

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

December 22, 2019

WELCOME: Gene Blair
SONG LEADER: Mark Talbert
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp
LORD'S TABLE: Mike Brewer
Jim Bell
ASSIST: Darren Dent
Brandon Beck
Justin McEntire
Jackie Horton
CLOSING PRAYER: Gene Blair
GREETERS: Jim & Martha Bell
Gene & Sandra Blair
CARDS: Haze Stevenson
Easton Hutchings
VISITOR GIFT/ Stephanie Barkley
HOSTESSES: Martha Bell
SCRIPTURE READER: Seth Fisher
1 Peter 1:22-23
NURSING HOME: Kevin Blair

SUNDAY EVENING

December 22, 2019

SONG LEADER: Mark Talbert
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent
LORD'S TABLE: Ron McInturff
Kevin Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 25, 2019

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp
DEVOTIONAL: Rod Wilson
CLOSING PRAYER: Ratis Yeager

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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STUDY, PRACTICE, TEACH

The order in which certain actions are taken is important. This is true in everything from assembling a "put-it-together-yourself" project to following instructions in a new recipe. Problems arise when we disregard the prescribed order.

Spiritually speaking, God's commands frequently require a specified order. This was true of many of the duties carried out by the Levitical priests. But, even in the New Testament, there are examples of things that must happen in their correct order. Paul's questions in Romans 10:14 illustrate this point: "How will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?" Hearing must come before faith as surely as belief must come before baptism (Mk. 16:16). When a particular order is required, true obedience cannot be carried out without respecting the order of God's instructions.

The same is true in respect to teaching. Following Judah's return from Babylonian Captivity, the good hand of God was upon Ezra to supply spiritual instruction to the people (Ezra 7:9). As a scribe, Ezra was "skilled in the law of Moses" (vs. 6). But, rather than trusting in what he had already learned, Ezra "set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel" (vs. 10). The order is significant because we cannot teach unless we first engage in study. Nor should we teach what we are unwilling to practice. The order is clear: study, practice, and teach.

Perhaps, this provides some context to James' warning: "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment" (Jas. 3:1). Teaching is preceded by a heart prepared to study and practice the message to be taught. The writer of Hebrews rebukes his readers, saying, "By reason of time you ought to be teachers..." (Heb. 5:12). The spiritual growth needed to become teachers had not taken place. They were "dull of hearing" (vs. 11). They were spiritually immature and lacked discernment (vs. 14). They were yet unfit to teach because they had not prepared their hearts through study and practice. One cannot effectively teach without such preparation.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

- *Jason Elliott was at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota last week.
- *Cyndi Moore is asking prayers for a friend, Leo, who has prostate cancer.
- *Dorothy Yeager broke her arm and will see a doctor next week about treatment after the swelling goes down.
- *Continue to keep Anne Steele; 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.

We will have our
Wednesday, Dec. 25th
evening service in the
Outreach Center 7pm

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY

New Address:

Brian and Talisa Swindle
45 Church Circle
Greenbrier, AR 72058

Please go by the
bulletin board to see a
thank you card from
the McInturffs' and a
letter from Cheyenna Linn

VISITOR BAGS for December 29th

Sandra Blair & Kathy Camp

BIRTHDAYS

Ryeland Lovell	12/23
Amy Drewry	12/24
Bradley Stevenson	12/25
Mary Tubbs	12/27
Claire Drewry	12/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Merrell & Patsy Story	12/22
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Our Record

December 15, 2019

SUNDAY CLASS:	98
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	139
SUNDAY PM:	55
WEDNESDAY (18th):	66
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,466
YTD average:	\$5,482
YTD ahead/behind:	\$4,101

Calendar of Events

December 29th - Last Sunday of the month and it's a 5th Sunday, so after morning service we will have a soup & sandwich POTLUCK then a 1pm service.

December 29th - Lock-in with the Windsong congregation. Meet at our building at 5:30pm if you plan to attend.

December 31st - Registration deadline for Y.O.U. (grades 6th –12th). Y.O.U. will be Jan. 24th–26th at Robinson & Center. Registration fee is \$25 (includes t-shirt). See Mark if you plan to go.

January 5th - Areawide monthly youth devo at Downtown -van will leave at 4:15pm

January 19th - Monthly youth and family devotional in the home of the Yeager's after evening services.

There will be
NO bulletin next
Sunday (the 29th)

MNMM

23 in attendance,
1 of 2 visits made,
25 cards,
42 holiday boxes prepared



Don't Forget Your Comforter

A man walked into a mattress and bedding store one day intending to buy a comforter. He was not looking for any old comforter; he had a specific one in mind. He looked around the store and about when he was going to give up, he found it. He was so excited that you could hear him joyfully screaming across the store. He then proceeded to take the comforter up to the front desk, paid for it, and went on his merry way. Life can be this way if we have the right attitude. We will go through certain things in our lives that will make us think that one thing will never go right. This man walked around this store for a long time, looking for the one precise comforter that he desired. He was about to throw in the towel and leave, but then he found it. He finally saw that all that suffering of walking down countless aisles was worth it. He found his comforter. 2 Corinthians 1:5 says, "For just as the sufferings of Christ are in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ." As Christians, we have this glimmer of hope that no matter what we may go through in our lives daily, there is something better coming for us. There is one thing that can comfort us; it's knowing that Christ's comfort is in abundance toward us. This tells us that Jesus never stops loving us. Having Jesus as our comforter should allow us to go to bed at night knowing that He has us in His grasp. No matter what we have gone through or what we may go through in the future, He is there with us. He is fighting battles just as we are. He has to deal with so much more, but yet we are told that we can rely on Him to give us comfort. That is love. Do not forget who the real comforter in your life is.

-Mark Talbert-