### **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

June 7, 2020

WELCOME: SONG LEADER: Gene Blair

OPENING PRAYER:

Jeff Jones Mark Talbert

LORD'S TABLE:

Gene Blair

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: GREETERS:

Rod Wilson no greeters at

this time

CARDS:

no card pickup

at this time

VISITOR GIFT/ HOSTESSES: no visitors bags at this time

SCRIPTURE READER:

NURSING HOME:

no services

## SUNDAY EVENING

June 7, 2020

SONG LEADER: OPENING PRAYER: Mark Talbert Mike Brewer

LORD'S TABLE:

Gene Blair

**CLOSING PRAYER:** 

Bill Davidson

# WEDNESDAY EVENING June 10, 2020

SONG LEADER:

Jeff Jones Jim Bell

OPENING PRAYER: DEVOTIONAL:

Mike Brewer

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)

<u>Ministers:</u>

Glen Elliott Mark Talbert 501-314-9999 931-215-1823

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501-679-3647

### **GREENBRIER CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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### **STRUGGLING WITH DECISIONS**

Who has not felt that gnawing pain in the pit of the stomach often associated with difficult decisions? Sometimes we make bad decisions. It is who we are as human beings. We fall short of that perfect standard which is God Himself (Rm. 3:23).

There are decisions we would change if we had the opportunity to go back in time while retaining the benefit of hindsight. But, this is not an option. There is no alternative reality such as might be scripted into a movie. Life is linear—always moving forward in the direction of death and accountability before our Creator (Hb. 9:27).

Indecisiveness can rob us of the joy we might have experienced had we not been so otherwise preoccupied. Once a decision is made, second-guessing can sabotage any good which might have come from making the decision—in effect, paralyzing us from fully-implementing the decision itself. Jesus says, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Lk. 9:62).

It's hard to imagine life without regret—without second thoughts of what might have been if a different path had been chosen. Some seem to have things figured out and are quick to say that, if they had to do it all over again, they wouldn't change a thing. As hard as it is for some of us to get our minds around that concept, it may be simply a way of saying that they are happy with their lives and that all their decisions, good and bad, have played a part in bringing them to where they are today. It is not as though bad decisions should be commended; but that God works through imperfect lives to bring about His ultimate purpose (Rm. 8:28). And, concerning bad decisions, God has promised that if we confess our sins, in Christ we have forgiveness and cleansing (1 Jn. 1:9).

The over-arching purpose of life is to "fear God and keep His commandments" (Eccl. 12:13). Or, to put it as did Jesus our Lord, to "love the Lord our God" with all our heart, soul, and mind (Mt. 22:37). These principles must guide us through the decision-making process. The rest is a matter of trusting Him to do as He has promised (Prov. 3:5-7).

--Glen Elliott--

# Prayer Requests

- \*Rick Camp found out the mass he has is a follicular type of cancer. Doctors will remove part of his thyroid, but are unsure when at this time.
- \*Lynda Horton's heart procedure went well Thursday and is to come home on Friday (5th) Prayers for a speedy recovery.
- \*Debbie Freeman has stage 4 cancer that has spread to her liver. Please keep her in your prayers during her treatments.
- \*Anne Steele will have a bone marrow biopsy June 11th.
- \*Continue to keep Marilyn Koone; Daniel Phillip's wife, Cena; Anne Janski; Helen Swindle's sister, Shirley; Dorothy Tatum; and Jason Elliott in your prayers.

We received a graduation invitation from Janie Shea Henley. Congratulations, Janie! It will be on the bulletin board in the hallway

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**



to **Brittney Beck** on her graduation from the **University of Arkansas** 

### THANK YOU CARD

Go by the bulletin board to see a thank you card from the McInturff's

### May 31, 2019

**SUNDAY CLASS:** no classes SUNDAY WORSHIP: 68 SUNDAY PM: 44 54 WEDNESDAY (3rd): \$5.400 **BUDGET**:

**OFFERING:** 





## Thank you to all who donated money for our pantry



### **Defilement**

There is no question about the reasons for what God made man and woman for. He made us to live and serve Him. He made us to have relationships with one another. He made us for marriage purposes (one man + one woman for life). He



made us to take care of many things and to defile nothing. Unfortunately, due to the imperfection of man and the willingness to not take things seriously as much anymore, marriages are suffering. It is studied that right now, one in two marriages will end up in divorce. That number is horrible concerning marriage. Marriages usually end because the couple no longer feel that they can stand to be together anymore; that no matter what they do they would never be able to work things out. Marriages end because of unfaithfulness, adultery, fornication, money problems; sometimes they even end because they say they have run out of love.

Solomon talks in Proverbs 5 about warnings against adultery to his son. In doing this, he describes the kind of thinking he needs to have and he needs to watch out for certain types of women. "The lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; she does not ponder the path of life; her steps follow the path to Sheol; her ways wonder and she does not know it." These words are very vivid. At first, she uses sweet words and caring actions to deceive you, but underneath that first layer is someone who is looking for their next victim. To both men and women, whether you are married or single, or if you have relationship troubles, watch out for people like this. Not only does your spouse deserve your love and care, but God deserves to see that you are trying your hardest to keep the law of sanctity for your bodies. In the eyes of our Lord, it is unlawful for us to defile one another. It is unlawful for us to go about sinful actions. These can result in our death. I want to implore you to abide by the laws of God so that defilement of any kind does not condemn you.

-Mark Talbert-