

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

August 28, 2022

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp
LORD'S TABLE: Jim Bell
CLOSING PRAYER: Austin Ford
GREETERS: Robert & Jenni Hayes

SUNDAY EVENING

August 28 2022

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
OPENING PRAYER: Rod Wilson
LORD'S TABLE: Kevin Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 31, 2022

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
PRAYER: Gene Blair
DEVOTIONAL: Seth Fisher

**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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GAMBLING IS GAMBLING

More and more, gambling is becoming a part of the American way of life. Seems like every week we hear about another casino being built. In everything from buying a raffle ticket to betting on the outcome of a football game; from playing bingo to feeding the one-armed bandit; gambling is fast-becoming a permanent fixture in our society. The need for instruction on this subject is urgent in as much as it is better to teach now than to correct later.

Gambling attacks the principle of good stewardship. The dictionary definition of gambling is "to play a game of chance for money or other stakes" (Amer. Her. Dict.). Gambling involves creating a risk where none had previously existed. It may be argued that everything in life involves risk, but gambling creates risk without good opportunity for productive results.

At the heart of gambling is the desire to get something for nothing. Thus, gambling strikes at the core of a person's work ethic. God wants us to learn the sweetness and joy of working for our livelihood (Eccl. 5:12; Prov. 10:4). The lesson is especially clear in 2 Thessalonians 3:10 where Paul says, "If any will not work, neither let him eat." Our lives should be characterized by industry, hard work, and taking "thought for things honorable in the sight of all men" (Rom. 12:17).

In addition to violating principles of good stewardship, gambling breaches God's injunction prohibiting covetousness. To covet means "to desire earnestly to obtain or possess; to desire inordinately; to desire with a greedy or envious longing; to long for; to hanker after" (New Webster's Dict.). Covetousness is the basis upon which gambling is built. Without its strong appeal to greed, gambling would hold little attraction to its participants.

In the strongest language possible, God condemns covetousness as that sin which will keep us from enjoying the beauties of heaven (Eph. 5:5). Paul admonishes us to put it to death because it is tantamount to idolatry (Col. 3:5). Solomon reveals that greed takes away the life of its possessor (Prov. 1:19) and the one who makes haste to get rich will not go unpunished (Prov. 18:20). With warnings such as these, how can we ignore the danger gambling poses to our eternal well-being?

Gambling is gambling regardless of the amount wagered. It is still gambling even
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Prayer Requests

*Keep Margaret Adams in your prayers as she goes through tests.
*Debbie Freeman has completed her treatments and will have a PET scan in a few months.
*Continue to keep Tiffany Guillen's husband, Elias; Dorothy Yeager; Merle Thomas' husband, Jimmy; Amy Martin's mom, Brenda; Marilyn Koone; Jim Burkett; Helen Swindle's sister, Sharion, and friend, Sue; David Woody's nephews, Nick and Blake; and Dave & Janet Rhyne in your prayers.

THANK YOU CARD

go by the bulletin board in the hallway to see a thank you card from Margaret Adams



AUGUST Food Committee Leader
Anne Blair
870-831-9500

Exciting News!

A special series of lessons are planned for October 9-12th. David Powell will be speaking on important issues related to living for Christ in today's world. More details to follow.

BIRTHDAYS:

(August 28th - September 10th)

Lynda Horton	8/29
Melba Sharp	9/06
Seth Fisher	9/06
Matthew Dent	9/08

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tony & Jennifer Dunn	8/30
Bill & Pat Davidson	9/04
Jackie & Lynda Horton	9/05
Gene & Sandra Blair	9/09

UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUGUST 28th** - Last Sunday of the month service: after morning worship we will have a potluck followed by a 1pm afternoon service—no 5pm service.
- SEPTEMBER 6th** - The Senior Ministry Class will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center. Jack Shock from the Mayflower congregation will be teaching from Hebrews chapter 6. There will be a potluck following class - be sure and sign up on the bulletin board.
- SEPTEMBER 13th** - We are **ALL** invited to the Areawide Fellowship beginning at 6pm in the Outreach Center. There will be singing and a meal. Since our congregation is hosting this, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for the meal listing chili, soup, salad, desserts, drinks, other food items and paper items needed. We plan to serve 90 - 100 people.
- SEPTEMBER 18th** - Elders' Update.

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when it promotes a good cause. Shall we “do evil that good may come?” (Rom. 3:8). Neither is the legality of gambling the issue. Gambling is gambling even when it is called the “State Lottery.” We must avoid the temptation to make something that is wrong appear to be right (Isa. 5:20); but, instead, reprove and expose the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11). Though all the world endorses gambling as a wholesome form of recreation, we must neither support nor participate in anything that promotes covetousness and greed.
--Glen Elliott--

Word of the Week:
“HOLY SPIRIT”

PANTRY ITEMS:
Jiffy Mix, Spaghetti Sauce, Soup,
Oatmeal (box of packets), &
Rice (1 pound bags)

BIBLE QUIZ: Revelation 2:8-11

1. This section was written to the ___ of the church in ___.
 2. “These things says the First and the Last, who was ___, and came to ___.”
 3. “I know your works, tribulation, and ___ (but you are ___);”
 4. What was the devil about to do to some of them?
 5. “Be ___ until death, and I will give you the ___ of life.”
- Last week's answers: seven, lampstands; works, labor, patience; tested, apostles; repent, works; overcomes, Paradise*

Our Record

August 21, 2022

SUNDAY CLASS:	73
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	111
SUNDAY PM:	54
WEDNESDAY (24th):	75
BUDGET:	\$4,500
OFFERING:	\$3,888