# **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

# **SUNDAY MORNING**

January 10, 2021

WELCOME: Gene Blair
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**

January 10, 2021

SONG LEADER: OPENING PRAYER: LORD'S TABLE:

**CLOSING PRAYER:** 

# WEDNESDAY EVENING

**January 13, 2021** 

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp

DEVOTIONAL:

CLOSING PRAYER: Jim Bell

\*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

\*cancelled until further notice

10:00 a.m.

# 2nd Thursday of each month:

PANTRY OPEN from noon - 1:30 p.m.

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# "AND THE STARS"

Although light came into existence on the first day (Gen. 1:3-5), it was not until the fourth day that God made the sun, moon, and stars (vss. 14-15). Moses summarizes the event, saying, "God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars" (Genesis 1:16, ESV). The last phrase is strikingly simple and worthy of closer attention.

God's creative design for the celestial lights, as revealed in the context, includes "signs... seasons...days and years" (vs. 14). But one is left with the impression that the greater emphasis centers around the "two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night..." (vs. 16). Perhaps, they are given greater focus because they are more directly connected to human affairs.

Simply put, stars are "celestial bodies visible at night from Earth as stationary, usually twinkling points of light" (American Heritage Dictionary). Aside from the Sun, our nearest star is nearly 25 trillion miles away. If we could travel at the speed of light, it would take over four years to reach the nearest star.

How long did Adam have to wait to see the stars? All indications point to the fact that the stars were already visible in the night skies over the Garden of Eden even before Adam made his appearance. This speaks powerfully for the apparent age of the universe at the time of creation. Adam was created fully grown, as was Eve. So also, in the world around them, trees were producing fruit and plants yielding seed after their kind (vss. 11-13). Air, land, and sea—creatures of all kinds were thriving on our planet by the sixth day of creation (vss. 20-25). If the earth was fully grown why not the universe? This explains why we can see the light of stars billions of miles away. Thus, in a moment of time and in a single spoken word, God created the stars and all the light transmitted from each star so that we might be immediately benefitted by its creation.

Far from being an afterthought, "and the stars" pushes our thoughts in a heavenly direction. With David, we humbly inquire, "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is man that You take thought of Him And the son of man that You care for him?" (Ps. 8:4). We are truly blessed.

--Glen Elliott--

# Prayer Requests

- \*Prayers for Debbie Freeman as she has her final chemo treatment.
- \*Our sympathy goes out to Tiffany Guillen in the passing of her sister-in-law, Angie. Please keep Angie's husband and daughter in your prayers.
- \*Lou Dillard is now home recovering from covid. Remember her in prayer.
- \*Stephanie Phillips as she recovers at the nursing home next door.
- \*Melba Sharp is in Superior Rehab in Conway room 236.
- \*Our sympathy goes out to Helen Swindle in the passing of her sister-in-law, Louise. Continue to keep Helen's sister, Sharion, in your prayers.
- \*Michael O'Brien needs prayers as he begins his 2nd round of chemo treatments. Prayers that it will go well and he can tolerate it.
- \*Continue to keep Jason Elliott; Rick Camp mother, Donna; Kathy Camp's dad, Charles; Joyce Hines; Jim Burkett; Marilyn Koone; Dorothy Tatum, and Ted & Barbara Knight in your prayers.

  \*Pick up a prayer request sheet on the table in the foyer.

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# SENIORS MINISTRY

Tuesday, January 19th will be the next class at 10:30am in the Outreach Center with Jim Bell teaching \*No potluck after class

# **January 3, 2021**

SUNDAY CLASS: SUNDAY WORSHIP:

SUNDAY PM: WEDNESDAY (6th):

BUDGET: \$5,400

OFFERING: \$5,3

# THANK YOU CARDS

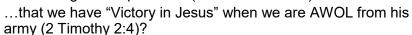
go by the bulletin board in the hallway to see thank you cards from the Brewer's and Eastside Elementary School.

# BIRTHDAYS: (January 10th - January 23rd) Kendra Fisher 1/10 Paisley Wilcox 1/15 Tom Steele 1/17 Miguel Montenegro, Jr 1/21 ANNIVERSARIES: Darren & Shelly Dent Ron & Linda McInturff 1/13

# Oh, Be Careful What You Sing

How can we sing...

...that we are "Standing on the Promise" when we are rarely even sitting on the premises (Hebrew 10:23-25)?





... "When We All Get To Heaven" when we can't even get to church (Hebrew 10:38-39)?

- ... "I Want To Be a Worker" when we refuse to volunteer for anything (Titus 3:14)?
- ... "I Love You Lord" when we don't obey his commands (John 14:15)?
- ...that there is "Sweet Sweet Spirit in this Place" when it's full of gossip and bickering (Galatians 5:15)?
- ...that "I'm Not ashamed to Own My Lord" when we never talk to others about him (2 Timothy 1:8)?
- ...that "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus" when spend more time with the world (James 4:4)?
- ... "There is a God" if we deny him with our actions (Titus 1:16)?

You can sing a lie just like you can tell a lie. Make sure what you are singing in really what you are doing.

"Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father" (Colossians 3:16-17).

Barry Haynes Hope church of Christ Hope, AR

# BIBLE QUIZ

- 1. "Confess your \_\_ to one another, and \_\_ for one another, that you may be healed."
- 2. The prayer of what kind of man avails much?
- 3. What prophet does James use as an example of effective prayer?

James <sup>4.</sup> Elijah prayed that it would not \_\_.

5:16-18 5. "And he \_\_ again, and the heaven gave \_\_, and the earth produced its fruit."

\*last week's answers: suffering, pray; cheerful, psalms; elders; prayer, faith; sins, forgiven

Our Record