

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

October 18, 2020

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

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent
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 18, 2020

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
LORD'S TABLE:

CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING

October 21, 2020

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp
DEVOTIONAL:
CLOSING PRAYER: Justin McEntire

**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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The Blessing of a Sleepless Night

There are many reasons why people are awake in the middle of the night. For some, it is a matter of routine. Shift-work requires an adjustment in sleeping patterns. For others, it might be an emergency situation—a sick child, storm warnings, or the shrill beep of a smoke detector. Still others, frequently awaken in the night or have trouble sleeping altogether. They simply have trouble shutting down their system—the body is tired, but the brain is still operating as “full-steam ahead.” How blessed we are when able to sleep soundly through the night!

But, what should we think about on those occasions when we find ourselves awake in the middle of the night? David thought about the God who had been his helper. He said, “When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches...” (Ps. 63:6). In reading the psalms of David, we get the impression that he frequently found himself awake in the night. These times of quiet solitude became inviting opportunities for meditation and prayer. In a beautiful psalm extolling the value of trusting in the help of the Lord, David reminds us that the Lord “will not slumber....He will neither slumber nor sleep” (Ps. 121:3-4). So, in what is often considered life’s most lonely hour, we are really not alone at all. In describing the inherent greatness of our God, David prayed, “Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You” (Ps. 139:12).

While we feel compassion for those who frequently find it difficult to sleep at night, perhaps, an occasional period of sleeplessness is good for the soul. Somewhat reminiscent of what David wrote in the book of Psalms are the words of Isaiah when, in his song of trust, he prays “At night my soul longs for you...” (Is. 26:9). There is something about a sleepless night that can call our hearts in a heavenly direction. Perhaps, what appears to be an aggravation or at least an inconvenience, may turn out to be a hidden opportunity for spiritual growth. Borrowing the language of Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:51 and applying it in an entirely different way, we might say, “we shall not all sleep...but we will...be changed.” Perhaps, even a sleepless night can be a worthwhile spiritual blessing.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

- *Michael O'Brien had a massive stroke Tuesday in Denver. There have not been any changes (which is not good). The medical staff is running out of options.
- *Terri Massa received good news concerning her biopsy.
- *Our sympathy goes out to Jackie Horton in the passing of his sister, Cathy Brooks, on October 3rd in Lubbock, TX.
- *Jim Burkett is being moved to rehab at Baptist in Little Rock.
- *Margaret Adams said that Junior should be released Wednesday. If anyone has a narrower-sized wheelchair (20 in. wide) they could borrow, let the office know.
- *Continue to keep Marilyn Watson; 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.

ATTENTION PARENTS: Please turn in the parent feedback forms as soon as possible.

REMEMBER:

Mark Talbert & Catherine Albert are registered at Amazon & Walmart. Their wedding is Saturday.

BIRTHDAYS:

(October 18th - October 31st)

Dorothy Tatum (90 yrs)	10/18
Kathy Camp	10/23
Tiffany Guillen	10/24
Bill Davidson	10/25
Jenni Hayes	10/26
Judy Moody	10/26
Derek Gilmer	10/27
Jim Burkett	10/31

ANNIVERSARIES:

Robert & Jenni Hayes	10/25
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Our Record

October 11, 2020

SUNDAY CLASS:	
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	75
SUNDAY PM:	
WEDNESDAY (14th):	49
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$3,659

Standing in the GAP

No, this isn't a store at the mall; this is an important spiritual responsibility found in the OT that is still needed today. In Ezekiel 22:30 God, through the prophet Ezekiel states, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." As we read through this chapter we find that there have been false prophets that have moved in & the nation of Israel has become "dross" as it states in verse 18. Dross is a somewhat archaic word that means something regarded as worthless or rubbish. These false prophets are spoken of in Ezekiel 22:25-26 where it states, "There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. Her priests have violated my law, & have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy & the profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them." These are pretty harsh words coming from the Lord our God. But this lesson stands the "test of time"; the religious world continues to water-down the word of God, and even those who claim to be NT Christians like to pick & choose their teachings like someone who is at an 'all you can eat' buffet. These preachers tickle the ears of those listening as it states in 2 Timothy 4:3-4, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

This is the reason why we need someone to stand in the gap. We need to keep a hedge around the Lord's church & keep the false prophets from deceiving people. Elders have a great responsibility to protect the church, but every member must realize that everything must be held to a higher standard and that standard is the Word of God. When we rely on traditions, neighboring mega churches, or some new spiritual book that gives someone's opinion about matters of faith, we will be following man instead of following God. He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

Will you stand in the Gap?

--Jeff Jones--

BIBLE QUIZ

James 3:1-5

1. "My brethren, let not many of you become __, knowing that we shall receive a stricter __."
2. True or False: James says we all speak perfectly.
3. "Indeed, we put __ in horses' mouths that they may __ us..."
4. James says entire ships are turned by small __.
5. "See how great a forest a little __ kindles!"

*last week's answers: dead; Abraham, Isaac; together, perfect; works; body, spirit