

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

December 15, 2019

WELCOME: Gene Blair  
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones  
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Blair  
LORD'S TABLE: Mike Brewer  
Ron McInturff  
ASSIST: Seth Fisher  
Jim Bell  
Matthew Dent  
Gene Blair  
CLOSING PRAYER: Rod Wilson  
GREETERS: Ratis & Dorothy Yeager  
Tom & Stephanie Barkley  
CARDS: Ethan Gilmer  
Brayden Gilmer  
VISITOR GIFT/ Donna Allensworth  
HOSTESSES: Alisa Banks  
SCRIPTURE READER: Brandon Beck  
2 Peter 3:10-12  
NURSING HOME: Mike Brewer

### SUNDAY EVENING

December 15, 2019

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones  
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp  
LORD'S TABLE: Justin McEntire  
Ratis Yeager  
CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 18, 2019

SONG LEADER: Mark Talbert  
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent  
DEVOTIONAL: Robert Hayes  
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson

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.

2nd Thursday of each month:  
PANTRY OPEN from noon - 1:30pm

### Elders:

Gene Blair 501-499-5868 Rod Wilson 501-328-7888

### Deacons:

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

### Ministers:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999  
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## FAR, FAR AWAY

After the death of Aaron's sons and following the completion of the tabernacle, in a chapter describing what God intended to take place on the Day of Atonement, the term *Azazel* is used in some translations to designate one of the two goats taken from among the sons of Israel as a sin offering (Lev. 16:5, 11). It is otherwise referred to as "the scapegoat" or, literally, "the goat of removal" (vs. 10).

When Aaron had finished offering a bull for a sin offering for himself and his household, he was commanded to take these two aforementioned goats and present them before the Lord at the doorway to the tent of meeting (Lev. 16:6-7). Lots would be cast to determine which goat would become the sin offering and which would be presented alive before the Lord as the scapegoat (vss. 8-10). Following the slaughter of the goat designated as an offering for the sins of the people, Aaron was commanded to lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, confessing all the sins of the people. Then, the goat would be sent away into the wilderness to a solitary place symbolizing the complete removal of the people's sins (vss. 21-22).

So much of this reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for our sins. The writer of Hebrews says, "it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins" (Heb. 10:4). A greater, more perfect sacrifice is needed. John the Baptist correctly identified this sacrifice as Jesus, saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (Jn. 1:29). As predicted 700 years previously, all our iniquities were laid upon Him (Isa. 53:6). Our loving Father "made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf" (2 Cor. 5:21). He is the satisfactory sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the world (1 Jn. 2:2). In response to our obedient faith, He carries our sins far, far away. In the words of David, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us" (Psa. 103:12). Let us always remember the precious blood of the covenant by which we have been forgiven.

--Glen Elliott--

# Prayer Requests

\*Anne Steele's chemotherapy appointment went well. Anne doesn't need to be around crowds at this time. Her next appt. is January 6th.  
\*Continue to keep Cari Gilmer and her family; Peggy Braden and her daughter, Terri; and Junior Adams in your prayers.  
\*Check the table in the foyer for an extended prayer list of those members, or loved ones, that need to be remembered regularly in our prayers.

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Bell12/15

Justin McEntire12/15

ANNIVERSARIES

-none-

VISITOR BAGS

for December 22nd

Stephanie Barkley & Martha Bell

Our Record	
December 8, 2019	
SUNDAY CLASS:	109
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	120
SUNDAY PM:	56
WEDNESDAY (11th):	80
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$6,493
YTD average:	\$5,482
YTD ahead/behind:	\$4,035

Pursue Edification

"Therefore, let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another" (Romans 14:19).

☐ Sunday

Tell a Christian how much his or her example of faith encourages you.

☐ Monday

Encourage a Christian who is struggling or unfaithful.

☐ Tuesday

Encourage an elder(s) in the faith.

☐ Wednesday

Encourage a new member of our church family.

☐ Thursday

Encourage a physical relative in the faith.

☐ Friday

Encourage a young person in the faith.

☐ Saturday

Invite someone to church on Sunday who is unfaithful, struggling, or who is not a Christian.

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# Calendar of Events

**December 16th** - Monday Night for the Master will meet in the Outreach Center at 6pm.  
**December 29th** - Last Sunday of the month and it's a 5th Sunday, so after morning service we will have a POTLUCK then a 1pm service.

LOVE

ONE ANOTHER!

# KID'S CORNER

WORDSEARCH

His Fame Spreads (Matt. 4:23-25)

S F T T L X P J P M

I O Y E L V L N R U

C L Q A Y H K D E L

K L N C R E Q I A T

N O B H T A M S C I

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S E C N Q I A A I U

S D J G Z N Z S N D

F A M E F G L E G E

A F F L I C T E D S

FOLLOWED

DISEASE

MULTITUDES

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TEACHING

AFFLICTED

PREACHING

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What do We Expect?

As Christians, it is our obligation to give back to our Lord in appropriate ways and to show Him that we love Him. Far too often, we find ourselves not being the Christians that we should be and that can have a damaging effect on our faith. When we do things for the Lord, He blesses us in our lives with certain things: love, grace, humility, mercy, and many other aspects that are important to our day to day walk with God. We rely on God to take care of us, but sometimes we see that life is not going the way we want it to, and we start to blame God or others for the displeasure of our well-being. In Exodus 17, the Israelites came to Moses and complain to him. In verse 2, they said, "Give us water that we may drink." Moses replies, "Why are you complaining to me? Why are you testing the Lord?" In verse 3, they continue to complain by saying, "Why did you ever bring us up from Egypt to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" Moses then cries out to the Lord for help and He grants Moses to bring forth water from a rock for the Israelites to drink. When the Israelites came to Moses to complain, they were testing God and were presenting a lack of faith in God. We should not approach our life struggles by complaining to God, but by trusting and praying to Him to help get us through those struggles and to bless us. He gives us what we need even when we don't deserve it. Be thankful to the Lord for what He does for you each day.

-Mark Talbert-