

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

February 9, 2020

WELCOME: Darren Dent  
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones  
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair  
LORD'S TABLE: Jim Bell  
Ron McInturff  
ASSIST: Matthew Dent  
Mike Brewer  
Rick Camp  
Brandon Beck  
CLOSING PRAYER: Rod Wilson  
GREETERS: Tom & Stephanie Barkley  
Mike & Kristie Brewer  
CARDS: Ethan Gilmer  
Brayden Gilmer  
VISITOR GIFT/ Gina Ratliff  
HOSTESSES: Edie Singleton  
SCRIPTURE READER: Justin McEntire  
Deut. 7:9  
NURSING HOME: Robert Hayes

### SUNDAY EVENING

February 9, 2020

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

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

February 12, 2020

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones  
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell  
DEVOTIONAL: Kevin Blair  
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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### Church Office:

501-679-3647

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## THE POWER OF THE UNSEEN (5)

In struggling against the schemes of the devil, too many have falsely identified the enemy and have inadvertently allied themselves with the forces of darkness. We cannot fight the good fight with tanks and bazookas. The weaponry we use is not carnal but "divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses" (2 Cor. 10:4). Our "struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12). We are fighting a spiritual battle against the schemes of the devil. It is a battle of ideas—a battle for hearts and minds.

Apart from the unseen power that is ours in Christ, we would have long ago suffered humiliating defeat at the hands of the evil one. He is the father of lies (Jn. 8:44). He blinds hearts and minds, preventing them from seeing the light of the gospel (2 Cor. 4:6). He "disguises himself as an angel of light" and his minions disguise themselves as "servants of righteousness" (2 Cor. 11:14-15). Satan deceptively works to draw people away from the truth. Jesus warns of false prophets "who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Mt. 7:15). Paul warned the Ephesian elders, saying, "savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock" (Acts 20:29). The Spirit predicted future apostasy, saying, "in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons..." (1 Tim. 4:1). By the time John wrote his first epistle, "many false prophets [had] gone out into the world (1 Jn. 4:1).

We cannot win this battle of the mind without faith in God and the Spirit-inspired word. John reminds us that faith is the victory that has overcome the world (1 Jn. 5:4). We find strength in the Lord and take up "the shield of faith with which [we] are able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one" (Eph. 6:10, 16). Confident of victory, Paul says, "We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..." (2 Cor. 10:5). In this battle, silence is not golden. Testing "the spirits to see if they are from God" involves "accurately handing the word of truth" (1 Jn. 5:1; 2 Tim. 2:15). We are called to expose the unfruitful works of darkness—to drag the deceptive teachings of false teachers into the light of God's word so that people can perceive the truth and act accordingly (Eph. 5:11-13). As His church, we must be "the pillar and support of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). In our battle against the unseen forces of wickedness, we have the unseen power of God working through us and in us as we confidently rely upon Him for victory.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

- \*Our sympathy goes out to Helen Swindle in the passing of her brother-in-law, Terry, on Thursday. No arrangements have been made at this time.
- \*Alisa Banks friend, Kelsey, lost her baby at 21 weeks. Please pray for her.
- \*Pete Hines is home from the hospital. Hospice will come in 3 times a week.
- \*Hannah Stevenson is having her tonsils and adenoids out on Tuesday. They will also be doing a scope of her airway.
- \*Anne Janski is home from the hospital - going back to doctor in a couple of weeks.
- \*Continue to keep: Helen Swindle's sister, Shirley; Tyler Blair's friend's son, Evan; Peggy Braden and Terri; Dorothy Tatum, Burnadean Murray; Cyndi Moore's friend, Leo; and Joyce Hines 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.

For those who would like to send cards:  
Dorothy Tatum  
2000 Reserve Blvd  
Room 306  
Spring Hill, TN 37174

Our Record

February 2, 2019

SUNDAY CLASS:	111
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	132
SUNDAY PM:	77
WEDNESDAY (5th):	70
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,400
YTD average:	\$5,010
YTD ahead/behind:	- \$1,949

MEN'S RETREAT


February 21st—22nd  
at Camp Areopagus  
All men of the congregation  
are invited!

SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

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Bloom Women's Conference



February 21st—22nd  
\*See Tara Stevenson if you plan to attend



BIRTHDAYS




Anne Steele	2/9
Mary-Ellis Dunn	2/12
Ellis Turney	2/13





ANNIVERSARIES

- none -



Calendar of Events

February 9th - Area Wide Youth Fellowship at Liberty. The van will leave at 4:30pm.

February 11th - AREA WIDE FELLOWSHIP at 5:30pm. See Bill Davidson with any questions and how you can help.

February 14th - 'Couples' Sweetheart Party in the home of the Wilson's at 6:30pm. See the bulletin board for more details - RSVP.

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.

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/signup to attend. Saturday, April 4th is the date of the Bible Bowl. 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.

VISITOR BAGS  
for February 16th  
Nora Smith & Anne Steele



Finish Strong

As we all probably know, the 54<sup>th</sup> annual Super Bowl was last weekend with the San Francisco 49ers playing the Kansas City Chiefs. The game was close through halftime. In the third quarter, the 49ers took a 10-point lead and Kansas City started to look like they were giving up. In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, Kansas City went on to score three unanswered touchdowns and win the game 31-20. In the final quarter they showed who they really were and why they deserved to be there. While Kansas City was inconsistent in their playing, they were still able to drive home with a victory intact. I know there are some who are not sports fans but believe it or not, we can relate to this. Christianity is like sports where even when we are inconsistent, we seem to have some time to turn things around and finish strong. Our intentions as Christians, or for ones who are thinking about becoming Christians, should be to do the best we can for Christ day in and day out, not looking back at what was holding us back but looking forward to prize that comes with doing the will of God. Along the way, we are going to stumble. Even the Bible tells us that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23), and that being a Christian means we will suffer tribulations, temptations, or anything that can possibly weaken us. When we fall, we have One Perfect Teammate that is there to help the slate be wiped clean. He does not give us a do-over, but He does help us up and gives us the opportunity to move forward from our mistakes. Sometimes we start off fast and aim for the stars, but end up falling halfway there. Sometimes we start off slow and never even get off the ground. Sometimes we start with the decision instilled in our hearts and minds that we are not going to give up no matter what happens; that we are not going to stop being Christians. Are we doing what we need to do to reach the reward that awaits us in Heaven? Finish strong and do not give up on yourself. More importantly, do not give up on God.

-Mark Talbert-