SCHEDULE OF SERVICES **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE** SUNDAY MORNING October 16 2022 WELCOME: Darren Dent Rod Wilson SONG LEADER: OPENING PRAYER: Mike Brewer **Rick Camp** LORD'S TABLE: CLOSING PRAYER: Seth Fisher GREETERS: Mike & Kristie Brewer Elders: SUNDAY EVENING October 16 2022 Deacons: Rod Wilson SONG LEADER: OPENING PRAYER: Jeff Jones Minister: LORD'S TABLE: Kevin Blair CLOSING PRAYER: Tyler Blair WEDNESDAY EVENING October 19, 2022 SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher PRAYER: Glen Elliott Gene Blair DEVOTIONAL: *Please contact Jackie Horton. if you are unable to serve.

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. Glen Elliott Jeff Jones Rod Wilson 501-314-9999 937-776-0732 501-328-7888 Kevin Blair Seth Fisher 501-470-6593 501-581-5864 Glen Elliott 501-314-9999 Church Office: 501-679-3647 **GREENBRIER CHURCH OF CHRIST** 12 Wilson Farm Road Greenbrier, AR 72058

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Our Present Hope

Many suffer from what might be called emotional paralysis. We are unable to function today because we either live in the past or are preoccupied with worry about the future. While we may regret mistakes of the past, we cannot make up for those mistakes by continually reliving them in our minds. Where forgiveness is necessary, we should by all means pursue it with vigor. But there comes a time when we must move on and make the most of the present.

The apostle Paul had formerly lived in hostility to the way of Christ. He was a man obsessed with the destruction of the church. He consented to the death of Stephen (Acts 7:58). He had been "a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor..." (1 Tim. 1:13). Paul dealt with his dark past by looking forward to his bright future in Christ. He wrote the Christians at Philippi, saying, "forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Ph. 3:13-14). It matters not so much where we have been as where we are going. We cannot change the past, but we can set the course for our future by how we choose to live today.

While some need to move forward out of the past, others need to take a step back from the future. It is as paralyzing to occupy today with worries of tomorrow as it is to continually relive the past. In these troubling times, how can we avoid needless worry? The inspired recipe is ours: "Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Ph. 4:6-7). In the midst of his warning about coming persecutions, Peter tells us to cast "all our anxiety upon Him, because He cares for [us]" (1 Pet. 5:7).

Because God cares, there is no past so dark or future so bleak but that our present cannot be filled with the light of hope. "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us be glad in it" (Psa. 118:24).

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Our sympathy goes out to Helen Swindle in the passing of her sister, Shirley. Please keep all her family in your prayers.

*Pray for Lavonne Duncan's brother, Larry, who may need surgery soon.

*Continue to keep Ruth Garrett; Margaret Adams; Dorothy Yeager; Marilyn Koone; Helen Swindle's sisters, Shirley & Sharion, and friend, Sue; David Woody's nephews, Nick and Blake; and Dave & Janet Rhyne in your prayers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 17th - Reception for the Brewer's following evening services.

OCTOBER 18th – The Senior Adult Ministry will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center. Jeff Jones will be the speaker. No potluck.

OCTOBER 18th – Area Wide Fellowship at Harding Street in Morrilton at 6pm. Let Bill Davidson know if you will be attending.

NOVEMBER 1st – Area Wide Senior Adult Ministry at Camp Areopagus at 10:30am. Jason Almond will be teaching from Hebrews chapter 8. Lunch will be provided.

Keep Serving! One way to find joy in life, even through our own personal struggles, is to keep serving others. "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13). Being one who serves is part of what it means to follow Christ. A life lived by faith is a powerful life of service. A life lived by hope is a positive life (Romans 8:24). Your serving can be improved through the power of love. Genesis 29:20 tells us that love made Jacob's seven years of service for Rachel seem like only a few days. Love makes service easy and burdens light. Service to God and others, love for God, love for others and love for good things make a person better. Make your life what the Lord wants it to be. Love and serve like you have never loved and served before. Learn to serve now, so that you will be ready to serve around the throne of God for eternity. I love you. *Charles Box; Walnut Street church of Christ; Greenville AL*

BIBLE QUIZ: Revelation 4:6-11 1. "Before the throne *there was* a sea of __, like __." 2. What were the four animals the living creatures were compared to? 3. How many wings did each of the living creatures have? 4. "__, __, __, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" 5. "You are __, O Lord, To receive glory and __ and __; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." Last week's answers: door, heaven; trumpet; jasper, sardius; thrones, elders; fire, Spirits