PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

September 25, 2016

WELCOME: Brian Drewry
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Wolff
LORD'S TABLE: Eric McNulty

Eric McNulty
Matthew Dent

Matthew Den

ASSIST: Albert Hall
Don Barnett

Clayton Dent Marty Leonard

CLOSING PRAYER: Shannon Whitley

GREETERS: Kevin & Annie Blair

Tim & Laura Blake

CARDS: Tate Stacks

Jonathan Rawls

VISITOR GIFT/ Stephanie Barkley

HOSTESSES: Anne Janski SCRIPTURE READER: Zac Gordev

Psalms 111:7-10

SUNDAY EVENING

September 25, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Tom Barkley
LORD'S TABLE: Rick Camp

Mike Brewer

CLOSING PRAYER: Greg Bradford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

September 28, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturff
DEVOTIONAL: Robert Hayes
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:

<u>Kevin Barley</u> 501-472-4852 <u>Mike Brewer</u> 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)

<u>Ministers:</u>

Glen Elliott *501-314-9999* Spencer Cromwell *731-438-1206*

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PATIENCE

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Patience is at once both a noun and a verb. In addition to being a prominent Christian virtue, it is also something we do. We have patience—that is, we put up with a person or a trying situation. Patience is as important as any personality trait so far as providing an indicator of future success. Though better translated endurance in Hebrews 10:36, patience is the word selected by the translators of the King James Version to describe our most urgent need of the Hebrew brethren. Though tempted to forsake Christ in the face of opposition, they needed patience so that, after they had "done the will of God, [they] might receive the promise." Similarly, James told his readers to allow "patience (endurance) have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (Jas. 1:4).

Patience is a virtue that applies to many areas of life. In his book, <u>Heart Diseases and Their Cure</u>, Wendell Winkler lists nine areas of life in which patience is needed. These include: patience with ourselves (Lk. 21:9); patience in the home; patience in soul-winning (2 Tim. 4:2); patience when persecuted (Matt. 5:10-12); patience in trial (Jas. 1:2-4); patience in regard to church growth (1 Cor. 3:6); patience as we wait for the Lord's coming (Rom. 8:25); patience in prayer (Psa. 40:1); and patience with others in general (Eph. 4:2). We would do well to consider how we might better implement patience in each of these important areas of our lives.

Patience is a much-admired virtue. We praise the patience of Job. The inspired writer assumes that his readers have heard of his patience and have seen that, in the end, the Lord extended to him great compassion and mercy (Jas. 5:11). Too many among us are caught up with the quick-fix—the easy path to the development of complex virtues and life-changing habits. Like other virtues, patience comes at a cost—sometimes the development of patience requires inconvenience and suffering. But we must faithfully pay the price, trusting in the Lord for strength, so that we might enjoy the benefit later on.

Someone has well stated that "The best guarantee of tomorrow is to patiently prepare today." This is why children need a good education. This is why athletes train. This is why Christians patiently endure temptation and trial. It is because there is something better waiting beyond this life—something that requires preparation. We are best prepared by trusting in God and making Him our trust no matter what may come our way in this life.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care group 4 (Wolff) -

Saturday, October 22nd at 5pm in the Wolff's home - Italian theme see signup sheet

Care group 5 (Hayes) -

Sunday, September 25th after morning services in the home of Linda Drewry - see signup sheet

BRIDAL SHOWER

for Morgan Ray
& Adam Blake
October 1st @ 11am
in the fellowship room
They are registered at
Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond



VISITOR BAGS

for October 2nd

Edie Singleton & Linda Harness

OUR RECORD SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS: 147
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 182
SUNDAY PM: 114
WEDNESDAY (21st): 130

BUDGET: \$5,400 OFFERING: \$6,147 YTD average: \$5,700

YTD ahead/behind: \$11,402



PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our sympathy goes out to Glen Elliott and his family in the passing of his sister, Marlene. Funeral services were Wednesday in Kansas.

*Rance Rainey's surgery went well. They are waiting on the pathology report.

*Jennifer Dunn's grandmother is in the hospital with heart issues.

*Bill Davidson will have shoulder surgery Monday at the Baptist Medical Center in Springhill.

*Continue to keep Tom Steele; Cyndi Moore; Jerry Garrett; Nita Sadler's sister-in-law, Betty Cockrell; Steve Lucas; and Dianna Bane in prayer.

*Remember our shut-ins including Jeanne Haithcote, who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home, & Mack Hankins, who is at home.

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

BIRTHDAYS 9/25 Anna Lewis Cassidy Barley 9/25 Mary Camp 9/25 9/26 Joyce Hines 9/26 Ron McInturff 9/26 Verple Baker 9/27 Rachel Dixon 9/29 Mack Hankins 10/01 Livvy McNulty **ANNIVERSARYS** 9/30 John & Ann Bowie 98888888

UPCOMING EVENTS:

for our pantry SEPTEMBER
is PACK-THE-PULPIT

AMMO & EATIN' Fun Fest

October 15th at 2pm (for the men of the congregation) at Rod Wilson's food will be provided

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 two new thank you notes on the bulletin board from the Garrett's and the Steele's. Please stop by and read those.

There is a new list of active military and college student addresses on the table in the west hallway.

FOOD COMMITTEE for September

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Please contact

Dona Dixon & Becky Bradford 680-6209 626-4436



"What's Your Passion?"

Could I imagine my students—could I imagine myself— being as passionate about the Word of God as the Israelite who wrote Psalms 119:1? Do we "delight in Your decrees" (v.16) and rejoice "in Your laws as much as in riches" (v.14)? Are we "always overwhelmed with a desire for Your regulations"? (v.20).

God's laws may not tug on our hearts like the sad and weary eyes of the oppressed, but we must never forget that the primary reason we care is because God cares, and His Word instructs us to fight for them. "Seek justice. Help the oppressed," urges Isaiah. "Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows" (1:17). James concurs: "Pure and genuine religion . . . means caring for orphans and widows in their distress" (1:27).

Here's one way to tell whether our right concern for social justice is replacing our passion for God's Word. When we read something in Scripture that seems to oppose the rights of others, do we brush off the passage, or do we submit to it as God's best for them? For example, do we believe God when He declares that homosexual practice is sin (Romans 1:26; 1 Corinthians 1:9), or do we look for a rationale to accept this behavior?

The best way to love people is to love God's Word. Make Scripture your primary passion, then do what it says. You'll help a lot of people.

-Spencer Cromwell