

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

December 11, 2022

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Gene Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Darren Dent
GREETERS: Robert & Jenni Hayes

SUNDAY EVENING

December 11, 2022

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
LORD'S TABLE: Robert Hayes
CLOSING PRAYER: Bob Gossett

WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 14, 2022

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
PRAYER: Ron McInturff
DEVOTIONAL: Mike Seger

**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.

Elders:

Glen Elliott	Jeff Jones	Rod Wilson
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Deacons:

Kevin Blair	Seth Fisher
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“THE PORTAL”

Strictly speaking, a portal is a grand doorway, entrance, or gate. Images come to mind of that “city four-square” with its pearly gates ever-opened to receive the righteous (Rev. 21:16, 21, 25). Recently, our attention has been drawn to the world of athletic competition where we read about players transitioning to new teams with relative ease by entering into what is called “the portal.” While a team may rapidly improve by means of using the portal, there is a corresponding sense of injustice toward a loyal team member who, after two or three years of hard work, is suddenly displaced from the starting line-up.

Every Christian is a member of the body of Christ (Acts 2:47; Eph. 1:22-23). While we are part of the universal church, each Christian must identify with a local congregation and work under the oversight of its shepherds. A ready-made portal system exists among congregations worshiping in close proximity to one another. A member of one congregation may choose to identify with another congregation. But, there are several important considerations to keep in mind: (1) Sin does not go away merely because there has been a change of location. Whenever possible, forgiveness must be sought from those against whom we have sinned (Mt. 5:23-24). (2) Commitment to non-commitment is not a reason to change location. Failure to fully-engage in the work of the Lord is a sin (1 Cor. 15:58). (3) God places us in Christ's body so that we might be equipped for works “of service, to the building up of the body of Christ” (1 Cor. 12:18; Eph. 4:12). Entering the portal because we don't get our way demonstrates immaturity or, even, rebellion.

Any congregation whose focus is on the portal – either for gaining strength or to prevent members from leaving – has lost sight of its mission. We are here to seek and save the lost – to help those in need – and to build one another up in the faith. In the end, we want to help as many as possible enter that shining portal into heaven's glory.

-- Glen Elliott --

Prayer Requests

*Amy Martin's father-in-law, Tim, had a defibrillator and stents put in Dec. 2nd. He now has a staph infection. Please keep him in your prayers.
 *Millie Baker had tubes put in her ears Friday (the 9th). Prayers this will help and for her recovery.
 *Terrie Wilcox is trying to put off hip replacement surgery as long as she can.
 *Continue to keep Jason Elliott; Easton Hutchings great-grandmother, Dorothy; Shelly Carter's friend, Jenna; Ron McInturff's brother-in-law, Mike; Ruth Garrett; Margaret Adams; Dorothy Yeager; Helen Swindle's sister, Sharion, and friend, Sue; and Dave & Janet Rhyne in your prayers.

We rejoice in the decision Brooke Trout made to put on Christ in baptism last Sunday. Brooke is the fiancé of Josh Whitley.

Add her information to your directory:

2925 Alderwood Drive Conway, AR 72033 870-623-5212

DECEMBER

**Food Committee
Leader**
Melanie Whitley
501-328-3838

December 4, 2022

SUNDAY CLASS: 81
 SUNDAY WORSHIP: 102
 SUNDAY PM: 56
 WEDNESDAY (7th): 70
 BUDGET: \$4,500
 OFFERING: \$5,176

BIRTHDAYS:		
(Dec. 11th - Dec. 24th)		
Jim Ratliff	12/11	
Burnadean Murray	12/14	
Rick Camp	12/14	
Jim Bell	12/15	
Justin McEntire	12/15	
ANNIVERSARIES:		
Daniel & Amy Martin	12/12	
Merrell & Patsy Story	12/22	

Our Record

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 25th - Last Sunday of the month so we will have morning worship and a 1pm afternoon service. No 5pm service. No potluck.

DECEMBER 31st - New Year's Eve party in the Outreach Center beginning at 8am. There will be singing and a devotional at 10pm.

JANUARY 1st - We will have our normal service times on this day.

JANUARY 3rd - The Senior Adult Ministry will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center. Keith Almond from Enola will be teaching from Hebrews 10. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway for the potluck that will follow class.

Spotlight on Missions

Take a minute and read the latest report from Vladimir. You will be glad that you did.

**We reached our goal for the Holiday Food Boxes —
THANK YOU for your generosity!**



PANTRY ITEMS:

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

BIBLE QUIZ: Revelation 8:1-6

1. "When He opened the ___ seal, there was ___ in heaven for about half an hour."
2. How many angels are said to stand before God in this section?
3. What object did the angel hold who came and stood at the altar?
4. "And the smoke of the ___, with the ___ of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand."
5. Where did the angel with the censer throw the fire from the altar?

Last week's answers: multitude, throne, Lamb; robes, palm; tribulation, washed, blood; living, waters; God, tear