

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

December 16, 2018

WELCOME: Darren Dent  
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Brewer  
LORD'S TABLE: Austin Ford  
Eric McNulty  
ASSIST: Teddy Lewis  
Luke Lewis  
Albert Hall  
Jackie Horton  
CLOSING PRAYER: Ratis Yeager  
GREETERS: Michael & Susan Cole  
Tim & Dona Dixon  
CARDS: Lyndon Lewis  
Benjamin Thomason  
VISITOR GIFT/ Nita Sadler  
HOSTESSES: Dana Short  
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent  
Psalm 117:1-2

### SUNDAY EVENING

December 16, 2018

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson  
OPENING PRAYER: Derek Gilmer  
LORD'S TABLE: Robert Hayes  
Jarrod DeValle  
CLOSING PRAYER: Pete Hines

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 19, 2018

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Tim Blake  
DEVOTIONAL: Brian Drewry  
CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent

***\*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)

#### Ministers:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999

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## THE CHRISTIAN AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT (3)

What responsibilities do Christians have toward civil government? In answering this question, two extremes must be avoided. The first extreme is that, since Christ's kingdom is not of this world, Christians are free to disregard the laws of the land. The second extreme is that Christians must obey the laws of the land even if they contradict the laws of God. Between the two extremes is the biblical view of our responsibility toward civil government.

Christians are obligated to obey governing authorities (Rm. 13:1). Paul goes on to explain that governing authorities exist and are established by God. Resisting authority amounts to resisting God Himself. Remember, the over-arching purpose of government is for the punishment of evil-doers and the praise of those who do what is right (Rm. 13:1-7). When a particular government no longer carries this God-given purpose, God will remove it in His own time.

These principles are reinforced in Paul's letter to Titus, where he says, "Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men (3:1-2). Obedience is not motivated by fear of the government, but by respect for God. If we disagree with the law, we are not free to disobey it unless the law violates God's word (Acts 4:19-20; 5:29). As we have already said, our responsibility to obey governing authorities extends even to governments which may be corrupt or evil. Early Christians lived in the midst of the decadent, corrupt Roman Empire. But, Jesus did not lead an insurrection against Rome. Why not? Because His purpose was to preach the gospel and save souls. Christianity did change the world; but it did so one soul at a time.

Christians are obligated to obey governing authorities so long as such obedience does not violate the principles taught in the New Testament.

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUPS

### **Care Group 1 (Teddy & Kristy)**

Sunday, December 16th after morning services in the fellowship room

## THANK YOU CARDS

Please go by the bulletin board to see cards from Kevin & Annie Blair and Bruce & Cindy Bradford

## Bible Questions:

1. Where does the Bible mention a prophecy of Enoch?
2. Where does the Bible mention the book of Jasher?
3. Where does the Bible mention the Book of the Wars of the Lord?

### **OUR RECORD** **December 9, 2018**

SUNDAY CLASS:	135
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	147
SUNDAY PM:	80
WEDNESDAY (12th):	107
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$6,380
YTD average:	\$5,630
YTD ahead/behind:	\$11,266

# Prayer Requests

\*Stephanie Phillips is asking prayers concerning her health.

\*Alisa Banks and Janet Banks are needing prayers for personal health & prayers for them to find a way to get their house repaired.

\*Melba Sharp was in a car accident. She is okay but was a little shook up.

\*Continue to keep Patsy Story, Dana Taylor, (Jerry Garrett's niece), Thelma Davis, and Eric McNulty in your prayers.

Pick up a prayer request sheet on the table in the foyer.

## **PRAYERS**

*Stephanie Phillips came forward a couple of Sunday's ago asking for prayers. Please remember her in prayer.*

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Kristy Lewis	12/17
Nick DeValle	12/18
Phillip Short	12/20
Laura Parker	12/20
Ryeland Lovell	12/23
Amy Drewry	12/24
Bradley Stevenson	12/25

## **ANNIVERSARYS**

Derek & Amanda Phillips	12/17
Merrell & Patsy Story	12/22

## CALENDAR:

### DECEMBER 16th at 3:30

*The youth will meet at 3:30 on December 16th to decorate cookies. Following evening services, they will have pizza in the fellowship room and then go caroling.*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Justin & Natalie Vandaveer are the proud parents to a baby girl, Nora Brooke, born November 26th weighing 7lbs 15 oz and 19.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are David & Beverly Woody. (\*kevart.net)



## CORRECTION

Kevin and Annie's baby girl is Ada not Ava. Sorry for the misspelling in last week's bulletin.

## VISITOR BAGS **December 23rd**

Dorothy Yeager & Tiffany Guillen



## Answers to Last Week's Questions:

1. The fourth plague (swarms of flies) (Ex. 8:20-32)
2. The first plague (water to blood) (Ex. 7:20-22) and the second plague (frogs) (Ex. 8:1-7)
3. On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight (Ex. 12:2, 5-6)

## HOLIDAY BOXES

Remember to donate for the holiday boxes—trying to keep them at \$55 a box. They will be delivered or picked up on December 22nd. See Michael Cole for more information.

## Ladies Preparing Communion Trays

**December 16th** - Kinsey Bradford

**December 23rd** - Kristie Brewer

**December 30th** - Peggy Braden

**January 6th** - Kathy Camp

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

## **FOOD COMMITTEE for DECEMBER**

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