

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

July 19, 2020

WELCOME: Mike Brewer
SONG LEADER: Mark Talbert
OPENING PRAYER: Tom Barkley
LORD'S TABLE: Rod Wilson

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: Jeff Jones
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 19, 2020

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
LORD'S TABLE:

CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING

July 22, 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 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 - 1:30pm

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

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“Have I Sinned Away the Grace of God?”

What if my sins are no longer covered by the grace of God? What if I have sinned too much or too horribly so as to make forgiveness an impossibility? These are questions sometimes asked by those who are troubled by uncertainty and doubt.

While we cannot exhaust the riches of God's grace, we must meet the conditions upon which His grace is granted. Faith is the basic, underlying condition which must be met in order to receive God's grace. Paul says, “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph. 2:8–9).

We are saved by grace. Salvation is not earned. Nor is it deserved. It is a free gift (Rm. 6:23). However, it is a free gift conditioned upon faith. Otherwise, everyone will be saved, regardless of character or conduct—the believer, the unbeliever, the unfaithful—even the most notoriously evil person who has ever lived.

Universal salvation impugns the character of God and makes His word meaningless. If everyone is going to be saved, why concern ourselves with any standards of right and wrong? Why not just “eat, drink, and be merry”? (Lk. 12:19).

As an expression of our faith, obedience is essential to our salvation. The book of Romans is an exposition of what we mean by the “obedience of faith”, an expression Paul uses at both the beginning and the end of his epistle (Rm. 1:5; 16:26).

Faith in Christ not only results in justification and peace before God, it also provides access “into this grace in which we stand...” (Rm. 5:1-2). We stand in grace. There is a solidity to this grace. It is not as though we are perched on high ground awaiting an inevitable fall. Jesus provides abundant assurance to His faithful followers (Jn. 10:28; Rm. 8:39). Yet, even His assurance is conditioned upon continuing our stand in His grace (2 Pet. 1:10; 1 Jn. 1:7). More next week.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

- *Please remember Kristie Brewer’s dad, Wayne, in your prayers—he is not doing well at this time. He is in Conway Regional.
- *Jason Elliott is going back to the Mayo Clinic due to the recent variceal banding procedure being ineffective. He will have another procedure Monday.
- *Anne Janski is needing prayers as she waits for surgery. She found out it will be Aug. 17th.
- *Continue to keep Ratis Yeager, Lynda Horton; Janet Rhyne; Marilyn Watson; Debbie Freeman; Marilyn Koone; Cyndi Moore’s friend, Leo; Daniel Phillip’s wife, Cena; Helen Swindle’s sister, Shirley,

BAPTISM

We are happy to announce that Tate Stacks, Kim Rankin’s son, was baptized Monday morning. We rejoice with him in his decision to become a Christian. Let’s encourage Tate in his walk with the Lord

GOING AWAY “PARTY”/ WEDDING SHOWER

We will have a gift card/money tree for Mark next Sunday, July 26th. Feel free to bring it by the building before next Sunday or you may give money/gift card to Martha Bell or Shelly Dent the 19th or 26th. Mark will be moving on August 1st.

July 12, 2020

SUNDAY CLASS:	no classes
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	62
SUNDAY PM:	
WEDNESDAY (15th):	
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$3,695

Breakfast Tea for Kristen (Ratliff) Dodson

Saturday, August 1st
9am-11am in the Outreach Center
Kristen is registered at Pottery Barn and Target

*If anyone would like to help, contact Jane Barnett, Cindy Bradford, or Gina Ratliff
**There will be social distancing, masks are strongly encouraged, and waivers will be required.

BIRTHDAYS:

(July 19th - Aug 1st)

Linda Ray	7/25
Jimmy Thomas	7/26
Stephanie Phillips	7/29
Charlene Parish	7/31

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ronald & Ginger Beene	7/29
Mike & Kristie Brewer	7/30
Brian & Amy Drewry	7/30

SUMMER SERIES 2020
A Clearer Vision of God through His Son

Has been postponed until next summer

Earn This

The most wonderful thing to hear of or experience is the salvation of one’s soul. There is extreme joy and happiness when one decides to put on Christ in their life, fulfilling the necessary and binding command for man to be saved. When the lost are traveling in darkness end up finding the light and immerses themselves in it, we cannot help but to rejoice, whether it be physically or concealed within our hearts. Making this decision can be tough but for some it is the easiest decision to make. Usually, when we become Christians we go into it with good intentions. It’s easy to be like this starting off. What we start to realize eventually is that being a Christian is still a battle. While we are part of the saved, we are still susceptible to temptation and can still sin. While we find ourselves battling with these things, let us remember what the scriptures say in James 4:7; “Submit yourselves therefore to the Lord. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” In other words, do things that will strengthen your desire to be in God’s kingdom that you may not fall to the sales pitch of the devil.

In the movie of Saving Private Ryan, soldiers are tasked with the job to look for James Ryan, a soldier who has lost his three brothers on the field of battle, him being the last one alive. It is the soldiers jobs to get him home. When they find him and tell him the news he refuses to leave. He wants to continue to fight. This ends up leading to the deaths of soldiers on both sides, one being played by Tom Hanks who told Private Ryan in his dying breath to “earn this.” Not many people get a pass to go home from war in this particular circumstance, and Tom Hanks wanted him to earn it.

When it comes to being a Christian, we need to have the mentality of “earn this.” Jesus died for us so what are willing to do for Him? Take on His commands, preach the gospel, help save souls. “Earn this,” store up treasures in Heaven so that the Lord can see the good that you have done because you love Him.

-Mark Talbert-

