

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

September 3, 2017

WELCOME: Brian Drewry
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Tim Dixon
Teddy Lewis
ASSIST: Mike Wolff
Rick Camp
Jerry Garrett
Luke Lewis
CLOSING PRAYER: Kevin Barley
GREETERS: Michael & Cassi Gilbow
Gary & Becky Bradford
CARDS: Jonathan Rawls
Ryeland Lovell
VISITOR GIFT/ DOROTHY YEAGER
HOSTESSES: TIFFANY HILLMAN
SCRIPTURE READER: NATHAN LOVELL
Psalm 33:20-22

SUNDAY EVENING

September 3, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jared Mahan
OPENING PRAYER: Jackie Horton
LORD'S TABLE: Marty Leonard
Robert Hayes
CLOSING PRAYER: Randy Gordey

WEDNESDAY EVENING

September 6, 2017

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Gary Bradford
DEVOTIONAL: Glen Elliott
CLOSING PRAYER: Kevin Lovell

****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.
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 1:00 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:

Mike Brewer 501-472-7692 Michael Cole 815-622-1874
(youth) (benevolence, pantry)

Jarrold DeValle 501-470-8710
(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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IS FAITH THE GIFT OF GOD?

God is the giver of every good and perfect gift. In the gifts He bestows, there is amazing consistency and generosity (Jas. 1:17). In the physical realm, He is the One who "causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Mt. 5:45).

The consistent and generous nature of God's spiritual gifts is even more profound in that "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence" (2 Pet. 1:3). Indeed, He has "blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ..." (Eph. 1:3).

But, amazing as are the gifts of God; they are often conditional in nature. The "free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rm. 6:23). Salvation is free--without cost. It cannot be earned nor can it be achieved through personal goodness or merit. It is undeserved and is given to us as an act of divine favor. Paul explains it this way: "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8). Salvation is the gift of God. Faith is the condition upon which the gift of salvation is received. Faith is the gift of God only in the sense that He has given us the capacity to receive His message into our hearts. Faith, itself, comes through the word of Christ (Rm. 10:17).

Faith is the gift of God in the same way that repentance is the gift of God. Following the baptisms of the first Gentile converts at the house of Cornelius, the Jews at Jerusalem discussed the matter and concluded: "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:18). What did God give the Gentiles? He gave them the ability and opportunity to repent of their sins. This was brought about because the preaching of God's word produced godly sorrow in their hearts (2 Cor. 7:10).

The idea that God mysteriously gives faith independent of our reception of His word places Him in a precarious position. For if God imparts faith to one person by some means other than through the word of Christ, then He is obligated to do the same for everyone. Otherwise, He becomes guilty of showing favoritism (Acts 10:34-35). If God gives faith to all without exposure to the message of truth, then universalism prevails in that faith is the condition upon which grace is received and salvation subsequently enjoyed (Eph. 2:8). As a result, the message of Christ becomes meaningless; His sacrifice unnecessary; and human beings heartless robots without choice but to call upon the name of the Lord.

--Glen Elliott--

REMEMBER

The last Sunday of EACH month we have a 1:00pm service instead of a 5pm service. When the last Sunday is a fifth Sunday we have a congregational potluck. This is the schedule for the rest of 2017:

September 24th: 1:00pm
 Oct. 29th: 1pm & potluck
 November 26th: 1:00pm
 Dec. 31st: 1pm & potluck

VISITOR BAGS

for September 10th
 Edie Singleton & Cyndi Moore



NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Peggy Braden's daughter, Terri Massi, as she recovers from surgery.
 *Ted Knight is having health issues.
 *Charles Reynolds fell and is in Conway Regional room 408 but doesn't need visitors at this time.
 *Helen Swindle has requested prayers for her brother-in-law, Jim Gilbert, who is having issues with his cancer treatments.
 *Continue to keep Marilyn Koone; Alta McAteer; Janet Rhyne; Phillip Short's dad, Charles; Verple Baker; Bryan Gossett; Jim Sutterfield; Joe Dillard; and Gina Ratliff's mother-in-law, Francis in your prayers.
 *Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer.
 Remember Jeanne Haithcote who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home.



BIRTHDAYS

Greg Bradford	9/6
Gene Baker	9/6
Matthew Dent	9/8

ANNIVERSARYS

Bill & Pat Davidson	9/4
Jim & Floyma Sutterfield	9/4
Jackie & Lynda Horton	9/5
Gene & Sandra Blair	9/9

"Christians Can Be Confident About Creation"

Seminar with Dr. Jeff Miller
 September 29 - October 1st

Seminar Sessions:

- I. The Evidence Points to God
 Friday, Sept 29th, 6:00-7:15pm
- II. Which God Exists?
 Friday, 7:30-8:30pm
- III. The Biblical Creation Model I
 Saturday, Sept 30th, 9:15-10:30am
- IV. The Biblical Creation Model II
 Saturday, 10:45am-12:00pm

LUNCH PROVIDED

- V. Is Creation Scientific?
 Saturday, 1:30-2:45pm
- VI. Is Creation Scientifically Defensible?
 Sunday, Oct 1st, 9:30-10:20am
- VII. Why Become a Christian?
 Sunday, Oct 1st, 10:30-11:30am

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK
 after morning services - followed by a 1pm service

NEW ADDRESS:

Tony & Jennifer Dunn
 329 Highway 287
 Greenbrier, AR 72058

(remember to change this in your directory!)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES CLASS

Starts: September 6th
 Study: *Love More, Sin*

Less by
 Aubrey Johnson

Teacher: Colleen Elliott
 Where: Fellowship Room
 Sign-up: Bulletin Board



SAVE THE DATE!

Ladies Fall Retreat
 October 27-29th
 Ozark Conference Center



September is

PACK THE PULPIT

Pick up a list of needed items on the table in the foyer

Ladies Preparing Communion

Trays for September

Sept. 10th - Stephanie Barkley
 Sept. 17th - Donna Beck/
 Dorothy Yeager
 Sept. 24th - Linda Black

FOOD COMMITTEE for September

Please contact:
 Dona Dixon 680-6209
 Becky Bradford 626-4436

