

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

January 24, 2021

WELCOME: Gene Blair
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturff
LORD'S TABLE: Rick Camp

ASSIST:

CLOSING PRAYER: Justin McEntire
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 24, 2021

SONG LEADER: online only
OPENING PRAYER: online only
LORD'S TABLE: online only

CLOSING PRAYER: online only

WEDNESDAY EVENING

January 27, 2021

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Seth Fisher
DEVOTIONAL:
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson

****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.

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"I Can Do It Myself!"

Though often resistant to it and sometimes rebellious against it, help is our universal need. Most parents remember when that streak of independence rose to the surface in their child and they were strictly informed that they no longer needed any help. Proudly, but wistfully, parents take in these precious expressions of independence knowing that these provide marking posts along their child's path to maturity. In everything from learning to walk to accomplishing amazing bathroom successes, children experience the rewards of independence.

However, independence is the result of accepting help along the way. Such help comes in the form of training, example, and encouragement. Where would we be without someone to teach us—to show us the way? Parents are teachers, training up children in the way they should go (Prov. 22:6). In this, there is both a physical and a spiritual component.

In Christ, our independence is the result of His great sacrifice. Paul simply says, "It was for freedom that Christ set us free..." (Gal. 5:1). Such independence is the result of accepting help. In spite of what the Humanist Manifesto says about the matter, we cannot save ourselves. Jesus spoke to certain Jews who believed in Him and, after admonishing them to continue in His word, said, "and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (Jn. 8:32). The truth under consideration is His word (Jn. 17:17).

Our basic need for enlightenment is evident. As Jeremiah so plainly stated in his prayer to the Father, "a man's way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23). We need spiritual guidance. Worldly wisdom cannot lead us to God (1 Cor. 1:21). But, Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (Jn. 14:6). Salvation comes as a result of humbly receiving the word of truth (Jas. 1:21).

We are dependent on God for "life and breath and all things..." (Acts 17:25). How foolish to think that, when it comes to spiritual matters—matters of eternal significance—we are each free to choose our own path independently, apart from divine instruction! Though often couched in the language of freedom, the spiritual counsel of the world leads only to increasing bondage (2 Pet. 2:19). True spiritual freedom is the result of obeying the gospel from the heart and becoming a slave of righteousness (Rm. 6:17-18). Know that the freedom and assurance we experience in Christ rests solidly on the fact that we lean upon Him as our helper (Hb. 13:6).

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

- *A close friend of Brandon Beck committed suicide—please keep Brandon as well as all the friends and family of the young man in your prayers.
- *Rod Wilson had more tests scheduled for Friday and will have some news on those soon.
- *Linda McInturff’s knee replacement surgery went well on Tuesday. She is home recovering and having therapy.
- *Keep Seth Fisher’s brother’s nephew, Dustin, who lost his wife a couple of weeks ago, in your prayers.
- *Stephanie Phillips pneumonia is almost gone and her pain is much better, but she would like continued prayers for her physical health.
- *Linda Drewry has requested prayers for her cousin’s husband (Bobby) and Coy Drewry’s sister, Willa.
- *Daniel Phillips wife, Cena, will have radiation treatment on January 25th.
- *Melba Sharp will be coming home on January 27th.
- *Continue to keep Lou Dillard; Debbie Freeman; Michael O’Brien; Jason Elliott; Rick Camp mother, Donna; Kathy Camp’s dad, Charles; Joyce Hines; Jim Burkett; Helen Swindle’s sister, Sharion; Marilyn Koone; Dorothy Tatum, and Ted & Barbara Knight in your prayers.

SENIORS MINISTRY

Tuesday, February 2nd will be the next class at 10:30am in the Outreach Center with Jason Almond teaching Romans chapter 4. There will be a potluck after class. The sign-up sheet for the potluck is on the bulletin board.



I overlooked mentioning in the bulletin last week that Dylan Sparks has a daughter. Her name is Brea.



BIRTHDAYS:

(January 24th - February 6th)

Wyatt Brewer	1/24
Donna Beck	1/26
Zakary Swindle	2/01
Shelly Dent	2/02

ANNIVERSARIES:

- none -



Pray for Others Without Ceasing

Paul’s famously inspired words in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, “pray without ceasing” really come to light when observing all of his two letters to the church in Thessalonica. As documented in Acts 17, Paul, Silas, and Timothy establish the Lord’s church there after spending three Sabbaths reasoning with them from the Scriptures (v. 2). Ultimately, angry Jews chase them out of town, leaving the newly found congregation to be on its own, but of course, not without having been taught and solidified with the Truth.

Paul commends these faithful children and greatly encourages them, by way of example, in his own prayer life to be ceaseless in prayer for others. He writes, “we give thanks to God always for all of you” (1 Thess. 1:2); “For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God” (1 Thess. 2:13); “as we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face” (1 Thess. 3:10); “We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren” (2 Thess. 1:3); “To this end also we pray for you always” (2 Thess. 1:11); “But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren” (2 Thess. 2:13).

As is fitting, take time this season (and every season) to give thanks to God for everything, for this is His will for us (1 Thess. 5:18). But, also, don’t neglect your own requests for prayer. Paul twice asks the good brethren in Thessalonica to “pray for us” (1 Thess. 5:25; 2 Thess. 3:1). The constant encouragement of praying for others without ceasing will surely help see us through our spiritual walk together until our Lord comes again.

Jon Warnes, Brown Trail church of Christ, Bedford, TX



Be making plans and praying for our upcoming

MISSIONS DAY February 7th

The elders have set a goal of \$20,000 above our regular contribution to go to the missionaries we support

New Address for Michael O’Brien:

Bear Valley Church of Christ
c/o Michael O’Brien
2727 S. Lamar
Denver, CO 80227

BIBLE QUIZ for James 5:19-20

*last week’s answers: brethren; wanders, truth; true; error; death, multitude

January 17, 2021

SUNDAY CLASS:	
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	65
SUNDAY PM:	
WEDNESDAY (20th):	47
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$2,766