

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

July 12, 2020

WELCOME: Mike Brewer
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Robert Hayes

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: Jim Bell
GREETERS: **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

July 12, 2020

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
OPENING PRAYER: Jeff Jones
LORD'S TABLE: Kevin Blair

CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

WEDNESDAY EVENING

July 15, 2020

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
DEVOTIONAL: Summer Series
CLOSING PRAYER: Tyler Blair

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

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"In His Hands"

"Did God know that Adam and Eve would sin when He created them?" The question touches on the foreknowledge of God—that is, His power to know all future events. God is omniscient. His knowledge of all things (past, present, and future) is "perfect and eternal" (Strong's Systematic Theology). God knows everything. Isaiah describes God as the One who declares "the end from the beginning and from ancient times things which have not been done" (Is. 46:10). Therefore, because of His perfect knowledge, God knew that Adam and Eve would sin even before He created them.

Although God knew from the beginning all things that would happen, including the sin of Adam and Eve, this does not make Him responsible for their sins. Nor, is He responsible for the sins we commit. God made us with the capacity to choose between good and evil. Otherwise, our service would consist of little more than programmed response—a robot-like devotion to God. Service without choice is not true devotion. Because God desires devotion from the heart, He is willing to risk our decision to choose evil instead of good.

Every day, people all around us are making wrong choices. Sometimes wrong choices result in harm to innocent victims. Does this make God responsible for man's bad decisions? Not at all. As we have said, the removal of free moral agency would eliminate loving service to God.

God called Cyrus by name to be His chosen instrument for releasing Judah from bondage over 150 years before his birth. Jesus knew that Judas would betray Him (Jn. 6:70-71). God knew before Paul's birth that he would become His chosen vessel through whom the gospel would be preached to the Gentiles (Gal. 1:15-16). These are but a few examples of the foreknowledge of God. The next time you think about an uncertain future, remember that God knows the future and holds it in His hands.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

- *Rick Camp found out the mass removed from his thyroid was benign.
- *Please remember Kristie Brewer’s dad, Wayne, in your prayers.
- *Anne Janski is needing prayers as she waits for surgery. She found out it will be Aug. 17th.
- *Ratis Yeager does not have cancer, but he does have a progressive build up of scar tissue in his lungs.
- *Continue to keep Lynda Horton; Jason Elliott; Janet Rhyne; Marilyn Watson; Debbie Freeman; Marilyn Koone; Cyndi Moore’s friend, Leo; Daniel Phillip’s wife, Cena; Helen Swindle’s sister, Shirley, & her brother-in-law, Jimmy, and Dorothy Tatum in your prayers.

GOING AWAY PARTY/
SHOWER

We will be having
some type of get together for Mark
at the end of the month.
Depending on the Covid virus,
it will be determined when
time gets closer what we’ll
be able to do before
Mark leaves on August 1st

THANK YOU CARD

Go by the bulletin board in the hallway
to see a thank you card from
Rick & Kathy Camp

NEW (temporary) ADDRESS:

Kevin & Shanna Lovell
8 Jennifer Street
Greenbrier, AR 72058

Breakfast Tea for
Kristen (Ratliff) Dodson

Saturday, August 1st
9am-11am at our building

Kristen is registered at
Pottery Barn and Target

*If anyone would like to help, contact Jane
Barnett, Cindy Bradford, or Gina Ratliff

Our Record

July 5, 2020

SUNDAY CLASS:	no classes
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	66
SUNDAY PM:	44
WEDNESDAY (8th):	42
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,609

BIRTHDAYS:

(July 12th - July 25th)

Linda Ray 7/25

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ted & Kathey Peterson 7/14

SUMMER SERIES 2020
A Clearer Vision of God through His Son

July 22nd -
Seeing Their Faith (Mt 9:2) George Hulett

July 29th -
Fix Your Eyes on Jesus (Hb 12:2) Dennis Gullledge

August 5th -
Unless I See. . . I Will Not Believe (Jn 20:25) David Riley

Is Obedience Necessary?

It seems remarkable that we should need to prove that God requires obedience from man, but such is the case. Many have tried to remove baptism from the list of essentials for salvation. They have concluded that obedience is not necessary. We frequently hear people speaking of salvation and trying to explain that ‘Jesus did it all’. Truly, we should recognize that we could not by our own works bring about salvation. “So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy slaves; we have only done that which we ought to have done,’” Luke 17:10. This however, does not eliminate the need for our obedience to God. The Bible is filled with examples of people pleasing God through their obedience. When God gave specific instructions to King Saul in regard to the Amalekites, Saul fell short of doing what he was told to do. He was reminded of the importance of obeying God. In 1 Samuel 15:22, Samuel said “Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than to sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.” Saul was not required to understand or even agree with God’s reasons for His instructions. He was just required to obey. While many have trouble in accepting the place God gave to baptism in His plan of salvation, we are not required to know what God had in His mind. We are only required to obey. “Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’” Acts 2:38. Why not obey Him?

-Mark Talbert-

