

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

February 24, 2018

WELCOME: Gene Blair
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent
LORD'S TABLE: Eli Leonard
Matthew Dent
ASSIST: Brandon Beck
Wyatt Brewer
Cayden Leonard
Luke Lewis
CLOSING PRAYER: Greg Bradford
GREETERS: Brian & Amy Drewry
Gary & Becky Bradford
CARDS: Brayden Gilmer
Nick DeValle
VISITOR GIFT/ Donna Allensworth
HOSTESSES: Stephanie Barkley
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent
Colossians 3:1-3

SUNDAY EVENING

February 24, 2018

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Greg Bradford
Justin McEntire
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Cole

WEDNESDAY EVENING

February 27, 2019

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
DEVOTIONAL: Gary Bradford
CLOSING PRAYER: Ron McInturff

****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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NEVER TOO LATE

Every year, all across the land, nativity scenes are carefully reconstructed so as to include all of the essential elements commonly believed to have been associated with the birth of Jesus. Comfortably settled in a manger (feeding trough) for His bed, the little Lord Jesus is sleeping on the hay. Along with an assortment of animals, Mary and Joseph's attention is intently focused on the Christ Child. Also, included in the scene are the shepherds who had been "keeping watch over their flock by night" and had witnessed the glorious announcement of His birth by an angel of the Lord (Lk. 2:8-9). But, our attention is uniquely drawn to the three wise men and the treasures they presented to Jesus.

The Bible does not tell us that there were three wise men—only that there were three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Mt. 2:11). But, how did these men arrive so shortly after Christ's birth? While there may be some debate about the origin of their journey, it is generally believed that they had traveled a great distance. They would not have arrived on the evening of Christ's birth but a considerable time later. At their arrival, Jesus was no longer in the manger, but in a house (Mt. 2:11).

When these men arrived in Jerusalem, they began asking "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" (Mt. 2:2). Perhaps, they thought His whereabouts would be common knowledge among the people. To their credit, the chief priests and scribes knew the Scriptures well enough to direct them to Bethlehem (Mt. 2:5-6).

Herod, too, was interested in the one who had been born King of the Jews, but for sinister motives (Mt. 2:7-8). Later, when Herod sought to destroy the Christ Child, he ordered that every male child in the vicinity of Bethlehem, two years old and under, be killed (Mt. 2:16). This was not an arbitrary number, but was based on information he had learned from the magi. While this number was likely inflated by Herod to make sure the perceived threat of another king was eliminated, it still shows that the arrival of the wise men was months after the birth of Jesus.

This begs the question: "Why does it take some so long to come to Jesus?" The answer lies in the distance which must be traveled to get to Him. Distance is not always measured in miles. To a scribe who had answered His question wisely, Jesus said, "You are not far from the kingdom of God" (Mk. 12:34). For others, like Saul of Tarsus, it is a longer, more difficult journey. But, what matters is that we get to Jesus.

The wise men were looking to the stars. We might say that they had their heads in the clouds. Had they known the Scriptures, they would have known where to find the Christ. Many, even among those who claim to know the Scriptures, never find their way to Christ.

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Jesus spoke to their prejudicial view of God's word, saying, "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life" (John 5:39-40). However, as long as life lasts, it is never too late to come to Jesus. But we must approach the Scriptures with an open heart and an open mind (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15).

--Glen Elliott--

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that prayed for me and sent cards to me in the loss of my dear sister. Please continue to pray for me; it was such a shock and unexpected!

*I love you all,
Helen Swindle*

OUR RECORD **February 17, 2019**

SUNDAY CLASS:	139
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	183
SUNDAY PM:	90
WEDNESDAY (20th):	105
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,727
YTD average:	\$5,572
YTD ahead/behind:	\$1,201

Prayer Requests

*Our sympathy goes out to Helen Swindle in the passing of her sister, Evelyn Crow. Her funeral was Wednesday in Walnut Ridge. Also, please pray for another sister of Helen's, Shirley Gilbert. She has very serious health problems.

*Herb Tatum fell Wednesday at home, hit his head, and broke his hip. He needed stitches for his head and had hip surgery Thursday. He is in room 426 at Conway Regional. He is supposed to be moved to rehab on Monday.





























*Marilyn Watson is beginning radiation and chemo treatments.

*Vickie Hasty's surgery went well Tuesday. Doctors say it will be a lengthy recovery so keep her in your prayers.

*Doctors will be keeping Janet Banks on steroids till she is stable then refer her to UAMS. They will go from there to see about surgery. She is in Conway Regional room 436 as of now.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

March 16th at 8am in the fellowship room **See signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway

          		<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	
	Pat Davidson	2/24	
	Bob Gossett	2/25	
	Linda McInturff	2/26	
<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>		- NONE -	
          			

CALENDAR:

SENIORS MINISTRY

will be going on a day trip to the Red Apple Inn in Heber Springs Tuesday, **February 26th**. The van will leave a 11:00 - if you plan to attend, please signup on the bulletin board. Also, Tuesday **March 5th** at 10:30am, Charles Bane will be here to speak to the class with a luncheon to follow - see the bulletin board for a signup sheet

LADIES DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd

Speaker: Kim Wilson

Beginning at 9:30

Lunch at 11:30



Jesus saw others
not for what they
SEEMED to be,
not even for what they
WERE
but always for what He
knew
they could BECOME.
- The People Skills of Jesus
by William Beausay, II

What a Gift!

FOOD COMMITTEE

Ladies, please go by the bulletin board to see the updated food committee list. If your name is not on the list and you would like to participate, let Donna Allensworth know.

Ladies Preparing Communion Trays

February 24th - Jennifer Dunn

March 3rd - Bea Eichmann

March 10th - Colleen Elliott

March 17th - Sarah Ford

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



VISITOR BAGS

March 3rd

**Martha Bell/Aryca Hall
& Becky Bradford**

FOOD COMMITTEE for FEBRUARY

Please contact:

Donna Allensworth
454-0595

Laura Blake
269-6522

