

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

September 30, 2018

WELCOME: Rod Wilson
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Valdy Eichmann
LORD'S TABLE: Mike Wolff
Jim Bell
ASSIST: Ratis Yeager
Eric McNulty
Ron McInturff
Kevin Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Pete Hines
GREETERS: Jim & Martha Bell
Kevin & Annie Blair
CARDS: Ethan Gilmer
Nick DeValle
VISITOR GIFT/ Anne Steele
HOSTESSES: Gina Ratliff
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent
Mark 8:34-37

SUNDAY EVENING

September 30, 2018

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
LORD'S TABLE:
CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING

October 3, 2018

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Tim Blake
DEVOTIONAL: Glen Elliott
CLOSING PRAYER: Rick Camp

****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
(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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LIKE A FISH OUT OF WATER

Every creature has an element in which it thrives. What is an ideal environment for one may not be for another (cf. Prov. 30:19). When we are uncomfortable in a particular environment, we feel *like a fish out of water*.

God is our ideal environment. He is the Giver of "every good and perfect gift" (Jas. 1:17). He created the world and set us in the beautiful, life-sustaining Garden of Eden to walk in sweet fellowship with Him. Sin interrupted our fellowship with God and brought death into the world (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:24; Rm. 5:12). What Satan touted as most desirable proved, instead, to be most uncomfortable. Instead of walking with God in the cool of the day, Adam and Eve hid themselves from Him. The presence of sin caused them to feel *like a fish out of water* in the presence of God.

But God set into motion His redemptive plan through which our Savior and Redeemer would recreate an environment in which reconciliation with God could become a present reality (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 5:19). In Christ "we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses..." (Eph. 1:7). Jesus makes us comfortable in the presence of the Father because He has taken care of the problem of sin. We no longer feel *like a fish out of water*, but part of His family.

As we walk in the light of His word, we are recipients of "all spiritual blessings" and in Him, the perfect environment for living a full and abundant life (1 Jn. 1:7; Eph. 1:3; Jn. 10:10). In His presence, we no longer feel *like a fish out of water*, but as one who has found his or her ideal environment. As Paul so beautifully expressed it: "to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Ph. 1:21).

Apart from Jesus, we are "without God" in this world (Eph. 2:12). In Christ, we have strong hope for life everlasting (Hb. 6:19; Tit. 1:2). In Him, there is life (1 Jn. 5:11-12). This is where we belong. This is why our loving Creator sent His Son into the world to pay the price for our sins (Jn. 3:16). By His grace, we belong in His presence and look forward to our journey to our eternal home where we will abide in the light of His glory forever (Jn. 14:1-3; Rev. 22:5).

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS

Care Group 3 (Gary & Becky)
Saturday, October 20th
at Woolly Hollow

Bible Questions:

1. To what city was Saul traveling when he encountered a light that was brighter than the sun?
2. Who was the first person to come upon the injured man in the Parable of the Good Samaritan?

Bible Drill

at 4:50 Sunday evenings
for youth of all ages
(Not on the last Sunday of the month)

OUR RECORD **September 23, 2018**

SUNDAY CLASS:	138
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	163
SUNDAY PM:	101
WEDNESDAY (26th):	131
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,452
YTD average:	\$5,651
YTD ahead/behind:	\$9,526

Prayer Requests

*Don Barnett will be having an angiogram on Wednesday.

*Remember the Woody family in your prayers.

*Continue to keep the mom of a friend of Mike Wolff, Nettie; Herb & Dorothy Tatum's caregivers son, Darrel; Janet Rhyne; Sandra Mobbs, and the Davidson family in your prayers.



VISITOR BAGS **October 7th**

Kathey Peterson & Cindy Wilson

THANK YOU CARD

Thank you so much for the calls, text, & voicemails. Most importantly thank you for the prayers! My grandson is home & doing much better. I feel so blessed to be a part of your family.
Vickie Hasty

BIRTHDAYS

Livvy McNulty	10/1
Shawn Smart	10/2
Brian Swindle	10/5
Lavonne Duncan	10/5
Linda Black	10/6
Glen Elliott	10/6

ANNIVERSARYS

John & Ann Bowie	9/30
Shannon & Jennifer Whitley	10/2

CALENDAR:

September 30th:

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

September 30th:

Men only—if you are interested in attending the Harding Lectureships, the van will leave at 4pm from our building
*See Gary if you are interested in going

October 12-14th:

LADIES RETREAT at Solgohachia.
Cost is \$60 - see the ladies table for more details & Jan Biggs with any questions.
Money is due Sunday, October 7th

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
This is for men only—no children.
A meal is provided - signup on the bulletin board

SEPTEMBER

PACK THE PULPIT

(for our pantry)

The answers to last week's Bible Questions:

1. The gardener (Jn. 20:15)
2. Luke (Col. 4:14)
3. Moses and Elijah (Mt. 17:3)

Ladies Preparing Communion Trays

October 7th - Donna Allensworth
October 14th - Jennifer Whitley
October 21st - Janet & Alisa Banks
October 28th - Stephanie Barkley
**if you have any questions, please contact Cindy Wilson*

FOOD COMMITTEE for OCTOBER

Please contact:
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