 2017

SUNDAY CLASS:	129
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	180
SUNDAY PM:	87
WEDNESDAY (3rd):	119
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,887
YTD average:	\$5,204
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$3,520

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*The daughter of a good friend of the Brewer's and a co-worker of Laura Blake, Ashley, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is 25 years old, and she and her husband have a 1 year old daughter.

*Prayers for Ron and Doni McInturff.

*Continue to keep Bryan Gossett, Brian Messer, Virginia Traffanstedt, Kathy Jo Hardin, Burnadean Murray, and Dorothy Tatum in your prayers.

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

BIRTHDAYS

Jan Biggs	5/8
Eli Leonard	5/8
John Bowie	5/9
Erin Thomason	5/9
Donna Allensworth	5/10
Richard Murray	5/11
Colleen Elliott	5/12
Laura Blake	5/12
Pam Kunkel	5/13
Cari Gilmer	5/13

ANNIVERSARYS

Rod & Cindy Wilson	5/13
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High School Graduation Banquet

May 7th

After evening services, we will be
honoring this year's seniors:

**Ashley Barkley, Brittney Beck,
Brooklyn Moore, R. C. Rawls**

If anyone can help decorate,
please be at the building at 2pm
Sunday, May 7th

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13th

8am - Men's Pancake Breakfast

May 16th

Area Wide fellowship and singing
Downtown congregation at 5:30

May 24th - 27th

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 1st thru the summer

Thursday morning ladies

Bible class at 10am

June 7th thru the summer

Wednesday Night Summer Series

Pick up a flyer for details

June 16th - 18th

FAMILY SEMINAR

with David Baker from TN

September 29th - October 1st

Creation Seminar with Jeff Miller



"More Than Maybes!"

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world does. Do not let your hearts be distressed or lacking in courage."

When most of us think of graduation, we think of kids. Whether it's kindergarten, high school or college, the relationship with graduation seems strongly linked to the young. And this makes sense because the thing we think about most with young people is what they are going to do. Who they are going to become. Where they are going to go. There's so much potential and future and it's exciting to consider. Speaking of exciting, if you are young and reading this, it's an exciting time for you. Your future could be a place where you become someone who changes the world. Or maybe you show up on Wheel of Fortune and have the round of your life. Or maybe you turn into an awesome person who is a great addition to your local community. Regardless, it's exciting that your future is full of so much "maybe". If you are less young and reading this, you may feel like there's not really that much "maybe" possible for you. But don't buy into that lie. We all have futures and we are always graduating into new opportunities and seasons of life. To think we only have exciting futures when we are young, well, that isn't from God. (Remember Abraham and Sarah...they had their whole future change around the age of 99! Read Genesis 17 if you forgot about that one.)

So as you go, whether you are young or old, go boldly and seize every opportunity that comes before you. Why? Because we have a peace in us that is greater than anything we can find in this world and we can take courage in the fact that no matter what "maybe" our future turns out to be, Christ will be there with us every step of the way.

- Spencer Cromwell