

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

October 4, 2015

WELCOME: Brian Drewry
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow
LORD'S TABLE: Phillip Short
Tim Dixon
ASSIST: Clayton Dent
Eli Leonard
Ratis Yeager
Don Barnett
CLOSING PRAYER: Kevin Lovell
GREETERS: Patrick & Jennifer Rawls
Robert & Jenni Hayes
CARDS: Ethan Shannon
Miguel Montenegro, Jr
VISITOR GIFT/ Stephanie Barkley
HOSTESSES: Anne Janski
SCRIPTURE READER: Eli Leonard
Psalm 103:15-18

SUNDAY EVENING

October 4, 2015

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Nathan Woody
LORD'S TABLE: Greg Bradford
Cody Barley
CLOSING PRAYER: Patrick Rawls

WEDNESDAY EVENING

October 7, 2015

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Robert Hayes
DEVOTIONAL: Kevin Lovell
CLOSING PRAYER: Mike Brewer

****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

Deacons:

Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Del Hines 501-733-4645
(benevolence, pantry, greeters) (finance & technology)
Jarrold DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912
(education & teachers) (building & grounds)
Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909
(nursing home, fellowship room set up)

Minister:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999

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ONE—EIGHT HUNDRED—OPINION

Why all the division in the religious world? Is God to blame or does it have to do with our attitude toward His word? Most would agree that religious division has something to do the attitude we bring to a study of God's word. Boiled down to its ugly root, the core issue causing religious division is our refusal to submit to the authority of God's word. When conclusions drawn from Scripture do not line up with our preferences, we get angry and shout: "That's your opinion!" or "That's just your interpretation!"

But, fruitful Bible study is grounded in genuine humility. James says we must put "aside all filthiness and all the remains of wickedness, [and] in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save [our] souls" (Jas. 1:21). We must approach God's word with confidence that we can understand and obey its precepts. And, if it is within our power to understand and obey God's word, then it is within the power of others to do the same. Paul believed it possible to lay aside preferences and prejudices so as to find common agreement in the word of God. He says, "Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10).

Rather than following the standard of God's word, some use pleasure as their guide in making religious decisions. It is a rather simple test: "If it feels good, do it. If it does not feel good, don't do it." However, feelings are unreliable, deceptive, and uncertain. Pleasure will not work as a standard for religious unity unless anything goes and we agree that nothing really matters. Solomon describes the problem, saying, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Prov. 14:12).

More popular still is the idea that morality can be determined on the basis of majority rule. However, we should be quick to remind ourselves that we do not determine what is right and wrong. God has already taken care of that in His word. Tabulating the results of opinion polls leaves us in a constant state of flux. What is right today may be wrong tomorrow. And, as we have seen repeatedly in recent years, what is wrong today may be considered right tomorrow. How will we ever face God in judgment without an unchanging standard? We will not. Jesus says that we will be judged according to the standard of His word (Jn. 12:48). If every human being on the face of the earth agrees that a particular moral action is right, it is still wrong if God's word says it is wrong! Jesus warns us against travelling the broad path to destruction—the path used by the majority of people. Instead, He says we must choose the narrow path to life—the one that most ignore. "One—eight hundred—opinion" will not take us to heaven.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUP MEETINGS:

Care group 1 (Elliott)

October 24th at 5pm

in the home of Gary & Becky Bradford
menu is fall food; bring a lawn chair &
blanket - may be outside by the fire pit

Care group 5 (Hayes)

October 11th

in the fellowship room after morning
services - see signup sheet

Care group 3 (Blair)

October 16th at 6pm

In the home of Gene & Sandra Blair
bring a lawn chair

WHY WORRY. . . . PRAY

OUR RECORD

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

SUNDAY CLASS:	133
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	172
SUNDAY PM:	95
WEDNESDAY (30th):	121
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,852
YTD average:	\$5,404
YTD ahead/behind:	\$162

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please remember Jason Elliott in your prayers as he will be at the Mayo Clinic this week for tests related to his colon and liver.

*Remember Ann Bowie as she adjusts to new heart medication.

*Peggy Braden as she waits on results on tests about breast cancer.

*Please keep Sarah Dixon (while in England with Harding abroad); the Barnett's daughter-in-law, Elizabeth; Steve Harrel; Susan Ward; the Baker's grandson, Brian; Kathey Peterson's mom, Shirley; the Gossett's son, Bryan; Janet Banks; Alisa Stephens; Destiney Auten; and Helen Swindle's brother-in-law, Jim, in your prayers.

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

**Some names from this list have been moved to the extended prayer list.*

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARYS

Ron & Doni McInturff	10/7
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Diapers & Wipes Baby Shower

for Shawn & Jessica Smart's
daughter, Holly Hyatt-Jordan,

October 4th from
3:30 -5:00 in the
fellowship room

Ted Knight, Jim Bell,
and Curtis Sawrie will be
leaving October 22nd for Cluj,
Romania. Keep them in your
prayers during this mission trip.

PANTRY ITEMS FOR OCTOBER

Canned corn & green beans

VISITOR BAGS

for October 11th

Dorothy Tatum & Linda Harness



October youth events:

October 11th - Areawide
youth fellowship at Clinton
beginning at 4pm -
van will leave at 3:30

October 25th - Monthly youth
devo in the home of the Elliott's
after evening services

Ammo and Eatin' Fun Fest

October 10th @ 2pm
(for the men of the congregation)
at Rod Wilson's

Supper will be provided:
Whole hog roasted in an open pit,
with potato salad, cowboy
beans, and dessert



Sign up on the
bulletin board
in the
hallway!!

FOOD COMMITTEE for OCTOBER

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

