# **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

# **SUNDAY MORNING**

November 20, 2022

WELCOME: SONG LEADER: Gene Blair

**OPENING PRAYER:** Rick Camp

Rod Wilson

LORD'S TABLE:

Mike Seger

CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent GREETERS: Darren Dent & Glen Elliott

#### **SUNDAY EVENING** November 20, 2022

SONG LEADER:

**Jeff Jones** 

**OPENING PRAYER:** 

Seth Fisher

LORD'S TABLE: **Austin Ford** 

CLOSING PRAYER:

Darren Dent

#### **WEDNESDAY EVENING** November 23, 2022

SONG LEADER:

Devotional

PRAYER:

Service

DEVOTIONAL:

Jeff Jones

\*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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## **GREENBRIER CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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# Let It Rain!

As a figure of speech, rain frequently describes positive feelings of blessing. As an example of how we should love all men. Jesus directs our attention to the Father who consistently and impartially "sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Mt. 5:45). As one of the distinguishing marks of the Messianic age, Ezekiel says, "there shall be showers of blessing" (Eze. 34:26). Such a thought captured the attention of Daniel W. Whittle who, in 1883, penned the words of a hymn by that title. Rain is a wonderful blessing, especially following a long season of drought. For that reason alone, it is a fitting metaphor describing the blessings God pours out upon us on a daily basis.

On the other hand, rain is sometimes a suitable description of the sad times that everyone experiences in this life. Beloved American poet of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, is famous for having said, "Into each life some rain must fall." As if to emphasize the point a bit further, he added, "Some days must be dark and dreary." We often forget the benefits brought about only as a result of trying times. James writes, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4). Someday, we may look back at our rainy days as the time when we experienced our greatest spiritual growth.

We fight against the inevitable rain when, according to Longfellow, "The best thing to do when it is raining is to let it rain." What can we do about it? Undue concern for things over which we have little or no control is a waste of time and adds nothing to our lives (Mt. 6:25, 34). Instead, we should embrace such seasons as opportunities to grow closer to the Lord. Or, at the very least, turn these matters over to the Lord in prayer. Before admonishing us to prayer and thanksgiving, the apostle Paul exhorts us, saying, "Be anxious for nothing..." (Ph. 4:6). Trust God. Cast your anxieties over to the One who cares for you (1 Pet. 5:7). Then, let it rain. -- Glen Elliott --

# Prayer Requests

\*Our sympathy goes out to Cleon Koone and family in the passing of Marilyn. Visitation will be from 2-4 Sunday afternoon at the church building. The funeral will be at 10am Monday at the church building with burial following at Bethlehem Cemetery.

\*Nora Smith has not been feeling well so keep her in your prayers.

\*Keep Jason Elliott in your prayers as he is at the Mayo Clinic for procedures.

\*Easton Hutchings great-grandmother, Dorothy, has been diagnosed with cancer. Remember her in prayer.

\*Continue to keep Shelly Carter's friend, Jenna; Ron McInturff's brother-in-law, Mike; Ruth Garrett; Margaret Adams; Jeff Jones's mom, Joy; Helen Swindle's sister, Sharion, and friend, Sue; David Woody's nephews, Nick and Blake; and Dave & Janet Rhyne in your prayers.

#### **THANK YOU**

Please go by the bulletin board to see a thank you card from Rick and Kathy Camp.

# **PANTRY ITEMS:**

Jiffy Mix, Soup, Cereal, Dry Beans, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Pasta, & Oatmeal (box of packets)



OFFERING:

Our Record

# NOVEMBER Food Committee Leader

Alisa Jones 501-303-8921

# November 13, 2022

SUNDAY CLASS:	93
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	95
SUNDAY PM:	56
WEDNESDAY (16th):	63
BUDGET:	\$4,500

# **FOOD BOXES**

We have enough funds donated for 82 boxes so far! Thank you for your generosity. Remember to give your donations to Ron or Linda McInturff.

Any amount is appreciated.

# **BIRTHDAYS:** (Nov. 20th - Dec. 3rd) 11/20 Jenna Whitley 11/23 Sandra Blair 11/26 Nora Vandaveer 11/30 Ted Peterson 12/2 Jerry Garrett 12/3 Ada Blair **ANNIVERSARIES:** 11/20 Tim & Laura Blake 11/28 Tom & Anne Steele

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 22nd** – Mars Hill will be hosting a meal at 5:30pm and singing at 6:30pm at their building. We are all invited.

**NOVEMBER 23rd** – We will have a devotional service with no classes.

**NOVEMBER 27th** – Last Sunday of the month so we will have morning worship with a 1pm afternoon service instead of a 5pm service. No potluck.

**DECEMBER 4th** - Snowman Swap from 2-4pm in the Outreach Center. All ladies are invited. Bring a snowman item for exchange (\$20 or less spending limit). Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

# **Spotlight on Missions**

We have several recent updates posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. We have a report from Eric Purvee concerning the work in Mongolia. We recently sent \$1,000 to help with a housing crisis they

were experiencing.

We also have another wonderful report from Vladimir concerning his challenging work in Russia. He continues to use his abilities to reach out to the lost in spite of the difficult circumstances.

We recently received an update from the Akin's with information about how they are doing at Bear Valley. This fine family is from Arkansas and we look to hear good things from them in the future.

Check out these and other reports. Also, keep in your prayers those works unable to give reports due to persecution. Keep our upcoming Missions' Day in your thoughts and prayers.

#### **BIBLE QUIZ:** Revelation 6:12-17

- 1. When the sixth seal was opened, there was a great \_\_ and the sun became \_\_ as sackcloth.
- 2. "And the \_\_ of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree \_\_ its late figs when it is shaken by a \_\_ wind."
- 3. What receded as a scroll?
- 4. Men tried to hide themselves in the \_\_ of the \_\_.
- 5. "For the great day of His \_\_ has come, and who is able to \_\_?"

Last week's answers: pale; Death, Hades; power, fourth; fifth, altar; white