

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

April 18, 2021

WELCOME: Darren Dent  
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones  
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp  
LORD'S TABLE: Jim Bell  
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson  
GREETERS: Bill & Pat Davidson

### SUNDAY EVENING

April 18, 2021

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher  
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Blair  
LORD'S TABLE: Jeff Jones  
CLOSING PRAYER: Tyler Blair

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

April 21, 2021

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher  
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair  
CLOSING PRAYER: Jackie Horton

*\*Please contact Jackie Horton,  
if you are unable to serve.*

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY:

BIBLE CLASS 9:30 a.m.  
WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.  
EVENING 5:00 p.m.  
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 1:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY:

BIBLE STUDY 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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## GOLDILOCKS CHRISTIANITY

In the third version of one of our most popular fairy tales, Goldilocks makes a most unusual visit to the home of three bears—dutifully described as the Papa Bear, the Mama Bear, and the Baby Bear. Who could have known that bears could live in a house, eat porridge, and sleep in a bed? Yet, the “too hot,” “too cold,” and “just right” description of the porridge along with the “too hard,” “too soft,” and “just right” nature of the beds provides an interesting comparison to the religious mind-set of our day.

Even members of the Lord's church evaluate preaching as “too hard” or “too soft.” What they are looking for is “just right.” “Just right” according to whom? Preaching that seeks to please men does not please God (Gal. 1:10). Judah demanded “pleasant words” and “illusions” from their seers, forbidding them from prophesying “what was right” (Is. 30:10). Their rejection of God's message proved to be a harbinger of disaster (vss. 12-14).

“Tell us what we want to hear!” is the cry of those searching for a “just right” message of comfort and convenience. Paul describes those who “will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires...” (2 Tim. 4:3). Even in the midst of such hard-heartedness, God's servant is commanded to “preach the word...” (vs. 2). Turning our ears away from the truth has unimaginably painful consequences for both teacher and student.

A similar application might be made in regard to the “too hot” or “too cold” description of the porridge. When it comes to following Jesus, we are asked to count the cost and pay the price. Jesus says, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me” (Lk. 9:23). Many prefer the padded cross – something easily worn but quickly drawn out of sight.

But Jesus gave His life to purchase a people “zealous for good deeds” (Tit. 2:14). We are called to stand on His promises not to sit on His premises. Steadfast immovability (1 Cor. 15:58). Standing for what's right. Acknowledging our Lord in the threat of persecution (Mt. 10:32-33). At the same time, we must press forward in our pursuit of His righteousness (Ph. 3:7-15). For many, it is uncomfortable to do nothing in the face of His incomprehensible love and sacrifice on our behalf. That is “too cold.” On the other hand, we don't want to be singled out as religious fanatics. That's “too hot.” So, we tend to find a comfortable place in-between. However, Jesus rebuked the Laodiceans as being “lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold” (Rev. 2:16).

Keep God in the forefront of your thinking. Lay His word upon your heart. You cannot truly follow Jesus by practicing Goldilocks Christianity.

--Glen Elliott--

## Prayer Requests

- \*Nora Smith is in CCU at Conway Regional and in need of our prayers.
- \*Ronald Beene got his test results back and is cancer free.
- \*Michael O'Brien's treatment has not been effective, and they will begin new medicines soon. He says thanks for our love and prayers.
- \*Patsy Story will have a different type of back surgery on April 30th.
- \*Randle Ferguson as he heals from sinus surgery.
- \*Melba Sharp is now home.
- \*Lavonne Duncan had some skin cancer removed Wednesday.
- \*Continue to keep Stephanie Phillips; Helen Swindle's sisters, Sharion & Shirley; Rod Wilson; Peggy Braden's daughter, Terri; Bob Gossett's sister, Frankie; Debbie Freeman; Joyce Hines; Marilyn Koone; Dorothy Tatum, and Ted & Barbara Knight in your prayers.

**Saturday, May 1st at 7pm, we are hosting an  
AREAWIDE SINGING**

*We will sing for about an hour in the auditorium then have refreshments in the Outreach Center.*

### SENIORS MINISTRY



The next class is  
Tuesday,  
April 20th  
at 10:30am in the  
Outreach Center.

Jackie Horton will be teaching.  
There will be no potluck.

**April 11, 2021**

SUNDAY CLASS:	68
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	101
SUNDAY PM:	48
WEDNESDAY (14th):	49
BUDGET:	\$4,500
OFFERING:	\$7,050

### **"PACK THE PULPIT" COMING IN MAY**



#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

(April 18th - May 1st)

Jeff Jones	4/19
Debbie Freeman	4/21
Tim Blake	4/24
Talisa Swindle	4/26
Rod Wilson	4/29

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Justin & Ashleigh McEntire	4/27
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### **SENIOR RECOGNITION**

*Sunday, May 2nd after evening services, there will be a High School Senior Dinner for **BRANDON BECK** in the Outreach Center. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the west hallway. Please put your name and how many will be attending. The last day to sign-up will be Sunday, April 25th.*

Bridal Shower  
for Kalynn Peterson



Sunday, April 18th  
at 3:00pm  
in the  
Outreach Center

Kalynn is marrying Jordan Morrison, and they are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Target, and Walmart

Check the bulletin board  
in the hallway for  
Camp Areopagus dates  
for day camp, middle  
school, jr. high, and  
sr. high sessions.

REGISTER NOW at  
[www.campareopagus.org](http://www.campareopagus.org)

### **Bible Quiz**

**1 Peter  
3:1-6**

1. "\_\_\_, be submissive to your own \_\_,"
2. Is it possible for someone to be won to Christ by observing Christian behavior?
3. "Do not let your adornment be merely \_\_\_ — arranging the \_\_, wearing \_\_, or putting on fine \_\_\_ —"
4. The true adornment of a Christian woman should be the hidden person of the \_\_, with the \_\_ beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit.
5. What Old Testament woman does Peter give as an example of godliness?

*\*last week's answers: true; credit, faults, patiently; Christ, suffered; false; sheep, Shepherd, Overseer*