

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

February 16, 2020

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Jeff Jones
Justin McEntire
ASSIST: Matthew Dent
Mike Brewer
Rick Camp
Brandon Beck
CLOSING PRAYER: Gene Blair
GREETERS: Gene & Sandra Blair
Jim & Martha Bell
CARDS: Easton Hutchings
Haze Stevenson
VISITOR GIFT/ Nora Smith
HOSTESSES: Anne Steele
SCRIPTURE READER: Mark Talbert
Exodus 34:6-7
NURSING HOME: Brian Drewry

SUNDAY EVENING

February 16, 2020

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

February 19, 2020

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Blair
DEVOTIONAL: Glen Elliott
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:

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Deacons:

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

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Glen Elliott 501-314-9999
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SHAPED TO FIT IN UP THERE

The story is told of a good man who lost his job during the Great Depression. Financially bankrupt and destitute, his grief was compounded by the sudden death of his wife. All he had left was his faith...and that was beginning to weaken. One day while he was out looking for a job, he noticed some men doing stone work outside a church building. One of the men was skillfully chiseling a triangular piece of rock. Not seeing any place where the rock would fit, the man asked, "Where are you going to put that?" The man pointed toward the top of the building and said, "See that little opening up near the spire? That is where this is going. I'm shaping it down here so it will fit in up there." These words provided encouragement to the grief-stricken man. He realized that the troubles and heartaches of this life get us ready for the next life.

The apostle Paul conveyed a similar idea in 2 Corinthians chapter four. He said, "Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (vss. 16-18).

Trials, when viewed properly, can refine our character and produce in us a better and stronger hope. Peter spoke of our faith as being more precious than gold. Yet, it is when it is tested by fire that it comes forth as pure gold. For this and other reasons, James instructs us to "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (Jas. 1:2-4). Paul connected tribulation with the production of hope when he wrote, "And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Rom 5:3-5).

The trials of this life shape us for the glory of the next life. If there were no difficulties and problems in this life, we would find it difficult to place our hope in heaven as our eternal home. Trials can help get us ready to turn loose of the "here and now" and look forward to the "great forever." When we are going through life's difficulties, it is often quite difficult for us to keep our hope on heaven. But, so long as we keep praying and keep trusting, the Master Builder will shape our lives and prepare us for heaven.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

- *Our sympathy goes out to Joyce Hines and family in the passing of Pete. His funeral was Thursday at our building. Pete's burial was in Fox, AR.
- *Our sympathy goes out to Helen Swindle in the passing of her brother-in-law, Terry. His funeral was Wednesday in Walnut Ridge. Also, keep Helen's sister, Shirley, in your prayers. She is in the hospital in Morrilton.
- *Peggy Braden was in the hospital last week with pneumonia.
- *Jason Elliott went to the Mayo Clinic for some procedures. Pray for him at this time.
- *Kathy Camp's dad had his 4th surgery for his dialysis port.
- *Hannah Stevenson's surgery went well on Tuesday.
- *Keep Tyler Blair's friend's son, Evan; Dorothy Tatum; Cyndi Moore's friend, Leo 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 are collecting Children's Multi-vitamins during the month of March for Vladimir to take back to Russia.





































































































VISITOR BAGS
for February 23rd
Tara Stevenson & Helen Swindle

Our Record

February 9, 2019	
SUNDAY CLASS:	88
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	134
SUNDAY PM:	52
WEDNESDAY (12th):	76
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,187
YTD average:	\$4,873
YTD ahead/behind:	- \$3,162

MEN'S RETREAT
February 21st—22nd
at Camp Areopagus
All men of the congregation are invited!
Sign up on the bulletin board

PACK THE PULPIT!!
in the month of March



BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Horton2/17

Ethan Gilmer2/18

Janet Rhyne2/19

Nora Smith2/20

Ronald Beene2/21

ANNIVERSARIES

- none -

Calendar of Events

- February 16th** - Ted Knight will be preaching the p.m. sermon.
- February 16th** - Monthly Youth and Family Fellowship in the Elliott's home after evening services - bring a dessert or drink
- February 17th** - Monday Night for the Master at 6pm in the Outreach Center.
- February 18th** - Seniors Ministry at 10:30am the Outreach Center. Jeff Jones is teaching.
- February 21st - 22nd** - Men's Retreat at Camp Areopagus - see sign up sheet.
- February 21st - 22nd** - Bloom Women's Conference at Harding University. See the bulletin board for details and for more info see Tara Stevenson.
- March 1st** - Heber Springs Bible Bowl deadline to signup to attend. Saturday, April 4th is when the Bible Bowl is. See Mark for details.
- March 3rd** - Seniors Ministry will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center with Jeremy Ridgell from Glenwood, AR teaching on Eccl. Ch. 12. See the signup sheet for the potluck.
- March 8th** - Area Wide Youth Fellowship at Robinson & Center -van will leave at 4:30pm
- March 10th** - Area Wide Fellowship & Singing at Downtown in Morrilton at 5:30pm.
- AREA CONGREGATIONS:

Ladies Day: March 7th from 8am-1pm at Downtown in Morrilton with Michelle Goff as the speaker.

Gospel Meeting with Matthew Morine March 8th—11th at Downtown in Morrilton.

Ladies Sewing Retreat: April 24th—25th at Camp Areopagus. See the bulletin board for details.



How Do You Know God Exists?
Since the beginning of time, one of the most sought out questions is "Does God exist?" Well, that certainly is a question that can be hard to give an answer for. The Bible itself does not really dive into the details as to how God exists apart from Him being eternal, but it answers that He is a force in the world today. He is the One who made us, the earth, galaxies, the whole surrounding world. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Science says that it takes five things for something to come to being: Time (in the beginning), force (God), action (created), space (heavens), and matter (earth). In the very first chapter and very first verse of the Bible, we see the things that scientists say is what is needed for something to exist. However, God is noted not as a person, but as a source of power. The thing is, that is how God exists. He is the power of the universe. He is the reason everything is made the way it is. Throughout the first two chapters of Genesis, we have the creation accounts and how God made everything. Think about the complexity of the human body. God made us in a way for us to live and to co-exist with our earthly environment. God is the force of our nature. He has given us our souls, our spirits, and our lives. According to John 4:24, "God is Spirit..." This further goes to show that God does exist, but in a different way than we do on this earth. God is this force, this power, this Spirit that made the universe and molded it. We may not be able to understand the completeness of God and how He came to be, but we can know He exists through the words and the promises He has given to us through His holy word.
-Mark Talbert-