

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

October 23, 2016

WELCOME: Mike Wolff
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow
LORD'S TABLE: Darren Dent
Albert Hall
ASSIST: Eric McNulty
Jim Bell
Tim Blake
Brian Drewry
CLOSING PRAYER: Tom Barkley
GREETERS: Gary & Becky Bradford
Phillip & Dana Short
CARDS: Benjamin Thomason
Jag McNulty
VISITOR GIFT/ Cassi Gilbow
HOSTESSES: Anne Steele
SCRIPTURE READER: Jacob Riel
Romans 6:17-19

SUNDAY EVENING

October 23, 2016

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Brewer
LORD'S TABLE: Jackie Horton
Ratis Yeager
CLOSING PRAYER: Teddy Lewis

WEDNESDAY EVENING

October 26, 2016

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Cole
DEVOTIONAL: Eric McNulty
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.

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
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SHAPED TO FIT IN UP THERE

The story is told of a good man who lost his job during the Great Depression. Financially bankrupt and destitute, his grief was compounded by the sudden death of his wife. All he had left was his faith...and that was beginning to weaken. One day while he was out looking for a job, he noticed some men doing stone work outside a church building. One of the men was skillfully chiseling a triangular piece of rock. Not seeing any place where the rock would fit, the man asked, "Where are you going to put that?" The man pointed toward the top of the building and said, "See that little opening up near the spire? That is where this is going. I'm shaping it down here so it will fit in up there." These words provided encouragement to the grief-stricken man. He realized that the troubles and heartaches of this life get us ready for the next life.

The apostle Paul conveyed a similar idea in 2 Corinthians chapter four. He said, "Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (vss. 16-18).

Trials, when viewed properly, can refine our character and produce in us a better and stronger hope. Peter spoke of our faith as being more precious than gold. Yet, it is when it is tested by fire that it comes forth as pure gold. For this and other reasons, James instructs us to "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). Paul connected tribulation with the production of hope when he wrote, "And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Rom 5:3-5).

The trials of this life shape us for the glory of the next life. If there were no difficulties and problems in this life, we would find it difficult to place our hope in heaven as our eternal home. Trials can help get us ready to turn loose of the "here and now" and look forward to the "great forever." When we are going through life's difficulties, it is often quite difficult for us to keep our hope on heaven. But, so long as we keep praying and keep trusting, the Master Builder will shape our lives and prepare us for heaven.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care group 2 (Dent) -

*Saturday, November 12th
in the home of the Dent's
see signup sheet*

Care group 3 (McInturff) -

*Saturday, November 12th
in the home of the Wolff's
Thanksgiving theme- see signup sheet*

Care group 4 (Wolff) -

*Saturday, November 12th
in the home of the Wolff's
Thanksgiving theme- see signup sheet*

Care group 5 (Hayes) -

*Sunday, October 23rd after
evening services in the fellowship
room - fall potluck
see signup sheet*

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our sympathy goes out to the Hankins family in the passing of Mack.

*Remember all those who have lost loved ones recently: Lucas, Dixon, Selby, & Smart families.

*Patsy Story wants to thank everyone for their prayers for her sister, Linda Keathley. Doctors said all lymph nodes came back negative for cancer. They were able to get all of the tumor as well. Next step is the see the oncologist.

*Janet Banks had a procedure on her neck Wednesday.

*Vic Byrd is doing alright after having to go to the ER last Sunday.

*Continue to keep Dianna Bane; Gaylon Lewallen; Tom Steele; Nita Sadler's sister-in-law; and Betty Cockrell in prayer.



ANNOUNCEMENT:

*Beginning on Wednesday,
November 2nd, we will be
changing our Wednesday night
class and devo schedule. We will
meet in the auditorium first for a
few songs and a short devotional,
then be dismissed to our classes.
The final bell to end classes
will be at 8pm.*



Who's Slave Are You?

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification (Romans 6:17-19, ESV).

If you do whatever your boss says, without hesitation or question, then for all intents and purposes you are your boss's slave. If your compliance to your spouse is immediate and total, without reflection upon what is really best, you're a slave to your spouse. And if you do whatever your sinful nature says, without resisting or discerning the wisdom in that choice, you are a slave to your sinful nature.

Through grace we are to be for Christ what Paul calls "slaves of righteousness," but too often we're enslaved to a particular sin. You can't have it both ways: either you're a slave to sin or a slave to God.
-Spencer Cromwell

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Ladies Fall Retreat

October 28 - 30

*See signup sheet on the
ladies table*

**There will be a meeting
for all going on the
retreat Sunday morning
after services and
remember the \$55 is due!**

OUR RECORD

OCTOBER 16, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS:	198
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	269
SUNDAY PM:	127
WEDNESDAY (19th):	129

BUDGET: \$5,400

OFFERING: \$5,841

YTD average: \$5,719

YTD ahead/behind: \$13,404

BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Camp	10/23
Preston Riela	10/24
Cheyenna Linn	10/24
Tiffany Hillman	10/24
Bill Davidson	10/25
Teddy Lewis	10/25
Jenni Hayes	10/26
Judy Moody	10/26

ANNIVERSARYS

Robert & Jenni Hayes	10/25
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VISITOR BAGS



*for October 29th
Doni McInturff & Gina Ratliff*

FOOD COMMITTEE for October

Please contact

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