

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

September 8, 2019

WELCOME: Gene Blair
SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Brewer
LORD'S TABLE: Eric McNulty
Derek Gilmer
ASSIST: Brandon Beck
Tim Blake
Tyler Blair
Derek Phillips
CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes
GREETERS: Kevin & Annie Blair
Tim & Laura Blake
CARDS: Ethan Gilmer
Brayden Gilmer
VISITOR GIFT/ Kathy Camp
HOSTESSES: Becky Gossett
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent
Acts 2:37-38

SUNDAY EVENING

September 8, 2019

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
LORD'S TABLE: Ron McInturff
Rick Camp
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

September 11, 2019

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
OPENING PRAYER: Daniel Phillips
DEVOTIONAL: Derek Phillips
CLOSING PRAYER: Justin McEntire

**Please contact Jackie Horton,
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 STUDY 7:00 p.m.

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS:

SENIORS MINISTRY CLASS 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY:

LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:00 a.m.

Elders:

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Deacons:

Mike Brewer 501-472-7692
(youth, devos for Wednesday & nursing home)

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WHOM GOD HAS CHOSEN

A quick glance at the men Jesus chose to be His apostles reveals that He did not place a premium on social or educational qualifications. This begs the question: "If Christ would have come in the 21st century rather than 1st century, whom would He have selected?" If we were privy to that information, the answer might surprise us.

Hudson Taylor wrote, "God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on Him." Only a man who recognizes his weakness will depend on God for strength. The Scripture says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (Jas. 4:6). Many of the religious leaders of Christ's day were so filled with pride and prejudice that Christ could not find in them a pliable heart. Of those whom Christ did choose, some were fishermen, one a tax-collector, and another an insurrectionist. Yet, for the most part, they all possessed humility, loyalty, and a willingness to learn. They were far from perfect, but after the space of three years with the Master, they became changed men. Concerning Peter and John, Scripture says that, although they were uneducated and untrained men, Christ made such an impact on them that their enemies began to recognize that they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

It is difficult for some to understand how a sense of our own weakness can produce beneficial results. The apostle Paul suffered from a physical ailment which he called his "thorn in the flesh." He prayed three times for relief. But, God's answer was strength to endure rather than relief from infirmity. He said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). In the next verse, he concludes, saying, "when I am weak, then I am strong." Indeed, our weakness can magnify God's power when we rely on Him for strength.

If there is one lesson which God has illustrated repeatedly in His word, it is that success results from trusting in God rather than human strength. The army raised by Gideon to fight the Midianites numbered 22 thousand. Though vastly outnumbered, God told Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, lest Israel become boastful, saying, 'My own power has delivered me.'" (Judg. 7:2). In a series of tests, the number was reduced to a mere 300 so that all would know that it was the Lord who had delivered Israel from the enemies.

God's power is shown in our weakness. God chooses the humble. Paul reminds us that He has not called "many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong" (1 Cor. 1:26-27). Because of this important principle, we should heed the advice of Solomon who wrote, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding" (Prov. 3:5).

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Linda Black will have surgery September 11th and Anne Janski will have surgery on September 26th. Remember these ladies in you prayers.

*Alisa Banks requested prayers for her cousin, Martin, who was struck by a car. He will have many surgeries ahead of him.

*Peggy Braden's daughter, Terri, had a stroke but is home now.

*Floyma Sutterfield was in the hospital in Arizona and needed a pacemaker. Remember her, Susan, and Emily.

**Continue to keep Joyce Hines - room 204; Darlene Roberts; Gaynelle McNew; Ted & Barbara Knight; Helen Swindle's nephew, Clay; Barbara McManus; Janet & Alisa Banks; Junior Adams; Marilyn Watson; and Eric McNulty (and family) in your prayers.*

SEPTEMBER

*we will be packing the
pulpit for the pantry - there
is a list of needed
items on the table
in the foyer*

CONGRATULATIONS

to Dorothy Tatum and Mark Talbert
Dorothy became a
great, great grandmother
and Mark became an uncle
when Grady James was
born on Wednesday.

OUR RECORD September 1, 2019

SUNDAY CLASS:	108
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	140
SUNDAY PM:	69
WEDNESDAY (11th):	97
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,400
YTD average:	\$5,564
YTD ahead/behind:	\$5,731

BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Dent	9/8
Cleon Koone	9/13
Hope Terry	9/14

ANNIVERSARIES

Gene & Sandra Blair	9/9
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

September 10th

AREA WIDE FELLOWSHIP at Center Ridge Church of Christ at 5:30pm. Let Bill Davidson know if you plan to attend.

September 15th

AREA WIDE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP at Perryville - meet at the building at 5pm ***all teens are encouraged to attend***

September 15th-18th

GOSPEL MEETING at Perryville church of Christ - Jeremy Pierce is the speaker - 7pm each evening.

September 17th

SENIORS MINISTRY - Darren Dent will be speaking to the class at 10:30am in the fellowship room

September 21st

A **BRUNCH** is scheduled to plan for the ladies retreat in the Outreach Center at 10am. Text Jan if you plan to attend at 501-680-5485.

September 27th-29th

R.U.S.H. at Freed-Hardeman University registration is \$35 - see Mark if you have any questions

September 28th

HOMEcoming & FISH FRY - at the Children's Home in Paragould beginning at 10:30 am.

Ladies Preparing Communion Trays

September 8th -
Linda Ward

September 15th -
Cindy Wilson

September 22nd -
Jennifer Whitley

September 29th -
Beverly Woody

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

October 11th -13th

LADIES FALL RETREAT

at the Ozark Conference Center. There is a signup sheet on the ladies table. Text Jan if you plan to attend at 501-680-5485.

VISITOR BAGS

September 15th

*Tiffany Guillen &
Linda McInturff*