

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

August 2, 2020

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp
LORD'S TABLE: Mike Brewer

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson
GREETERS: ***no greeters at this time***

CARDS: no card pickup
at this time

VISITOR GIFT/ ***no visitors***
HOSTESSES: ***bags at this time***

SCRIPTURE READER:

NURSING HOME: no services

SUNDAY EVENING

August 2, 2020

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
LORD'S TABLE:

CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 5, 2020

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
DEVOTIONAL:
CLOSING PRAYER:

****Please contact Gene Blair,
if you are unable to serve.***

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

BIBLE CLASS (*cancelled*) 9:30 a.m.
WORSHIP (*in person & online*) 10:30 a.m.
EVENING (*online only*) 5:00 p.m.
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

BIBLE STUDY (*online only*) 7:00 p.m.

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS:

SENIORS MINISTRY CLASS 10:30 a.m.
**cancelled until further notice*

THURSDAY:

LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:00 a.m.
**cancelled until further notice*

2nd Thursday of each month:
PANTRY OPEN from noon - 1:30 p.m.

Elders:

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Deacons:

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

Ministers:

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“Have I Sinned Away the Grace of God?” (3)

Among other things, Jesus promised His followers a full and abundant life (Jn. 10:10). As mentioned last week, living in a shadow of doubt can be an indication of unrepentant sin. Though, arguably the most difficult command we have been called to obey, repentance leads to what Peter describes as “times of refreshing...from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19). For whatever reason, some continue to carry a burden Jesus has long-since carried away. There are several passages in the New Testament which, when improperly applied, can produce unnecessary doubt concerning the forgiveness of our sins.

After Jesus had healed a man whose demon-possession had made him both blind and mute, the Pharisees accused Him of casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons (Mt. 12:22-24). In other words, they attributed to the devil the work of the Holy Spirit and, in this way, committed blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Subsequently, Jesus commented, “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come” (Matthew 12:31–32).

We have long said that any sin of which a person can repent—of that sin, he can be forgiven. Those who had blasphemed the Holy Spirit by attributing His work to Satan exhibited such hardness of heart as to bring them to a point where repentance was no longer possible.

Keep in mind that Jesus knew their hearts just as He knows our hearts better than we ourselves (Mt. 12:25; Hb. 4:13). As human beings, we could never make such a determination about another person in as much as we are incapable of knowing another's thoughts or intentions.

The situation Jesus describes is unique in that His miracles were open and subject to scrutiny. Yet, no one offered objection to the validity of any of His miracles. They could not be denied. But, rather than allowing these miracles to testify about the identity of Jesus as the Christ, they spoke against the Holy Spirit through whom Jesus had performed them. This is a situation which cannot be duplicated in our day. Jesus is no longer physically present on earth. Through His fully-confirmed word, His identity is abundantly manifested. And, in obeying His will, we have assurance of the cleansing power of Christ's blood (1 Jn. 1:7-9).

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Keep Kristie Brewer's dad, Wayne, in your prayers. He is in rehab in Clinton hoping to get stronger so he can have surgery.

*Debbie Freeman's tumors have shrunk. Ms. Dorothy had cataract surgery. Ratis is about the same health-wise. They are all staying home at this time.

*Helen Swindle would like to thank all those who have been praying for her brother-in-law, Jimmy. He is still in St. Vincent at this time.

*Continue to keep Marilyn Watson; Jason Elliott; Anne Janski; Lynda Horton; Janet Rhyne; Marilyn Koone; Cyndi Moore's friend, Leo; Daniel Phillip's wife, Cena; Helen Swindle's sister, Shirley; Dorothy Tatum, and Ted Knight in your prayers.

IT'S ALL UP TO ME

I cannot change others
But I can change me
I must learn to focus
Being the best I can be

When I change my outlook
And improve through and through
Amazingly I find
That others get better too

Edd Sterchi
Broadway church of Christ
Campbellsville, KY

OUR RECORD July 26, 2020

SUNDAY CLASS:	
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	76
SUNDAY PM:	
WEDNESDAY (29th):	
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,864

ATTENTION MEMEBERS:

If you would like Elder Nomination forms, please let Shelly know in the office and she will mail you as many as you need or you may stop by the building from 8am -2pm M-F.

**Deadline to turn in forms is Aug 16th*

BIRTHDAYS:

(August 2nd - 15th)

Helen Blair	8/8
Tom Barkley	8/12
Allan Biggs	8/13
Ken Kunkel	8/14

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jerry & Ruth Garrett	8/9
Tom & Stephanie Barkley	8/12
Tim & Dona Dixon	8/12

Thank You

My mind and heart are both heavier right now since I have now departed from this loving church in the kingdom of God. You all mean so much to me that words that cannot express it. I have been blessed beyond all measure in this last year to have been surrounded by those who were willing to welcome me in as basically part of their family. I will always remember this place and use the lessons I have learned along the way to continue to build myself up in future ministries and my faith. I am so thankful that the elders gave me the opportunity to be entrusted with the youth of this congregation. This congregation has some wonderful youth that are bright and are being raised to love the Lord. I am thankful for the parents who were willing to work around some things so that the youth could get together on occasion to enjoy the fellowship with one another and have some fun. I am so thankful for the relationships I have been able to build with the members in this congregation and I know some of those relationships will last a lifetime. Thank you to the youth for inspiring me to do better in my work and I hope during our class times we had together that you were able to learn something you had not yet learned. Thank you to Glen and Shelly for putting up with a third in the office the last year. I learned so much from you two and I am thankful that I got to spend much time with you both. I want to thank all of you who have offered to help in the move in some way and I would also like to thank all of you for your extreme generosity in the money tree, cards, and words of love and appreciation from last week. I sincerely hope and pray that this congregation continues on a track that leads to constantly serving God faithfully and that the congregation continues to grow in their love and faith toward God and to each other. God's family is a wonderful thing and I am so thankful to have been apart of the family of God here in Greenbrier. I love all of you and thank you for the impact that you have been on my life, both as a Christian and as a minister!

*In Christian love,
Mark Talbert*

BIBLE QUIZ

James 1:1-8

1. To whom did James write this letter?
2. "Count it all ___ when you fall into various trials..."
3. James says the testing of your faith produces ___.
4. What should a Christian do if they lack wisdom?
5. A man that asks God for something but doubts he will receive it is called a ___ - ___ man.

**answers will be in next week's bulletin*

