

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

December 9, 2018

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
LORD'S TABLE: Nathan Woody
Mike Brewer
ASSIST: Brian Drewry
Kevin Blair
Jarrod DeValle
Seth Fisher
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson
GREETERS: Tim & Laura Blake
Mike & Kristie Brewer
CARDS: Haze Stevenson
Jag McNulty
VISITOR GIFT/ Kathy Peterson
HOSTESSES: Kathy Camp
SCRIPTURE READER: Eli Leonard
Proverbs 23:4-5

SUNDAY EVENING

December 9, 2018

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Cole
LORD'S TABLE: Tim Bake
Austin Ford
CLOSING PRAYER: Eli Leonard

WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 12, 2018

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent
DEVOTIONAL: Rod Wilson
CLOSING PRAYER: Justin McEntire

****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 (2)

Our response to governing authorities is very much influenced by our perception of God's present-day involvement in the affairs of man. While our citizenship is in heaven, we live in this world and have certain God-given responsibilities toward those in positions of authority (Ph. 3:20; Rm. 13:1-7).

God works behind the scenes, in a providential way, to carry out His sovereign purpose in the world around us. We know this because of clear, biblical evidence. For example, in the process of interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Daniel explains that "the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whomever He wishes" (Dan. 4:25). Again, in Paul's sermon to the Athenians, he says that God "made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation..." (Acts 17:26). Then, in his letter to the Romans, Paul tells us that "there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God" (13:1). So, on the basis of such evidence, we cannot divorce God from the affairs of human government. All rulers are subject to God for the way they govern their people and God will work among the nations in accordance to His sovereign will.

A cursory glance at Old Testament history reveals that God uses nations to bring about His righteous purpose. The nation of Israel was punished for her idolatry when the Assyrians conquered the land and carried its inhabitants away into captivity. The Assyrian Empire was, in turn, subjugated by the kingdom of the Medes and the Persians. Continuing changes in the political landscape of the world were not only matters of divine prophecy, but clear evidence that God uses the nations of the world to bring about divine judgment and prophetic fulfillment.

This being the case, how do we promote the ongoing welfare of our nation? Simply put, we must follow God's way as it is revealed in His word. Scripture says that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Prov. 14:34). Similarly, we are told: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Psa. 33:12). This underscores the tragic blunder of those whose intent it is to remove God from our public schools and government institutions. Our nation's only safeguard for the future is belief in God and determination to follow the moral and ethical standards of His word. Don't be deceived, morality is a political issue in that governmental policy influences the way God works in the life of our nation.

Next week, we plan to take a closer look at the Christian's responsibilities toward government.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS

Care Group 1 (Teddy & Kristy)

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

Care Group 5 (Rod & Cindy)

Saturday, December 15th at 4:30 in the home of Mike & Laura Parker

Bring a white elephant gift

(Meet at the building at 3:45 if you want to ride the van or follow)

Bible Questions:

1. Which was the first of the Ten Plagues of Egypt to affect only the Egyptians?
2. Which of the Ten Plagues of Egypt appeared to be performed also by the magicians of Egypt?
3. When was the Passover lamb or kid sacrificed?

OUR RECORD **December 2, 2018**

SUNDAY CLASS:	144
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	181
SUNDAY PM:	84
WEDNESDAY (5th):	109
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,537
YTD average:	\$5,614
YTD ahead/behind:	\$10,286

Prayer Requests

*Our sympathy goes out to Gary Bradford and his family in the passing of his mother, Eulene. Visitation and funeral were Saturday.

*Remember Patsy Story as she recovers from major back surgery.

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

*The Wilson's daughter-in-law, Sumer, her dad started radiation treatments to be followed by chemo. His name is Donnie Carper.

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

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.

BIRTHDAYS

Ginger Beene	12/10
Linda Ward	12/10
Jim Ratliff	12/11
Burnadean Murray	12/14
Rick Camp	12/14
Jim Bell	12/15
Justin McEntire	12/15

ANNIVERSARYS

Derek & Cari Gilmer	12/11
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CALENDAR:

SNOWMAN EXCHANGE



December 9th at 2pm in home of the Barnett's - please bring a \$10 snowman gift and see the refreshment signup sheet on the bulletin board

Arkansas Blood Institute's BLOODMOBILE will be here

Dec. 13th at 9:30 -
signup if you can donate
(*oneblood.org)

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.

Please see the THANK YOU card from Kathey Peterson on the bulletin board

VISITOR BAGS **December 16th**

Dana Short & Nita Sadler



Answers to Last Week's Questions:

1. Four (Gen. 2:10)
2. Antioch (Acts 11:26)
3. Thirty (2 Sam. 5:4)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kevin & Annie Blair are the proud parents to a baby girl, Ava Katherine, born December 3rd weighing 8lbs and 19 1/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are Gene & Sandra.
(*kevart.net)



Ladies Preparing Communion Trays

December 9th - Becky Bradford
December 16th - Kinsey Bradford
December 23rd - Kristie Brewer
December 30th - Peggy Braden

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

FOOD COMMITTEE for DECEMBER

Please contact:

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