

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

August 30, 2020

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Tom Barkley
LORD'S TABLE: Darren Dent

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes
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 30, 2020

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
LORD'S TABLE:

CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING

September 2, 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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Mike Brewer 501-472-7692
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SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

Stubbornly ingrained in the male psyche, is a hidden angst that rises quickly to the surface when an unexpected, orange, diamond-shaped sign is spotted along one of our nation's highways. We have already calculated our approximate time of arrival. The challenge is accepted and the quest is undertaken—even if only in our own minds.

Upon arrival, we expect questions, especially from our male counterparts. "When did you leave?" or "How long did it take for you to get here?" Trying not to sound proud, we answer in general terms; but, if pressed, we could supply the exact number of hours and minutes.

Leaving on time is important but the clock doesn't start until the actual time of departure. So, everyone must use the bathroom before we leave, whether they need to or not, because we are not stopping until we need gas. Using the bathroom during that stop is permitted. But, it must be quick—very quick!

Slow drivers, congested traffic, and speed limits are expected annoyances. But, the orange sign warning of construction ahead—that is, indeed, a foreboding sight. And, should traffic come to a complete stop; it isn't long before folks start bailing out like rats from a sinking ship. After all, a twenty-minute side trip to avoid a five-minute delay is well-worth the effort!

Construction has its purpose. Repair and maintenance prevents long-term damage and even longer delays in the future. We understand that building new highways and expanding old ones is the price of progress.

As Christians, our lives are under construction. It is not man; but, God who is at work in us (Ph. 2:13). We are His workmanship (Eph. 2:10). Christ is being formed in us (Gal. 4:19; Rm. 8:29). We are not transformed by the tap of a magic wand or by drinking some sort of mysterious potion. Our progress can be slow at times as we translate his word into our daily lives (Rm. 12:1-2). Other times, things can look a mess as we unravel mixed up priorities and put Jesus back in His rightful place (Col. 1:18; Mt. 6:33). Endurance must be cultivated through difficult times (Jas. 1:2-4). But, we are closer now than when we first believed and our destination becomes ever clearer before us (Rm. 13:11; Heb. 10:36).

Please don't give up or give in because of construction along the way. It is the price of spiritual progress. We are not alone (Heb. 13:5-6). We are working together with God (2 Cor. 6:1). The path, at times, may seem obscure; but, it is set before us and we must take the step that is "next." In doing so, we walk by faith knowing that God is making something beautiful of our lives.

-Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Debbie Freeman's appointment went well at UAMS. The doctor said her cancer may be stage 3 and not stage 4 as was first thought. They may be able to do surgery if it hasn't spread, but it will be several weeks due to the chemo in her system.

*Cyndi Moore's friend, Jerry, had a light stroke and she asks for prayers. And her friend, Leo, still has a spot doctors are looking into since his prostate cancer surgery.

*Anne Janski continues to recover at home.

*Melba Sharp is doing well at Saline Memorial rehab.

*Jason Elliott is going to the Mayo Clinic for another band procedure.

**Continue to keep Junior Adams; Kristie Brewer's dad, Wayne; Ratis Yeager; Marilyn Watson; Lynda Horton; Janet Rhyne; Marilyn Koone; Daniel Phillip's wife, Cena; Helen Swindle's sister, Shirley; Dorothy Tatum, and Ted & Barbara 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 30th - September 12th)

Anna McNulty 9/01

KaLynn Peterson 9/01

Brayden Gilmer 9/02

Melba Sharp 9/06

Seth Fisher 9/06

Matthew Dent 9/08

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tony & Jennifer Dunn 8/30

Bill & Pat Davidson 9/04

Jackie & Lynda Horton 9/05

Gene & Sandra Blair 9/09

August 23, 2020

SUNDAY CLASS:

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

SUNDAY PM:

WEDNESDAY (26th):

BUDGET: \$5,400

OFFERING: \$3,400

Age and Emotion

Growing older brings emotions closer to the surface, for some of us anyway. Using a sentimental illustration in a sermon or singing a song that touches our hearts becomes difficult.

While I do not fear death, I dread the prolonged pain or loss of mental faculties that often precede death. A frequent prayer leader at Memphis' Union Avenue church, when I was a kid, often led us to pray, "And when our time comes to cross the chilly waters of Jordan, give us a peaceful hour in which to cross and a home safe on the other side." I greatly desire that "peaceful hour in which to cross."

A phrase in “Because He Lives,” brings the same thought to mind.
“And then one day I’ll cross that river; I’ll fight life’s final war with pain; and then as death gives way to vict’ry, I’ll see the lights of glory and I’ll know He lives.”

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded” has, “Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for Thee.”

“Listen to Our Hearts,” has, “We will use the words we know to tell you what an awesome God you are. But words are not enough to tell you of our love, so listen to our hearts.”

An audible sob wells up in my throat as I think those thoughts when I sing those songs.

Cecil May Jr.

Preacher Talk

Faulkner University

BIBLE QUIZ

James 1:21-25

1. What does James say we should lay aside?
2. What does James say we should receive instead?
3. "But be ___ of the word, and not ___ only, deceiving yourselves."
4. What illustration does James use in verses 23-24?
5. James calls the gospel the ___ law of liberty.

**last week's answers: beloved; swift; slow; wrath; righteousness*