

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

September 23, 2018

WELCOME: Rod Wilson
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent
LORD'S TABLE: Mike Brewer
Phillip Short
ASSIST: Jarrod DeValle
Rick Camp
Tom Barkley
Justin McEntire
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson
GREETERS: Ratis & Dorothy Yeager
Aubrey & Donna Allensworth
CARDS: Holden Whitley
Lyndon Lewis
VISITOR GIFT/ Anna Wolff
HOSTESSES: Becky Gossett
SCRIPTURE READER: Luke Lewis
John 13:34-35

SUNDAY EVENING

September 23, 2018

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Tim Blake
LORD'S TABLE: Matthew Dent
Eli Leonard
CLOSING PRAYER: Rick Camp

WEDNESDAY EVENING

September 26, 2018

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Greg Bradford
DEVOTIONAL: Michael Cole
CLOSING PRAYER: Tom Barkley

****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:

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Rod Wilson 501-328-7888

Deacons:

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

Ministers:

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CHRISTIAN NATION?

America remains a place of spiritual opportunity and freedom. But there is a growing sense among us that things are changing and that, at least from the Christian perspective, this is not the America we once knew. For many years, freedom's mantra has rested securely on our belief in America as a Christian nation. The overwhelming majority of our founding fathers expressed their belief in God as our Creator and the Bible as His inspired word. We have often connected our nation's acknowledgement of faith with its long-term success as "one nation under God." And, justifiably so, for Scripture says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Ps. 33:12).

A book by Ken Ham recently came across my desk which argues that America is changing and, in many ways, has already changed from being "one nation under God" to being "one nation under many gods." He cites a speech in which a recent president said, "Whatever we once were, we are no longer a Christian nation. At least not *just*. We are also a Jewish nation, a Muslim nation, and a Buddhist nation, and a Hindu nation and a nation of non-believers" (Ham 80). In 2009, Newsweek's cover read: "The Decline and Fall of Christian America." Its featured article by Jon Meacham was entitled, "The End of Christian America" (Ham 83). Of course, these are alarming thoughts to anyone who loves our country and prays for its well-being.

Experience teaches us that the moral and spiritual pendulum of any people can swing back and forth--that, with the right motivation, we might move back in the direction of God. However, a broad view of the last 50 or 60 years suggests that, generation by generation, we are plodding steadily in the direction of becoming a secular society. The cause of Christ can thrive in any society because its driving force is centered in heaven. However, because worldviews are changing, there are times when we must change how we approach people with the gospel. This is illustrated by the apostle Paul's approach to those in Athens during his second missionary journey. Because he saw that the city was full of idols and would, therefore, have little or no knowledge of the God of the Bible, Paul centered his remarks around an inscription he found which read: "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD" (Acts 17:22-31). Beginning at this point, he told them about the Creator and His will for man. Some were converted who might have been confused had Paul stuck to his usual approach as when preaching in the Jewish synagogue (Acts 17:34). While we can adapt our approach to an audience, but we must never change the message of the gospel for it is "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Rm. 1:16).

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS

Care Group 4 (Ratis & Dorothy)

Friday, September 28th
in the home of Nora Smith
at 5pm - see signup sheet

Check the bulletin board to see
how to help the Roderick's

Bible Questions:

1. For whom does Mary Magdalene mistake Jesus after His resurrection?
2. Which of the Gospels is written by a doctor?
3. What two Old Testament characters appeared with Jesus at the Mount of Transfiguration?

OUR RECORD September 16, 2018

SUNDAY CLASS:	161
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	182
SUNDAY PM:	89
WEDNESDAY (19th):	118
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,084
YTD average:	\$5,683
YTD ahead/behind:	\$10,474

Prayer Requests

*Our sympathy goes out to David, Beverly, Nathan, Natalie and the whole Woody family in the loss of Miranda. She was killed in an auto accident Thursday evening.

*Our sympathy goes out to Sandra Mobbs in the passing of her mother, Ruth.

*Continue to keep all those who've lost loved ones in the past couple of weeks in your prayers.

*Janet Rhyne is now home from rehab.

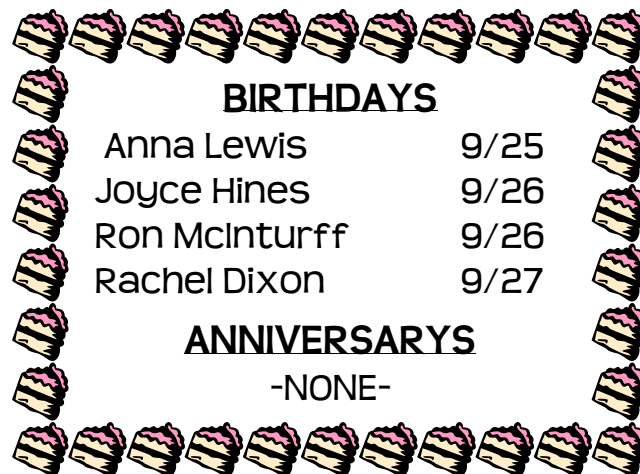
*Vickie Hasty's grandson was born Tuesday taken by emergency C-section due to respiratory problems. He is doing much better and will hopefully be able to go home Friday or Saturday.

*Mike Wolff asked for prayers for the mother of a friend who has been diagnosed with breast cancer, Nettie.

*Herb & Dorothy Tatum's caregivers son, Darrel, had knee surgery. Gangrene set in, and he lost his leg—he is gravely ill. Please pray for him.

THANK YOU CARD

Please go by the bulletin board to see a thank you card from Verple Baker's family



CALENDAR:

September 23rd: **BABY SHOWER** for Natalie Vandaveer **IS POSTPONED**

September 23rd: **YOUTH DEVO** in the home of the Dent's after evening services. Boys bring drinks; girls bring desserts

September 29th: **WEDDING** - we are all invited to the wedding of Linda Drewry & Larry Ward at 2pm at our building with a reception to follow - no gifts please.



September 29th: **WEDDING** - we are all invited to the wedding of Alex Rankin & Brad Bennett at Pine Mountain in Quitman at 5PM

September 30th: last Sunday of the month services (potluck since it is a 5th Sunday) with a 1pm service—no 5pm service

October 12-14th: **LADIES RETREAT** at Solgohachia. Cost is \$60 - see the ladies table for more details & Jan Biggs with any questions.

October 13th: **MEN'S BREAKFAST** at 8am in the fellowship room - see signup sheet

October 13th: **AMMO'n'EATIN** Funfest at Rod Wilson's beginning at 2pm

SEPTEMBER

PACK THE PULPIT

(for our pantry)

The answers to last week's Bible Questions:

1. Four thousand (Mt. 15:34-38)
2. We do not know (Mt. 2:1-12)
3. Obadiah, Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, Jude



VISITOR BAGS September 30th

Anne Steele &
Gina Ratliff

Ladies Preparing Communion Trays

September 30th - Beverly Woody

October 7th - Donna Allensworth

October 14th - Jennifer Whitley

**if you have any questions, please contact Cindy Wilson*

FOOD COMMITTEE for SEPTEMBER

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