

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

October 19, 2014

WELCOME: Brett McGohan  
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield  
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell  
LORD'S TABLE: David Woody  
Brian Drewry  
ASSIST: Nathan Woody  
Will Drewry  
Alex Riela  
Jacob Riela  
CLOSING PRAYER: Kevin Lovell  
GREETERS: Brian & Amy Drewry  
Phillip & Dana Short  
CARDS: Nicholas DeValle  
Nathan Lovell  
VISITOR GIFT/ Edie Singleton  
HOSTESSES: Lesia Edwards  
SCRIPTURE READER: Clayton Dent  
Acts 22:16

### SUNDAY EVENING

October 19, 2014

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson  
OPENING PRAYER: Ethan Edwards  
LORD'S TABLE: Will Ratliff  
Greg Bradford  
CLOSING PRAYER: Patrick Rawls

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

October 22, 2014

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell  
OPENING PRAYER: Albert Hall  
CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent  
DEVOTIONAL: Justin Akin

***\*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:

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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:

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## SILENT SUFFERING

"Trials are not enemies of faith but are opportunities to prove God's faithfulness." Such is an observation worthy of consideration. Many have the mistaken idea that trials must be endured silently and passively—the quieter, the better. While we must avoid complaining and murmuring (Ph. 2:14), neither should we crawl into a secluded cave, biding our time until the coast is clear and we can emerge feeling better about life and our role in serving the Lord. Suffering silently—isolated from others—often results in bitter resentment. Holding others at arm's length refusing comfort, encouragement, or counsel does not produce beneficial results or the approval of the Lord.

Trials must be endured. But, when it is possible, our approach should be active rather than passive. James said, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (Jas. 1:2-4). Such an active mindset looks for opportunity and blessing in life's challenges.

Sometimes, it is puzzling to imagine how difficulties will work out for good (Rm. 8:28). *Good* does not always translate as *pleasant* or *kind*. Our wisdom is finite—His ways and thoughts are infinite (Is. 55:8). Prayer is an active response of faith in trial. When we don't understand, we trust and pray for wisdom. James said, "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him" (1:5). Don't give up quickly or easily. Remember that, with study and prayer, along with helpful insight of faithful Christians, we may eventually come to a better understanding of how a particular trial may prove to be a blessing. Even if we do not get all the answers we desire in this life, we can rest assured that God will always do what is right (Gen. 18:25). A great promise is given through Isaiah, the prophet, who wrote, "Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary" (Is. 40:31).

Spiritual strength comes to those who wait for the Lord. God requires active waiting. Jesus will come again, bringing salvation to those who "eagerly await Him" (Hb. 9:28). Eagerness describes active service while we wait for the Lord. Resting on the assurance of God's faithfulness (1 Cor. 10:13), we can focus more completely on the benefits produced in trial and, thereby, rejoice with exultation (Rm. 5:3-5).

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUP MEETINGS:

Care Group 1 (Elliott) - Nov. 2nd  
at the home of Gina Ratliff

Care group 4 (Wolff) - Nov. 15th  
at the home of Linda Harness at 5 pm

Care group 6 (Gilbow) - Nov. 16th  
after morning services in the fellowship room  
theme is Mediterranean food

Care Group 7 (Hayes) - Oct. 19th  
after morning services in the fellowship room  
favorite fall main dish, soup, side, etc.

Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Class  
will begin on November 5th  
Please see the sign up sheet on the  
bulletin board

## OUR RECORD OCTOBER 12, 2014

SUNDAY CLASS:	177
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	205
SUNDAY PM:	100
WEDNESDAY (15th):	119

BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,235
YTD average:	\$5,258
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$5,826

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Bob Gossett fell at home and needed stitches.  
\*Lynda Horton is scheduled for out-patient surgery on Friday, October 24th in Little Rock. Please keep her in your prayers.  
\*Kim Baker, friend of Alisa Stephens, is in Sparks Hospital in Fort Smith - spot on lung/health issues.  
\*Brian Gossett, Bob & Becky's son, as he is going thru cancer tests and treatments.  
\*Barbara Trout, Laurie Henley's mother-in-law, is now in hospice care. Remember her in prayer.  
\*Please keep Dorothy Yeager, Fern Chism, Nell Lee, and Mack Hankins family in your prayers.



**Kids for Christ (KFC)**  
Sunday, October 26th  
after evening services  
Bring your own pumpkin for  
pumpkin carving!



## BIRTHDAYS

Ethan Edwards	10/19
Beverly McNulty	10/22
Nathan Lovell	10/22
Kathy Camp	10/23
Preston Riela	10/24
Tiffany Hillman	10/24



## ANNIVERSARYS

Robert & Jenni Hayes	10/25
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## Adult Fall Costume Cookout

You are invited to attend our annual  
Costume Cookout, Saturday, 10/25/2014  
5:30 pm til 8:30  
at the Wilson's home

*We ask that you bring a can of chili  
to add to our BIG pot!  
Please see sign up sheet for additional food  
items that are needed.  
Also, bring your lawn chairs.*

**You are welcome to wear a costume,  
but they are not required!**

***Pantry items for OCTOBER:  
canned soup, canned fruit***

*Congratulations to  
Kevin & Shanna Lovell on the  
birth of their daughter Ila Jean  
who was born October 7th  
weighing 8 lbs and  
19 1/4 inches long*

## VISITOR BAGS

*for October 26th  
Dorothy Tatum & Linda Harness*



## Forget the Past!

*We discussed in our Wednesday night class about our past determining our worth. This is a very difficult thing for us as humans to do, either to other people or even towards ourselves. To ourselves, we sometimes beat ourselves up for actions we've done in the past and won't let them go. We must remember what Paul said in Philippians 3:13, when striving towards the goal of Christ, we must leave the past in the past, not forgetting but not dwelling, and keep pressing forward. When it comes to others, we tend to compare them to what they've done in the past without recognizing (hopefully anyway) the changes that they have made.*

*For example, when I was in high school I had an altercation with the star quarterback of the football team and we almost got into a fight. From that point on, we couldn't stand each other all the way to the point of graduation. I hadn't seen him for 11 years and ran into him at Bass Pro Shop. We had a conversation and I had to fight back what I remembered of him 11 years ago to realize we both aren't teenagers anymore and we've both grown above petty squabbles. When we are baptized into Christ, it is the same thing. Ephesians 4:20-24 tells us about putting off the old self and striving towards being the new man of God. If we are to put off the old self, we should view others the same. Anything a person does wrong, or maybe bad reputation, before they become a Christian, is dead, once he makes that commitment.*

*- Brett McGohan*

## FOOD COMMITTEE for OCTOBER Please contact:

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