

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

July 26, 2020

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

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: Darren Dent
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 26, 2020

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
LORD'S TABLE:

CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING

July 29, 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

Elders:

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Deacons:

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

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"Have I Sinned Away the Grace of God?" (2)

God's children are not immune to feelings of uncertainty and doubt. Though convinced we are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8), some still struggle with questions about whether or not they are in a saved condition. They wonder if they have done enough to inherit everlasting life. But, we can never do enough to merit forgiveness for a single sin. Salvation is not earned. It is a free gift of God (Rm. 6:23). It is, however, conditioned upon faith (Eph. 2:8). By means of biblical faith, we stand in the grace of God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Good works are expressions of our faith. In these we must labor continually (1 Cor. 15:58). Faith without works cannot save for it is little more than lifeless ritual (Jas. 2:24, 26). But, when faith works through love, what we do in service to the Lord becomes evidence that we are walking in the light and standing in the grace of God (Gal. 5:6; 1 Jn. 1:7; Rm. 5:2).

The most common cause of uncertainty in the heart of a Christian is unrepentant sin. As we walk in the light, we have the continually blessing of forgiveness through the blood of Jesus (1 Jn. 1:7). As we become aware of our sins, we are promised forgiveness and cleansing if we confess our sins to the Father (vs. 9). Included in confession is the concept of repentance. Sin does not take care of itself. Repentance is required (Lk. 13:3, 5). Repentance has been described as "a change of mind resulting in a change of life." Some sins of which we repent are seldom repeated. Other sins, against which we struggle, are stubborn and persistent. These are the sins that give us pause, causing us to experience shadows of doubt. Time and time again, we must repent, even as we struggle mightily against temptation and sin. This does not mean that we have exhausted the grace of God. We must continue the fight and lean upon God's resources for strength and victory (Eph. 6:10-13). However, in our desire for assurance and confidence before God, we cannot take a less than serious view of sin or its consequences. Purposeful sin does not magnify the grace of God (Rm. 6:1). Sin separates us from God and brings about spiritual death (Is. 59:1-2; Rm. 6:23; Jas. 1:13-15). Christian assurance is the result of dealing with sin in God's way without abusing the grace of God or nullifying the gift of His Son. More about this next week.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

- *Marilyn Watson is now home—a call or card would be welcomed.
- *Keep Kristie Brewer's dad, Wayne, in your prayers. He is in Conway Regional.
- *Jason Elliott is home from his appt at the Mayo Clinic. Remember him in your prayers.
- *Continue to keep Ratis Yeager, Anne Janski; Lynda Horton; Janet Rhyne; 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.

**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
there will be waivers to sign.**

Our Record

July 19, 2020

SUNDAY CLASS:	no classes
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	62
SUNDAY PM:	
WEDNESDAY (15th):	
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$3,734

GOING AWAY "PARTY"

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

BIRTHDAYS:
(July 26th - Aug 8th)

Jimmy Thomas	7/26
Stephanie Phillips	7/29
Charlene Parish	7/31
Helen Blair	8/08

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

Our Use of the Bible

There are many ways that people today use their Bibles. Some use them to press flower pedals to preserve them while others find them a convenient place to put wedding write ups or obituaries. Some use a white Bible for a bride to carry down the aisle to be put away for a memento of a wedding. Some people even use them as props just to get attention in a different way. Is this really the way God wanted us to use His book? Is there really a more important use for this great book? The answer is found by looking to God's instruction. Remember that this book is a message from God to man. We cannot know what God thinks about any matter separate from Him telling us what He thinks. "But as it is written, things which the eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him. For to us God revealed them, through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God" (1 Cor. 2:9-11). We know the mind of God by reading the Bible which is given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Paul reveals the proper use for the Bible as he writes to Timothy. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). God's book is not just the work of man but is the inspired Word of God. Its proper use is to provide doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. In the Bible God has provided us with the complete instruction book regarding righteous living and preparation for going to Heaven. Surely, we would want to make this great book our daily companion as we travel from earth to Heaven. "Your word I have treasure in my heart, that I may not sin against you" (Ps. 119:11).

-Mark Talbert-

