

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

October 11, 2020

WELCOME: Mike Brewer
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Darren Dent

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: Wyatt 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

October 11, 2020

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
LORD'S TABLE:

CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING

October 14, 2020

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
DEVOTIONAL:
CLOSING PRAYER: Ron McInturff

****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 (in person & online) 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.

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"I Want a Mansion!"

In light of His coming departure, Jesus offered great words of comfort to His disciples, saying, "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:2-3). In the King James Version, "dwelling places" is translated "mansions." The thought of a mansion waiting on the other side delights the heart and inspires the soul. Poets and songwriters have endeared themselves to us by taking up such wondrous themes.

However, there would seem to be quite a difference between a "mansion" and a "dwelling place." A mansion can be a dwelling place; but a dwelling place is not necessarily a mansion. The word translated "mansions" is from a word that means "to abide, abiding places" (A.T. Robertson). It is "An abiding dwelling (in contrast to our transitory earthly state) that Christ prepares for his people in his Father's house" (Kittel's). W.E. Vine adds, "There is nothing in the word to indicate separate compartments in heaven...."

What does all this mean? It means that Jesus' promise to His disciples in John chapter fourteen did not refer to a literal mansion reserved for us in heaven but has reference to the place where we will abide forever. While we live in this world, our place of abode suffers deterioration and depreciation. But our home in heaven will never grow old or out of style. Our eternal inheritance is "imperishable and undefiled" and will never "fade away" (1 Pet. 1:4). It is an abiding place rather than a temporary place.

The nature of our eternal dwelling is further described by Paul in 1 Corinthians 5:1 as an "earthly tent." He says, "if our earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (vs. 1). At the resurrection, Jesus will transform our physical bodies into "conformity with the body of His glory" (Ph. 3:21). This body will never again be subjected to any of the pains by which it was afflicted in this life (Rev. 21:4-5). Why not? Because we will live in "the tabernacle of God" (Rev. 21:3).

Separate places of abode—whether a mansion, an apartment, or a room is not the matter under discussion in Christ's parting remarks to His disciples. He is simply assuring them that they will again be with Him in an abiding place where parting company will never again moisten the eye or tear at the heart-strings.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Marilyn Watson is now in hospice care at the Greenbrier Nursing and Rehab Center. Her room number is 505.
*Our sympathy goes out to Jackie Horton in the passing of his sister, Cathy Brooks, on October 3rd in Lubbock, TX.
*Continue to keep Jim Burkett; Debbie Freeman: Junior Adams; Kristie Brewer's dad, Wayne; Ratis Yeager; Marilyn Koone; Helen Swindle's sister, Shirley; Dorothy Tatum, and Ted & Barbara Knight in your prayers.

THANK YOU CARD
Go by the bulletin board in the hallway to see a thank you card from Anne Janski

REMEMBER:
Mark Talbert & Catherine Albert are registered at Amazon & Walmart. Their wedding is on Oct. 24th.

Our Record

October 4, 2020	
SUNDAY CLASS:	
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	76
SUNDAY PM:	
WEDNESDAY (7th):	52
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,983

WHAT TO DO WITH EVIL

- Hate evil (Rom. 12:9)
- Pray that evil not overtake you (Matt. 6:13)
- Keep your heart from evil (Heb. 3:12)
- Resist evil (1 Thess. 5:22)
- Do not walk in the way of evil (Pro . 4:14)
- Depart from evil (Psa. 34:14)
- Overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21)

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BIRTHDAYS:

(October 11th - October 24th)

Austin Ford	10/16
Dorothy Tatum	10/18
Kathy Camp	10/23
Tiffany Guillen	10/24

ANNIVERSARIES:

Junior & Margaret Adams 10/16

Reach out and touch someone...

Remember the last time you wanted to make a phone call, but your battery was dead or you were in a bad cell area? So frustrating to want to talk to someone, but you can't reach them. And how about the "good old days"? If you wanted to communicate with some you had to write a letter.... Ugh!

I am so glad that we have a way to reach out to God. It is comforting when we have someone we can talk to and know that they will listen to us. In 1 Timothy 2:5-6 it says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God & men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for ALL, to be testified in due time." This is how the communication works between us & God. We don't need to find an interpreter, or have a grand vocabulary. We have direct access to God Himself, through the mediator, Jesus Christ. We can access God directly in prayer & know that we will be heard without relying on anyone here on this earth to do it for us. Jesus made it all possible by giving Himself as a ransom on the cross.

I know that we often bow our heads to pray, as a sign of reverence or humility, before the All Mighty One, but we need to remember that we can approach God with confidence; knowing that all our sins can be forgiven thanks to the gift of salvation. In Hebrews 5:16 we are told, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." There is no need to come before Him in shame, as Jesus already paid the debt for our sin, giving us access to the Father.

Talk to Him early and often each & every day, and be comforted in knowing He is out there and that Jesus, is mediating on our behalf.
- - Jeff Jones

BIBLE QUIZ

James 2:20-26

1. Faith without works is ____.
2. "Was not ____ our father justified by works when he offered ____ his son on the altar?"
3. "Do you see that faith was working ____ with his works, and by works faith was made ____?"
4. James says a man is justified by ____ and not by faith only.
5. "For as the ____ without the ____ is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

**last week's answers: no; no; faith, works, dead; no; demons, tremble*