

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

December 13, 2020

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

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

December 13, 2020

SONG LEADER:  
OPENING PRAYER:  
LORD'S TABLE:

CLOSING PRAYER:

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 16, 2020

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher  
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Brewer  
DEVOTIONAL:  
CLOSING PRAYER: Justin McEntire

*\*Please contact Jackie Horton,  
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.

### 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.

### Shepherds:

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## “THINGS PRESENT...THINGS TO COME”

Included in Paul's wonderful description of "the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" is a list of things which cannot separate us from His love (Rm. 8:35-39). It is an inspiring passage for Christians going through difficult times. If God is for us, we overwhelmingly conquer through the power of a love supremely evidenced by the gift of His Son (vss. 31-32, 37).

Circumstances threatening to separate us from the love of Christ include tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and the sword (vs. 35). Forces which might cause us to question His love include death, life, angels, principalities, powers, height, depth, and any other created thing. But, tucked neatly away in this list and often overlooked are "things present" and "things to come" (vss. 38-39).

While things of the past can burden the present; they are, nonetheless, things of the past—things from which we must extricate ourselves and move on with our lives. We must effectively deal with things of our past, making things right with God and our fellow-man. In the language of Paul, we must forget "what lies behind and [reach] forward to what lies ahead" (Ph. 3:13).

Whether "things present" or "things to come", we must not allow our focus to be drawn away from the blessing of God's love in Christ. Present circumstances change from day to day. But, Paul learned to be content regardless of his situation—whether living in prosperity or suffering need (Ph. 4:11-12). In the end, he declared, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (vs. 13). Trusting in God brings a great sense of empowerment in dealing with present-day difficulties. Though "the mountains slip into the heart of the sea"; God remains "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1-2).

As it pertains to "things to come", we know the God knows "the end from the beginning...that [His] purpose will be established" (Is. 46:10). Furthermore, "we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Rm. 8:28). God will take care of the future. In the present, we must fulfill His purpose in our lives. There is no need to fill today with regrets from the past or the anticipated problems of the future. "Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Mt. 6:34). We trust. We pray. We thank. We persevere. We keep on rejoicing. Why? Because of His undying love.

--Glen Elliott--

## Prayer Requests

- \*Joyce Hines has been diagnosed with covid. Please pray for her.
- \*Continue to keep Stephanie Phillips in your prayers as she is dealing with the virus.
- \*Kristie Brewer's dad, Wayne Coats, is now in Baptist hospital as a precaution due his diagnosis of covid.
- \*Burnadean Murray as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- \*Judy Moody as she recovers from gallbladder surgery.
- \*Melba Sharp has been in Conway Regional and will be going to the rehab facility behind the hospital soon.
- \*Michael O'Brien has covid and had to stop chemo treatments. He is having a very difficult time.
- \*Tiffany Guillen requested prayers for a sister-in-law of hers that has several health issues and is now in a coma (she has an 11 yr old daughter). The prognosis isn't good. Also, Tiffany's client, Ms. Jean, passed away - prayers for the Burgess & Tilley families.
- \*Helen Swindle's sister, Sharion, as doctors try to get her health issues straightened out. "Thank you so much for continuing to pray for her" from Ms. Helen.
- \*Continue to keep Jeff & Alisa's friend, Shelby; Debbie Freeman; Jim Burkett; Marilyn Koone; Dorothy Tatum, and Ted & Barbara Knight in your prayers.

### SENIORS MINISTRY

The seniors class will not meet Tuesday, Dec. 15th.  
The next class will be January 5th at 10:30am with Johnathan House teaching from Romans 3. Please signup for the potluck to follow.

### December 6, 2020

SUNDAY CLASS:  
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 53  
SUNDAY PM:  
WEDNESDAY (9th): 42  
BUDGET: \$5,400  
OFFERING: \$3,220

"If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble." — Bob Hope

<b>BIRTHDAYS:</b>	
(December 13th - December 26th)	
Burnadean Murray	12/14
Rick Camp	12/14
Jim Bell	12/15
Justin McEntire	12/15
<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b>	
Merrell & Patsy Story	12/22

*Thank You*

### Holiday Boxes

Thank you so much for your donation to the Christmas Boxes. Because of your generosity, we are able to help 61 needy families this year. Ron & I are so blessed to be a part of such a loving & caring church family.  
We love you all,  
Ron & Linda McInturff



### BIBLE QUIZ

James 5:1-6

1. Who will weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon them?
2. "Your \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ are corroded, and their corrosion will be a \_\_\_ against you and eat your flesh like fire."
3. James says the rich kept back the \_\_\_ of the laborers.
4. "...the \_\_\_ of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of \_\_\_."
5. "You have condemned, you have \_\_\_ the \_\_\_; he does not resist you."

\*last week's answers: false; life, vapor; wills; false; yes