

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

October 1, 2017

WELCOME: Gene Blair
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Greg Bradford
LORD'S TABLE: Gary Bradford
Teddy Lewis
ASSIST: Rick Camp
Nathan Lovell
Darren Dent
Jerry Garrett
CLOSING PRAYER: Patrick Rawls
GREETERS: Rod & Cindy Wilson
Mike & Anna Wolff
CARDS: Benjamin Thomason
Lyndon Lewis
VISITOR GIFT/ DONNA ALLENSWORTH
HOSTESSES: Anna Wolff
SCRIPTURE READER: Brandon Beck
Psalm 34:7-8

SUNDAY EVENING

October 1, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jared Mahan
OPENING PRAYER: Jackie Horton
LORD'S TABLE: Randy Gordey
Zac Gordey
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

October 4, 2017

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
DEVOTIONAL: Kevin Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Kevin Lovell

****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:

Mike Brewer 501-472-7692
(youth, devos - Wednesday & nursing home)

Michael Cole 815-622-1874
(benevolence, pantry)

Jarrold DeValle 501-470-8710
(education & teachers)

Mike Wolff 501-472-8912
(building & grounds)

Ministers:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999

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WRONG CHOICES

As a preacher and an atheistic barber were walking through the city slums one day, the barber said to the preacher: "This is why I cannot believe in a God of love. If God was as kind as you say, He would not allow all this poverty, disease and squalor. He would not allow these people to become addicted to drugs and other character-destroying habits. No, I cannot believe in a God who permits these things." As they continued their walk, they came across a man who was especially unkempt and filthy. His hair was hanging down past his neck and he had a half-inch of stubble on his face. The minister said to the barber: "You cannot be a very good barber or you wouldn't permit a man like that to continue living in the neighborhood without a shave and a haircut." Of course, the barber was offended by the remark and indignantly replied: "Why blame me for that man's condition? I can't help it that he is like that. He has never given me a chance to help him. If he would only come by my shop, I would fix him up and make him look like a gentleman!" The preacher then made his point: "Then don't blame God for allowing these people to continue in their evil ways, when he is constantly inviting them to come and be saved. The reason these are slaves to sin and evil is because they have refused the One who died to save them."

Personal responsibility is not in vogue in a world which has grown increasingly tolerant of sinful behavior. But, we are each responsible before God for the choices we make. Scripture says that "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). Similarly, in Romans 14:12, Paul says: "So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God."

The presence of evil, pain, and suffering in the world does not argue against the existence of God but for the free-moral will of man. God could have made us like robots, without choice but to serve Him. But, because of His great love for us, we have been created with choice as to whether or not we will serve Him. Sometimes, bad things happen as a result of blind chance--like being at the wrong place at the wrong time. Other times we may suffer as a result of our own wrong choices or the wrong choices of others. While God earnestly desires service offered freely and lovingly, many choose to do otherwise. This is illustrated by Adam through whom "sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned..." (Rm. 5:12). The presence of evil, pain, and suffering in the world has nothing to do with the existence of God. He is the Giver of every good and perfect gift (Jas. 1:17). In a fallen world, our focus should instead be upon the love which drew salvation's plan and affords us opportunity to embrace in Christ the hope of everlasting life.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care Group 1 (Lewis) -
Sunday, October 15th after
morning services in the
Lewis' home - Italian theme

Care Group 4 (Elliott) -
Saturday, October 21st
in the home of the Mahan's

Care Group 5 (Yeager) -
Sunday, October 15th after
morning services in the fellowship
room see sign up sheet - potluck

Izzy Brown came forward
Wednesday night asking for
prayers. Let's pray for and
encourage Izzy.

OUR RECORD

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

SUNDAY CLASS:	154
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	201
SUNDAY PM:	98
WEDNESDAY (27th):	no count
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,465
YTD average:	\$5,311
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$3,489

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please keep Heather Mahan's dad, Tim Jumper, in your prayers as he has been diagnosed with basal cell carcinoma.

*Peggy Braden's daughter, Terri, is in Conway Regional room 411.

*Bryan Gossett began radiation treatments
*Continue to keep Terri Shoemaker;
Verple Baker; Jim Sutterfield; Joe Dillard;
and Charles Reynolds in your prayers.

*Pick up an extended list of those in
need of our prayers on the table in the
foyer. Some names have been moved
to this list.

Remember Jeanne Haithcote who is in the
Greenbrier Nursing Home.

BIRTHDAYS

Livvy McNulty	10/1
Shawn Smart	10/2
Brian Swindle	10/5
Lavonne Duncan	10/5
Linda Black	10/6
Glen Elliott	10/6
Ila Lovell	10/7

ANNIVERSARYS

Dale & Laurie Henley	10/2
Shannon & Jennifer Whitley	10/2

Please see the bulletin board
in the hallway for
thank you cards from
The Gossett's and Yeager's

OCTOBER 8th



for
CASSI
GILBOW **BABY
SHOWER**
registered at Target

at 3:30
in the
fellowship
room

Areawide Youth Fellowship

October 8th
at Windsong starts at 5:30
van will leave at 4:45

Areawide Singing/ Fellowship Night

October 10th
Downtown in Morrilton at 5:30
meal is \$6 per person

REMEMBER

The last Sunday of EACH month we
have a 1:00pm service instead of a
5pm service. When the last Sunday
is a fifth Sunday we have a
congregational potluck then the
1pm service. This is the
schedule for the rest of 2017:

Oct. 29th: 1pm & potluck
(yes, even though the ladies
retreat is this weekend!)

November 26th: 1:00pm
Dec. 31st: 1pm & potluck

Ladies Preparing Communion Trays for October

October 1st - Annie Blair
October 8th - Laura Blake
October 15th - Becky Bradford
October 22nd - Kinsey Bradford
October 29th - Kristie Brewer

VISITOR BAGS



for October 8th
Becky Gossett & Anne Steele

FOOD COMMITTEE for October

Please contact:
Anne Steele 581-6311
Beverly Woody 730-2997

