

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

October 2, 2016

WELCOME: Mike Wolff
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Teddy Lewis
LORD'S TABLE: Shannon Whitley
Spencer Cromwell

ASSIST: Travis Moody
Merrell Story
Mike Brewer
Tom Barkley
CLOSING PRAYER: Ron McInturff
GREETERS: Michael & Susan Cole
Tim & Dona Dixon
CARDS: Miguel Montenegro, Jr
Nick DeValle
VISITOR GIFT/ Edie Singleton
HOSTESSES: Linda Harness
SCRIPTURE READER: Brandon Beck
Matthew 4:3-4

SUNDAY EVENING

October 2, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Barley
LORD'S TABLE: Cayden Leonard
Albert Hall
CLOSING PRAYER: Rick Camp

WEDNESDAY EVENING

October 5, 2016

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Rod Wilson
DEVOTIONAL: Michael Gilbow
CLOSING PRAYER: Jackie Horton

**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.

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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PERSISTENCE

We would do well to mark it down—that is to store it away among other important virtues in the ready-recall section of our brain. Persistence, the willingness to endure—to keep on keeping on in spite of difficult or even perilous circumstances—is as important than natural ability. Jesus said, “But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved” (Mt. 24:13). As much as anything, persistence is the key to future success. The person who makes a difference in this world is not the one who goes up like a flaming meteor only to come crashing down, never to be heard from again. Quite to the contrary, the person who really makes a difference is the one who endures patiently to the end.

A number of years ago, a young college student from Texas Tech University sought a summer job at Six Flags Over Texas. While he was a fairly good musician, they told him that he just wasn’t good enough to be in one of their shows. They did, however, give him a job helping folks on and off the rides at the park. The student did not give up on his dream and eventually became a famous singer. His name was John Denver. And, so it is with each of us; the person who endures to the end will be saved. Complaining, blaming others, or just crying alone will not change a thing. Persistence is required.

In the Parable of the Hidden Treasure, Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field” (Mt. 13:44). True riches are only possible for those who accurately measure the value of things in the light of eternity. Too many are concerned with only that which is valued in the eyes of the world.

But Jesus continued His discussion on true values, saying, “the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it” (Mt. 13:45-46). Sometimes we stumble across things of great value. Other times we find our treasure after intense search. Persistence pays off. This is especially true in regard to spiritual treasures.

Satan whispers, “You can’t do it! You will surely fail!” But, God tells us we can do all things through His strength (Ph. 4:13). We would do well to firmly center our faith in God and persistently fight for the victory He has promised (1 Jn. 5:4). In the end, it will not matter how often we have failed but whether we have persisted in spite of our failures.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care group 4 (Wolff) -
Saturday, October 8th at 5pm
in Gary & Becky Bradford's home
Italian theme - see signup sheet

Care group 5 (Hayes) -
Sunday, October 23rd after
evening services in the fellowship
room - fall potluck - see signup sheet

Diapers & Wipes Shower



for
Stephanie Malone
October 15th at 10am
in the home of Aryca Hall

OUR RECORD

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS:	149
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	198
SUNDAY PM:	103
WEDNESDAY (28th):	143

BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$6,374
YTD average:	\$5,717
YTD ahead/behind:	\$12,376

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Bill Davidson's shoulder replacement surgery went well. He is home now.
*Ivana Selby had hip surgery Thursday after a fall and is in Baptist Hospital in LR.
*Rance Rainey is still in the hospital, but got a good report from the pathologist.
*Keep Judy Moody's niece and Shanna Lovell's cousin, Maddy, in your prayers.
*Gaylon Lewallen has asked for prayers for the pain he is going through.
*Ratis Yeager, doctors believe, is in the beginning stages of emphysema.
*Mack Hankins is now at the Greenbrier Nursing and Rehab Center next door.



VISITOR BAGS for October 9th
Donna Allensworth & Dorothy Tatum

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARYS

Dale & Laurie Henley	10/2
Shannon & Jennifer Whitley	10/2
Ron & Doni McInturff	10/7

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AMMO & EATIN' Fun Fest
October 15th at 2pm
(for the men of the congregation)
at Rod Wilson's food will be
provided **signup if you plan to attend**

Costume Party
at Gary & Becky's October 21st
at 5pm - please see the bulletin
board for more details

Ladies Fall Retreat
October 28 - 30
See signup sheet on the
ladies table

OCTOBER 16th

FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY
9:30...FILL OUR CLASSES
10:30...FILL THE AUDITORIUM

We have new thank you notes on the
bulletin board from the Elliott's, Cyndi
Moore, and Dustin & Stephanie Malone.
Please stop by and read those.

FOOD COMMITTEE for October

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



1 Peter 3:15 reminds us that we should EXPECT spiritual pop quizzes to come from those that we are around IF we are doing what is required of us EVERY DAY in order to let our lights SHINE! People may see you doing something and approach you with questions like this..

"Hey, I saw your head bowed at lunch, what's that about?" (Praying in public)

"Hey, I saw you reading a book, what are you reading?" (The Bible should ALWAYS be with us!)

Here are 3 things we can all challenge ourselves to do EVERY DAY and also to do in places that may even make us STAND OUT or cause us to be UNCOMFORTABLE.

1. EVERY DAY...say something to God! (That's prayer)
2. EVERY DAY...let God say something to you! (That's Bible study)
3. EVERY DAY...say something about God! (That's evangelism)

I'm sure we all can find a new challenge in one, if not, all three of these! Let's get to working and shining and have a blessed week!

-Spencer Cromwell