

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

January 12, 2020

WELCOME: Mike Brewer
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent
LORD'S TABLE: Jim Bell
Kevin Blair
ASSIST: Brandon Beck
Justin McEntire
Matthew Dent
Rick Camp
CLOSING PRAYER: Rod Wilson
GREETERS: Austin & Sarah Ford
Jerry & Ruth Garrett
CARDS: Ethan Gilmer
Brayden Gilmer
VISITOR GIFT/ Ruth Garrett
HOSTESSES: Cari Gilmer
SCRIPTURE READER: Seth Fisher
Eph. 2:4-7
NURSING HOME: Tim Blake

SUNDAY EVENING

January 12, 2020

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Ratis Yeager
Ron McInturff
CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

WEDNESDAY EVENING

January 15, 2020

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
DEVOTIONAL: Mike Brewer
CLOSING PRAYER: Darren Dent

**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

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THE POWER OF THINGS UNSEEN

In comparing temporary affliction to an eternal weight of glory, Paul divided life into things we can see and things we cannot see (2 Cor. 4:16-18). Similar terminology is used by the writer of Hebrews when he explains the existence of the universe by saying, "what is seen was not made out of things which are visible" (Heb. 11:3). This means that our present material universe is the result of unseen forces at work in the creation process. It is only fitting, then, that the Bible should begin in "the beginning" when "God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1).

Concerning the nature of God, John says, "No one has seen God at any time..." (1 Jn. 4:12). God is a spirit (Jn. 4:24) and, as such, is One "whom no man has seen or can see" (1 Tim. 6:15). Faith opens our eyes to what is unseen. We can believe in the eternal nature of things that are seen or we can believe in the eternal nature of things not seen—but we cannot believe in the eternal nature of both. In the final analysis, which makes more sense? That the universe has always existed? Or, that there is an eternal God of sufficient power and intelligence to have created all things?

Walking "by faith, not by sight" means that we acknowledge the existence of great things promised in God's word—things which are yet unseen (2 Cor. 5:7). These spiritually appraised things are overlooked by those who will not acknowledge what is unseen (1 Cor. 2:14-15). However, even in the material universe, there are unseen things universally accepted as existing in spite of the fact that they are unseen. For example, both wind and gravity are unseen forces known only by their influence on the things around them.

In the spiritual realm, there are many unseen things impacting our lives every day in dramatic ways. Hope is precious. Prior to obeying the gospel, the Christians at Ephesus had "no hope" and were "without God" (Eph. 2:12). But, in being raised up with Christ, they were made alive again and seated with Him in the heavenly places (vss. 5-6). Christians are those who have been "born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." (1 Pet. 1:3). Hope influences our daily lives. That is why we must be prepared to answer those who ask us about our hope (1 Pet. 3:15). Hope, itself, is unseen. Paul says that "hope that is seen is not hope" (Rom. 8:24). Yet, along with faith and love, hope is one of the most powerful motivations known to man (1 Cor. 13:13). More about this next week.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

- *Pete Hines was released from the hospital on Thursday. Keep him and Joyce in you prayers.
- *Lavonne Duncan's brother-in-law, James, passed away. His services were Wednesday.
- *Tyler Blair's friend's son, Evan, needs our prayers for a successful recovery from being shot.
- *Burnadean Murray underwent a heart procedure on Friday. Remember her in prayer.



REMEMBER:
Missions Day 2020
February 2nd

VISITOR BAGS
for January 19th
Becky Gossett & Tiffany Guillen

Our Record

January 5, 2019	
SUNDAY CLASS:	94
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	117
SUNDAY PM:	58
WEDNESDAY (8th):	77
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,867
YTD average:	\$4,867
YTD ahead/behind:	- \$533

AREA WIDE FELLOWSHIP
January 14th at 5:30pm
Harding Street
WE WILL BE HOSTING THE NEXT AREA WIDE ON FEBRUARY 11th
***There will be meeting down front immediately following morning services THIS Sunday for all who would like to help*

BIRTHDAYS		
	Paisley Wilcox	1/15
	Tom Steele	1/17
	Tara Stevenson	1/17
ANNIVERSARIES		
-none-		

Calendar of Events

- January 18th - Men's Breakfast** at 8am in the Outreach Center.
- January 19th - Monthly youth and family devotional** in the home of the Yeager's after evening services. Families bring drinks/desserts
- January 20th - Monday Night for the Master (MNM)** will meet in the Outreach Center at 6:30pm.
- January 21st - Senior Ministry class** at 10:30 in the Outreach Center. Rod Wilson will be teaching.
- January 24th - 26th - Youth Outreach University** at Robinson and Center. See Mark for times of departure from the building.
- February 2nd - Missions' Day** - be praying for our missionaries and how we can help them.
- February 14th - 'Couples' Sweetheart Party** in the home of the Wilson's at 6:30pm. See the bulletin board for more details.
- February 15th - Men's Breakfast** at 8am in the Outreach Center.
- February 21st - 22nd - Men's Retreat** at Camp Areopagus - details coming soon.
- February 21st 22nd - Bloom Conference** at Harding University. See bulletin board for details and for questions, see Tara Stevenson.

MNM

January 20th at 6pm
in the Outreach Center



Beriyth
The word "beriyth" is the Hebrew word for covenant. A covenant, short and simply, is a promise. In the Old Testament, this word is used 287 times. In the book of Deuteronomy alone, it is used twenty-seven times. That seems rather significant. Thirty-nine books in the Old Testament and the word covenant is used 287 times, but is used twenty-seven times in one book. Is there a flag going off in your head that maybe God is either making covenants with people? Or is fulfilling covenants he had promised beforehand? Or rather that God is telling people about why they should trust in the covenant He has already made with them? In Deuteronomy 4:15 and so forth, we see some dialogue here that indicates an importance of what God has done, and why He deserves worship and obedience. Starting in verse 15, we are told to "watch ourselves and not make idols that would represent Him. Do not worship the sun, moon, and stars when you look up to Heaven because the Lord has provided them for the people. He took the people out of Egypt's iron furnace so that they would be a people for His inheritance." Egypt's iron furnace melted metals and other things so that the impurities would be separated from them, leaving them pure and usable. God put the people through turmoil in Egypt so that they would be a prepared people to accept His "beriyth" or covenant. No matter what situations of hard-pressing or turmoil that you may encounter in your life, do not let it bring you down. God has a plan for you, but you need to trust that He is going to take care of you and always rely on Him. It's part of the covenant we have with Him. He will take us to our Heavenly home as long as we do the things that He desires us to do in praise for Him.

-Mark Talbert-