

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

August 5, 2018

WELCOME: Gene Blair  
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Rod Wilson  
LORD'S TABLE: Eric McNulty  
Shannon Whitley  
ASSIST: Teddy Lewis  
Jerry Garrett  
Derek Gilmer  
Austin Ford  
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson  
GREETERS: Tim & Laura Blake  
Mike & Kristie Brewer  
CARDS: Nick DeValle  
Haze Stevenson  
VISITOR GIFT/ Becky Gossett  
HOSTESSES: Anne Steele  
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent  
Psalm 119:1-3

### SUNDAY EVENING

August 5, 2018

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry  
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp  
LORD'S TABLE: Mike Brewer  
Wyatt Brewer  
CLOSING PRAYER: Nathan Woody

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 8, 2018

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson  
OPENING PRAYER: Derek Gilmer  
DEVOTIONAL: Jarrod DeValle  
CLOSING PRAYER: Marty Leonard

***\*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

#### Church Office:

501-679-3647

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## THE FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is something we all need and something each of us must be willing to give if we would enjoy true spiritual freedom. The first step toward such freedom is in the pursuit of an attitude of love. Love makes forgiveness possible. Love drew salvation's plan and love is that which carries His message of forgiveness to the world.

In addition to love, a second thing we must do in order to gain the freedom of forgiveness is that we must release the past. We must come to recognize that the past is the past. It is history to be learned from, not mourned. The things which have happened have happened and cannot be changed. But, if we refuse to accept this truth, we will forever be prisoners of the past. Paul wrote, "but one thing I do; forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Ph. 3:13-14).

A third thing we must do in order to gain the freedom of forgiveness is that we must reconstruct the relationship. This is where the real work of forgiveness begins. Jesus taught that, if a brother sins against us, we should go to him and seek to restore the damaged relationship (Mt. 18:15-18). It is never easy to review past hurts, wrongs, or injustices; but such may be necessary for real healing to begin. Working through our pain and anger with another person helps us surrender our animosity and bitterness and develop a spirit of Christian love and understanding.

Finally, once we have restored an attitude of love--once we have released the past and sought to reconstruct the relationship--we must then reaffirm the relationship. This is where reconciliation takes place. Celebrate it. Make new commitments to each other. But allow time for healing to take place. It is possible to go beyond painful experiences and build an even better relationship in the future.

May God grant each of us a more willing disposition to forgive those who sin against us and a greater appreciation for the great debt from which we have been forgiven through the grace of God!

--Glen Elliott--

### Bible Questions:

1. On what day did God create the Sun?
2. Paul was a descendant of what tribe of Israel?
3. Of what people was Haman a descendant?

### PANTRY ITEMS FOR AUGUST

cereal & peanut butter

### The answers to last week's Bible Questions:

1. Uz (Gen. 22:21)
2. 7 (Mt. 15:34)
3. 0 (Noah, not Moses!)

### OUR RECORD July 29, 2018

SUNDAY CLASS:	143
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	195
SUNDAY PM:	89
WEDNESDAY (1st):	101
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,910
YTD average:	\$5,692
YTD ahead/behind:	\$8,762

## Prayer Requests

\*Keep Becky Bradford's family in prayer as her dad, Kay Moser, is in hospice care.  
\*Prayers for the Allensworth family during this difficult time.  
\*Janet Banks as she recovers from surgery.  
\*Alta McAteer is home but continue to remember her with her health issues.  
\*Our sympathy goes out to former member Joyce White's family with her passing.  
\*Continue to keep Verple Baker; Stephanie Phillips; Mike Wolff's brother-in-law, Bob; Judy Moody's brother, Jim Bradley; Helen Swindle's sister, Sharon; the Hilburn's son Danny; Ada Forder; Barbara Knight; Vickie Hasty's sister, Linda Clark; Laura Blake's mother, Barbara McManus; and Joe Dillard in your prayers.

PAST— gone, can't change it

PRESENT— here, you're living it

FUTURE—coming, where will you spend it?

BIRTHDAYS		
Susan Cole	8/5	
Helen Blair	8/8	
ANNIVERSARYS		
Greg & Kinsey Bradford	8/8	
Jerry & Ruth Garrett	8/9	



for Alex Rankin  
August 19 at 3:30  
in the fellowship room

### Bible Drill

4:50 Sunday evenings  
(Not on the last Sunday of the month)



### Directory Updates:

Tiffany Hillman is now  
Tiffany Guillen—update cell number  
501-339-1904

Also add:  
Bradley & Tara Stevenson  
mailing address:  
P.O. Box 32  
Guy, AR 72061  
physical address:  
103 Pinnacle Springs Rd  
Greenbrier  
phone: 501-472-8910



### FOOD COMMITTEE for AUGUST

Please contact:  
Donna Allensworth 454-0595  
Laura Blake 269-6522

## Our Wednesday night Summer Series Great Questions in the Psalms

August 8th — Ken Burton  
“What Shall I Render to the Lord?”  
(Ps. 116:12)

August 15th — Charles Bane  
“O Lord, Who May Abide in  
Your Tent?” (Ps. 15:1)

August 22nd — Johnathan House  
“Whom Shall I Fear?” (Ps. 27:1)

August 29th — Chase Turner  
“Why Are You in Despair,  
O My Soul?” (Ps. 42:5; 43:5)

### VISITOR BAGS

August 12th

Gina Ratliff &  
Beverly Woody



### Ladies Preparing Communion Trays

August 5th - Tonya Force  
August 12th - Anne Steele  
August 19th - Patsy Story  
August 26th - Dorothy Tatum/  
Anna Wolff