

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

May 20, 2018

WELCOME: Brian Drewry  
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Valdy Eichmann  
LORD'S TABLE: Greg Bradford  
Jarrod DeValle  
ASSIST: Brian Drewry  
Tyler Blair  
Tom Dryden  
Jim Bell  
CLOSING PRAYER: Derek Gilmer  
GREETERS: Kevin & Annie Blair  
Jim & Martha Bell  
CARDS: Lyndon Lewis  
Benjamin Thomason  
VISITOR GIFT/ Stephanie Barkley  
HOSTESSES: Annie Blair  
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent  
Psalm 29:1-2

### SUNDAY EVENING

May 20, 2018

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff  
OPENING PRAYER: Rod Wilson  
LORD'S TABLE: Ratis Yeager  
Ron McInturff  
CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Bradford

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

May 23, 2018

SONG LEADER: Garrett Brewer  
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Lovell  
DEVOTIONAL: Robert Hayes  
CLOSING PRAYER: Shannon Whitley

***\*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 Gary Bradford 501-626-3232  
Rod Wilson 501-328-7888

#### Deacons:

Mike Brewer 501-472-7692  
(youth, devos for Wednesday & nursing home)  
Michael Cole 815-622-1874  
(benevolence/pantry, technology)  
Jarrod DeValle 501-470-8710  
(education & teachers)  
Mike Wolff 501-472-8912  
(building & grounds)

#### Ministers:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999

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## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF FRIENDSHIP**

Aristotle described friendship as "A single soul in two bodies." Robert Louis Stevenson added: "A friend is a gift you give yourself." The American Heritage Dictionary defines a friend as "A person whom one knows, likes, and trusts."

We all need friends. David, whom the Bible describes as "a man after God's heart" (Acts 13:22), was a man who valued friendship. We are most familiar with his relationship with Jonathan, the son of King Saul. The Bible says that "the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself" (1 Sam. 18:1). Later, we read that "he loved him as he loved his own life" (20:17). David had other close friends, including Hushai (2 Sam. 15:37), Hiram (1 Kgs. 5:1), and the elders of Judah (1 Sam. 30:26). He was a man who valued friendship. Daniel was also a man with friends. We teach our children about Daniel's three friends: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Dan. 2:13, 17-18). Similarly, judging from comments made in the epistles, we conclude that the apostle Paul was a man with many friends (Rm. 16:5, 9, 12; Phile. 1; Acts 15:25; 19:31). Even our Lord counted friendship as a dear possession. Peter, James, and John seemed especially close to the heart of our Lord during His earthly ministry. In his gospel, John repeatedly refers to himself as the disciple whom Jesus loved. Jesus also had a very special relationship with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (Jn. 11:11).

Good friends are very important to the quality of our lives. They enhance our feeling of self-worth and provide a much-needed sense of belonging. In the body of Christ, friendship is another way of feeling accepted. We all need to learn how to build friendship. But, before we can build friendship, we need to understand something about its responsibilities.

The first responsibility of friendship involves giving what needs to be given. When Job went through his difficulties, his friends showed up to help. The second chapter of Job says that when they "heard of all the adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place...and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him" (vs. 11). They saw him in his pitiful state and "raised their voices and wept...they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that his pain was very great" (vss. 12-13). Up to this point, they proved themselves to be good friends. It was only when they began to speak that they became "miserable comforters" (Job 16:2). "For the despairing man," Job said, "there should be kindness from his friend..." (6:11). Instead, they gave him the added burden of guilt (19:21-22).

Someone has said that "A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out." Solomon said it this way: "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" (Prov. 17:17). If you consider yourself to be a true friend, then you have the responsibility to help in time of need. Solomon identifies the friend as the one who is there to lift you up when you have fallen (Eccl. 4:10). A true friend gives what needs to be given. May God help us to be true friends.

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUPS

### Group 1 (Teddy & Kristy)

Sunday, May 27th after morning services in the Elliott's home

### VISITOR BAGS May 27th

Edie Singleton & Linda McInturff



Randy Story came forward Sunday evening asking for forgiveness. Let's remember him and his situation in our prayers.

### PANTRY ITEMS FOR MAY

Canned pasta & Jiffy mix

### OUR RECORD

May 13, 2018

SUNDAY CLASS:	124
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	207
SUNDAY PM:	114
WEDNESDAY (16th):	109
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,606
YTD average:	\$5,622

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Ann Bowie's daughter, Teresa, is looking for a caregiver for her parents. The caregiver would be provided room and board plus salary. If you can be of assistance or know of someone, please call the office at 679-3647.

\*Merrell Story will be having radiation treatments for 8 weeks and other testing.

\*Continue to keep the Hilburn's son Danny; Anne Janski; Ada Forder; Stephanie Phillips; Gina Ratliff; Barbara Knight; Vickie Hasty's sister, Linda Clark; Verple Baker; Jim Sutterfield; Laura Blake's mother, Barbara McManus; and Joe Dillard in your prayers.

No one can ignore Jesus forever

### BIRTHDAYS

Sue Shumate	5/21
Zoey Thomason	5/22
Glenda Hillard	5/23
Darlene Langley	5/24
Tom Dryden	5/26

### ANNIVERSARYS

Rance & Hattie Rainey	5/24
Eric & Anna McNulty	5/26

## LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

May 27th 1pm service  
instead of a 5pm service  
(no potluck)

### New Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class

for the summer beginning  
June 7th at 10am -  
plan to attend AND  
bring a friend!

## CONGRATULATIONS...

to Mike and Laura Parker  
on the birth of their  
granddaughter,  
Brooklyn Paige Tinsley, born  
Wednesday morning weighing  
6lbs 9 oz, 19 inches long -  
Please pray that all will  
continue to go well  
with the adoption

### FOOD COMMITTEE for May

Please contact:

Martha Bell 472-9515  
Sandra Blair 733-1824

## Our Wednesday night

### Summer Series

*begins June 7th*

*\*pick up a flyer*

*on the table in*

*the foyer*

## CAMP NEEDS:

We are in need of  
25 cases of water  
& 25 cases of  
canned soda  
Please bring by  
June 6th and place in  
the fellowship room

## Ladies Preparing Communion Trays

May 20th - Shanna Lovell

May 27th - Anna McNulty

June 3rd - Judy Moody

June 10th - Kathey Peterson