

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

October 31, 2021

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
LORD'S TABLE: Mike Seger
CLOSING PRAYER: Jackie Horton
GREETERS: Larry & Linda Ward

SUNDAY EVENING

October 24, 2021

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

November 3, 2021

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
PRAYER: Darren Dent
DEVOTIONAL: Glen Elliott

**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:

SENIOR MINISTRY CLASS 10:30 a.m.

2nd Thursday of each month:

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

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Powerful Prayer

Many of us struggle to carry everyday burdens because we have not learned to trust our heavenly Father to lend a helping hand. Frustration and anxiety characterize our lives when peace might be ours if only we would place our trust in His hands. James reminded his readers: "You do not have because you do not ask" (Jas. 4:2). A church cannot advance beyond its willingness to pray. When prayer becomes the forgotten essential, growth becomes the impossible dream. Jesus says, "apart from Me you can do nothing" (Jn. 15:5). On the other hand, He also says, "with God all things are possible" (Mt. 19:26). The difference between spiritual success and failure is our ability to bend our knees in prayer.

Prayer is not the regurgitation of memorized phrases offered to God in meaningless repetition. Prayer is expressing our heart's most earnest desires to the Creator. Albert Lemmons described prayer as "belief finding utterance." Prayer is not designed to keep God informed on what is going on in our lives. He already knows everything, including the number of hairs on your head (Lk. 12:7). Our requests will not surprise God or catch Him off guard. He knows what we need before we ask Him (Mt. 6:32). Prayer is as much an expression of our dependency on God as it is an acknowledgement of His almighty power.

Powerful prayer is intimately connected to a life that makes every effort to live in harmony with God's revealed word. While moral perfection is not a requirement for effective prayer, ignoring the sin in our lives is a great hindrance to our prayers. Solomon observes that "He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, even his prayer is an abomination" (Prov. 28:9). Unrepentant sin destroys the effectiveness of prayer. When his readers complained that God was not hearing their prayers, Isaiah responded in these familiar words: "Behold, the LORD's hand is not so short that it cannot save; nor is His ear so dull that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear" (Isaiah 59:1-2). Heaven was not the hindering cause. It was their sinful conduct. One cannot live wrong and pray right! James says, "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much" (Jas. 5:16). We cannot expect powerful prayers if we are making provision for the flesh (Rm. 13:14; Gal. 5:24). The psalmist rightly concluded, "If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear..." (Ps. 66:18). Powerful prayer begins with a close, personal relationship with the Father made available only through Jesus Christ our Lord.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Marilyn Koone had a stroke October 21st, was in the hospital overnight, then taken to Heritage Living Center in Conway, room 605 for rehab. She is sharing a room with her daughter-in-law, Michelle.
 *Laura Blake’s mother has been put in hospice care. Please pray for Laura and her family.
 *Curtis Terry will have hip replacement surgery Monday.
 *Stephanie Phillips is having surgery to remove her leg, above the knee, on Wednesday, November 3rd at UAMS. Prayers all will go well.

Greenbrier High School will have a virtual Veteran’s Day ceremony on November 11th at 10am. You may view this at www.greenbrierschools.org

THANK YOU

Go by the bulletin board in the hallway to see a **THANK YOU** card from Dorothy Yeager and family.

Your Input Needed

In regard to the Lord’s Supper, the elders would like to hear your preference about continuing our current practice of using the prepackaged kits for the foreseeable future or going back to the former practice of passing the plates down the aisle. If it makes no difference to you one way or the other, we would also like to hear from you. Thank you so much.

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SUNDAY CLASS:	72
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	114
SUNDAY PM:	60
WEDNESDAY (27th):	63
BUDGET:	\$4,500
OFFERING:	\$4,387

Word of the Week: “SELF-CONTROL”

BIRTHDAYS:

(Oct. 31st - Nov. 13th)

Jim Burkett	10/31
Marilyn Koone	11/02
Patsy Burkett	11/04
Kevin Blair	11/04
Brian Drewry	11/04
Ruth Garrett	11/09
Dona Dixon	11/11
Mike Brewer	11/12

ANNIVERSARIES:

Seth & Kendra Fisher	11/03
Jimmy & Merle Thomas	11/11

Spotlight on Missions

Dragos and Sorina Vintila write us on behalf of the church in Cluj, Romania. They express their overwhelming gratitude for our help and describe some of their most urgent needs for our prayers. Please take some time to read the full report on the bulletin board and see the latest pictures.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 31 - PRAYER SERVICE/DEVOTIONAL

We are planning an afternoon service at 1:00 in the Outreach Center following our last Sunday potluck. Along with singing, we will be praying for all who are in positions of authority (1 Tim. 2:1-2). Special emphasis will be given to international leaders who are influential, positively or negatively, in those countries wherein we are supporting mission work. But, we will also be praying for our own national, state, and local leaders along with leaders in the church and in the home.

November 2 - the Senior Ministry is hosting an Area Wide class at Camp Areopagus at 10:30am. Bill Green will be teaching on Romans chapter 12. There will be a lunch provided after class. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to attend and for more details. If you need to ride the van, it will leave at 9:45am.

November 6 - Men’s Breakfast at 8am. Signup sheet on the bulletin board.

November 6 - we are all invited to a **CHILI COOK-OFF** Saturday, November 6th beginning at 5pm in the Outreach Center. See the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

November 7 - Bridal Shower for Terrie Shoemaker and Dubby Wilcox at 1:30pm in the Outreach Center.

November 9th - Area Wide Fellowship at Harding Street. See bulletin board for details.

November 11th - All ladies are invited to meet either Thursday, November 11th at 6pm or Saturday November 13th at 10am for a time of fellowship. See Cindy Wilson for more details.

December 12 - Attention Ladies—Save the Date! Sunday afternoon, December 12th for a **Snowman Swap Party** in the Outreach Center. More details to follow.

Spiritual Sword

Check out the latest issue of *Spiritual Sword* which should have arrived recently in your mailbox.



Monthly Food Committee Leader

Alisa Jones
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HOLIDAY BOXES

We are looking to help 94 families this year with a cost of \$70 per box. Any donations are appreciated. Give those to one of the elders, the McInturff’s, or Shelly.