

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

October 4, 2020

WELCOME: Mike Brewer
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp
LORD'S TABLE: Jim Bell

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson
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 4, 2020

SONG LEADER:
OPENING PRAYER:
LORD'S TABLE:

CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING

October 7, 2020

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
DEVOTIONAL:
CLOSING PRAYER: Rod Wilson

**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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THIS IS THE DAY

In Western civilization, children quickly learn the importance of marking the day of one's birth. Eventually, they will learn the meaning of the various increments by which time is measured. But, in the early years, weeks and months might as well be geological ages. Because a single day seems to pass as slowly as a glacier, a child turns to the closest and most trusted source of knowledge, asking, "Mommy, is today my birthday?" The answer brings disappointment. But, reassured that the day has not slipped by without notice, the child moves on to the challenges of a new day only to return to the same question with increasing regularity as the actual day draws near.

The comparison is striking. As children of God looking for the day of Christ's return, we can grow weary of waiting. The Scripture encourages us to "be patient... until the coming of the Lord" (Jas. 5:7). Some use delay as a basis for scoffing and ridicule. They mock us, saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" (2 Pet. 3:4). We don't know the answer nor will we ever know the answer (Mt. 24:36). But, we do know the reason we must wait: "The Lord is...patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). God's measure of time is unlike ours. Peter reminds us that, "with the Lord, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day" (2 Pet. 3:8). The everlasting God, who knows the end from the beginning, moves in accordance with His infinite knowledge to bring about the end of all things in perfect timing with His divine will.

"Is this the day?" We simply do not know. We are not privy to that information. But, it is a question we should be asking more and more as the day draws near (Rm 13:11). Eager anticipation of Christ's return should motivate godly living (2 Pet. 3:10-13). Early Christians at Thessalonica were so enamored with the thought of Christ's second coming that they shut everything down and waited with eager anticipation. Paul had to write a second letter to correct their misunderstanding. He reminded them that there were several things that needed to take place before the Lord's return and that, in the meantime, they needed to keep on working for the Lord. Will the Lord come today? We do not know the answer to that question. But, what we do know is that "This is the day which the Lord has made" and we should "rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:24).

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

- *Debbie Freeman is getting stronger and starting to feel better.
- *Jim Burkett is in Conway Regional Medical Center.
- *Lavonne Duncan's sister-in-law, Arlene, is critically ill.
- *Marilyn Watson is in the Greenbrier Nursing and Rehab Center room 505. If you would like to have a window visit, call the nursing home first.
- *Continue to keep 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.
- *Pick up a prayer request sheet on the table in the foyer.

REMEMBER:

Mark Talbert & Catherine Albert
are registered at Amazon &
Walmart - wedding on Oct. 24th

Annual Target Shoot 'n' Eat

October 10th at Rod Wilson's
shop **for men only** from 2pm - ?
Eat at 5pm - beef brisket
and all the trimmings
**See signup sheet on the
bulletin board in the hallway**

September 27, 2020

SUNDAY CLASS:	
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	69
SUNDAY PM:	
WEDNESDAY (30th):	43
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$3,265

CONGRATULATIONS

to Daniel and Cena Phillips on the
birth of their son, John Daniel. He
was born Sunday weighing 7lbs
and was 20 inches long.

BIRTHDAYS:

(October 4th - October 17th)

Brian Swindle	10/5
Lavonne Duncan	10/5
Linda Black	10/6
Glen Elliott	10/6
Austin Ford	10/16

ANNIVERSARIES:

Austin & Sarah Ford	10/5
Junior & Margaret Adams	10/16

New Normal...

At our first Men's Meeting one of the main topics was "When will our worship go back to normal?". I don't know about you, but I don't know if I want 'normal worship'. I have learned much during the pandemic, but one thing that I have come to realize is how much I need to worship God. And I am ashamed to admit that sometimes it was hard to worship; my mind would wander, and it would seem like we were just "going through the motions". But not being able to worship, has given me a renewed appreciation of my God, and the importance of true worship. Listen to words of the Psalmist and what our attitude should be: Psalm 122:1 "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." We should get excited about going to worship, but even more so when we have not been able to for many weeks. Consider the comparison in Psalm 84:10 where it states, "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." We see how profitable it is for us to be there. One day there is better than a thousand days elsewhere. And if we are there, we will not be in the "tents of wickedness." In other words, it will help keep us out of trouble. I need help staying out of trouble, so I need to worship.

I grew up saying, "It's Sunday (or Wednesday), I have to go to church"; and there are two major problems with that statement: 1) Attitude & 2) Accuracy.

Attitude: Let's change the way we talk and think; we don't have to go to church, we get to go to church, or better yet, we want to go to church. Truth be told, you don't have to go to church, but you don't have to go to heaven either...

Accuracy: Church is not the building, it's the people. We don't go to church, we go to worship; better said, we go to worship God. A rhyme I used to teach my kids this difference was: "You can go to the circus, you can go to the zoo; but you can't go to church, because the church is you!"

-Jeff Jones

Go by the bulletin board in the hallway to see a THANK YOU card from the McInturff's

1. Is there any profit in saying you have faith if you don't show it by works?
2. Is failing to provide a fellow Christian with things they need an indicator of faith?
3. "Thus also ___ by itself, if it does not have ___, is ___."
4. Is it possible to show your faith without works?
5. "Even the ___ believe—and ___!"

**last week's answers: whole, guilty; adultery, murder; the law of liberty; no; mercy*

BIBLE QUIZ

James
2:14-19