

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

December 8, 2019

WELCOME: Gene Blair  
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson  
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent  
LORD'S TABLE: Jim Bell  
Mike Brewer  
ASSIST: Brandon Beck  
Matthew Dent  
Justin McEntire  
Seth Fisher  
CLOSING PRAYER: Gene Blair  
GREETERS: Ron & Linda McInturff  
Rod & Cindy Wilson  
CARDS: Haze Stevenson  
Easton Hutchings  
VISITOR GIFT/ Beverly Woody  
HOSTESSES: Dorothy Yeager  
SCRIPTURE READER: Mark Talbert  
Heb. 10:36-39  
NURSING HOME: Jim Bell

### SUNDAY EVENING

December 8, 2019

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson  
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Blair  
LORD'S TABLE: Ron McInturff  
Ratis Yeager  
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 11, 2019

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher  
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp  
DEVOTIONAL: Gene Blair  
CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

**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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## NEVER THE SAME

The reception of faith is inseparably connected to hearing the gospel. Paul asks, "How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard?" (Rm. 10:14). Common sense tells us that we have to hear about Jesus before we can express faith in Him. The Scripture goes on to say, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ" (vs. 17). The bottom line is that we must hear about Jesus before we can place our faith in Him. Therefore, we agree with Paul when he says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!" (vs. 15).

Paul wrote the brethren at Colossae because he had "heard of [their] faith in Christ Jesus and... love...for all the saints..." (Col. 1:4). The apostle goes on to explain that their "hope laid up...in heaven" was something about which they had "previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel..." (vs. 5). Because it is a seed (Lk. 8:11 cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-2), the gospel had been "constantly bearing fruit" in the lives of the Colossians "since the day [they] heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth" (Col. 1:6). They had learned about the hope of the gospel through Epaphras, a "beloved fellow bond-servant" and "faithful servant of Christ" (vs. 7). But, the messenger is not so important as the message (cf. 1 Cor. 1:10-17). The messenger is but an instrument through whom the seed is planted and watered. But, it is "God who causes the growth" (1 Cor. 3:7).

Sometimes, we stop short in our understanding of God's work in producing faith. The "word of life" is the seed which begets spiritual life within us (Ph. 2:16; Jas. 1:18). God's work does not cease with the production of life. Once life has been produced, continued exposure to the message of Christ results in ever-increasing faith, resulting in a life that honors and pleases God—one that is "bearing fruit in every good work" (Col. 1:10). In fact, life can never be the same once faith has come into our hearts through the word of Christ.

--Glen Elliott--

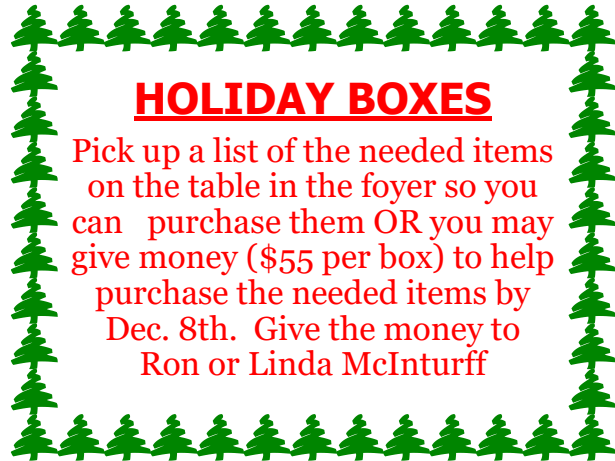
# Prayer Requests

- \*Our sympathy goes out to Cari Gilmer in the passing of her mother, Jan Pohlner. Keep Cari and her family in your prayers.
- \*Junior Adams is next door in the rehab center room 501.
- \*Anne Steele got a bit of good news—some of her numbers have improved. She will now begin chemotherapy treatments on Dec. 9th. Please pray for her.
- \*Melba Sharp cut her finger over the holiday and had to have to help to stop the bleeding. Glad she is doing better.
- \*Remember Peggy Braden in your prayers.

Go by the bulletin board to get the address for sending a Christmas card to a recovering American soldier.


VISITOR BAGS for December 15th  
Donna Allensworth & Alisa Banks

Our Record	
December 1, 2019	
SUNDAY CLASS:	116
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	140
SUNDAY PM:	71
WEDNESDAY (4th):	77
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,916
YTD average:	\$5,461
YTD ahead/behind:	\$2,942



### HOLIDAY BOXES

Pick up a list of the needed items on the table in the foyer so you can purchase them OR you may give money (\$55 per box) to help purchase the needed items by Dec. 8th. Give the money to Ron or Linda McInturff



### BIRTHDAYS

Ginger Beene	12/10
Linda Ward	12/10
Jim Ratliff	12/11
Burnadean Murray	12/14
Rick Camp	12/14

### ANNIVERSARIES

Derek & Cari Gilmer	12/11
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# Calendar of Events

- December 8th - Area Wide Youth Fellowship** at the Oppelo congregation—the van will leave at 4pm.
- December 16th - Monday Night for the Master** will meet in the Outreach Center at 6pm.

For those who remember Cheyenna and would like to send her a note of encouragement:  
  
Pvt Linn, Cheyenna  
2nd Platoon, Delta Battery, 1-31 FA  
5955 Rothwell Road  
Ft. Sill, OK 73503

KID'S CORNER

## WORDSEARCH

Calling the Disciples (Matt. 4:18-22)

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**Remember the Important Desire**

Do you remember when you were a child and you always wanted that brand new toy or that candy bar, but your parents would tell you no? They were teaching multiple lessons in this instance, but in this case, this is a lesson on desire. They were teaching us that desire for these things do not matter. But now we are eighteen, just got our first job, and wanting that brand new tv for our room. We do not hesitate to go get it because we were not allowed to get what we wanted right away when we were children. There will be times that we become ignorant of the desires that we should have. When I think about desire, I remember the story of David and Bathsheba. In 2 Samuel 11, he sees her bathing on a roof top and saw her as very beautiful. He sends a messenger to her to inquire of her, brings her back to his quarters, sleeps with her, and she is then carrying a child. David wanted the wife of another man. Not only that, but he tried to get Bathsheba's husband to lie with her, so that the child might be passed off as her husband's instead. Unfortunately, it led to the death of her husband to cover up what David had done. In 2 Sam. 12, Nathan rebukes David and he finds himself worthy of death because of his wrongdoings in the Lord's sight. When we desire the wrong things, it can lead to circumstances that put us in a hole. We can get so caught up in our own desires that we forgot what our desires were built on. It is imperative that we do not lose our desire for the Lord and doing His will.

-Mark Talbert-