

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

August 23, 2020

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Rod Wilson

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: Mike Brewer
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 23, 2020

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
LORD'S TABLE:

CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 23, 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)

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REPURPOSING THE CHURCH

Restoring an old piece of furniture to its original glory is a beautiful thing. But, there is a vast difference between restoring and repurposing. People can be quite creative in repurposing an old piece of furniture. Since circumstances have changed, some relics of the past no longer serve a useful purpose in the present.

However, repurposing has no place in restoring the pattern of New Testament Christianity. Repurposing the church betrays a belief that the original is no longer adequate to meet present needs. But, the words of Christ are forever relevant and convey an unchanging purpose to those who are His followers (Mt. 24:35; 28:18-20). Millions in darkness stand in need of what Christ offered in the first century. How can we tell them that such is no longer adequate to meet their needs—that things have changed—that we are different people, living in a different culture, requiring a differing purpose?

Clearly stated in Scripture is the Lord's purpose of seeking and saving the lost (Lk. 19:10). His purpose meets our most pressing need: salvation from our sins. This basic need has not changed. "There is nothing new under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9). So far as the nature of man is concerned, we are all sinners who need a Savior (Rm. 3:23).

Those who seek to restore the pattern of New Testament Christianity in the 21st century must seek also to restore His purpose as the primary reason for the church's existence. Because so many have repurposed the church to meet their own needs and desires, we have seen a corresponding lack of focus on teaching and preaching the gospel. We have been deceived into thinking that we can do His work without His word—that we can socialize lost souls into the kingdom. But, when focus is shifted away from Christ and His word, we have repurposed the church according to our own desires.

Our mission is accomplished by preaching the gospel (Mk. 16:15-16). Scripture says, "They shall all be taught of God" (Jn. 6:45). We do not absorb people into His church by creating loyalty to us rather than to Christ. We do not ground people in the faith by keeping them entertained, but by making them disciples of the Lord. Many are ill-equipped to know the difference between the New Testament church and the repurposed, counterfeit version of the church as it exists in our world today. The difference is seen in "preaching the word" or accumulating "teachers in accordance to [our] own desires" (2 Tim. 4:2-3).

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

- *Anne Janski's surgery went well. She is to come home Friday afternoon.
- *Junior Adams outpatient surgery went well and helped his pain.
- *Jim Burkett's biopsy results came back positive for cancer. He is to see doctors concerning treatment options.
- *Debbie Freeman has an appt with a liver doctor at UAMS soon. Ms Dorothy had cataract surgery on Wednesday.
- *Continue to keep Kristie Brewer's dad, Wayne; Ratis Yeager; Marilyn Watson; Jason Elliott; 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.
- *Pick up a prayer request sheet on the table in the foyer.

REMEMBER:

to call or send a card to members at the Greenbrier Nursing and Rehab Center as well to our members who are staying in because of the virus

BIRTHDAYS:

(August 23rd - September 5th)

Lynda Horton	8/29
Anna McNulty	9/01
Kalynn Peterson	9/01
Brayden Gilmer	9/02

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim & Gina Ratliff	8/25
Tony & Jennifer Dunn	8/30
Bill & Pat Davidson	9/04
Jackie & Lynda Horton	9/05

For those who inquired,
Mark and Catherine are
registered at
Amazon & Walmart.
They will be married on
October 24, 2020

August 16, 2020

SUNDAY CLASS:	
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	85
SUNDAY PM:	
WEDNESDAY (12th):	
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$7,129

Our Record

Back to School? Time to Shine!

It's the time that most kids and many teachers dread: Back to school! Soon the vacations, beaches, fishing trips, and picnics will be in the past. While we are tempted to let out a big groan, perhaps we should remind ourselves what a great opportunity lies ahead of us.

The Lord tells us that we should let our lights shine before men so that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven (Matt. 5:16). That means every class meeting, every ball game, and every lunchtime is an opportunity to be a glowing example of Christianity in action.

After a summer of fun and adventure, it's difficult to return to the books. As Christians, though, we can look forward to getting back into the public life that allows us to let our Christian lights shine. Will you be a light for Christ?

Matt Clifton
BulletinDigest.com



Kenzie & Jake Steward want to announce the birth of their son, Luke, born 8-11-20 weighing 8lbs 7 1/2oz.

Proud grandparents are
Brian and Talisa Swindle.

BIBLE QUIZ

James 1:19-20

1. "So then, my __ brethren..."
2. "...let every man be __ to hear..."
3. "...__ to speak..."
4. "...slow to __..."
5. James says the wrath of man does not produce the __ of God.

*last week's answers: temptation; those who love the Lord; desires; above; true