

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

March 12, 2023

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Joshua Whitley
LORD'S TABLE: Jim Bell
Marty Leonard
Rick Camp
Darren Dent
CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent
GREETERS: Austin & Sarah Ford

SUNDAY EVENING

March 12, 2023

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Austin Ford
LORD'S TABLE: Seth Fisher
CLOSING PRAYER: Mike Seger

WEDNESDAY EVENING

March 15, 2023

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
PRAYER: Ron McInturff
DEVOTIONAL: Gene Blair

**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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The Sword of the Spirit

Our Savior's earnest prayer on the night of His betrayal was for the unity of those who would believe in Him through the word of His apostles (Jn. 17:20). He prayed that these might be one even as He and the Father are one so that the world might believe He had been sent by the Father" (vs. 21). The pursuit of unity in Christ is commanded throughout the New Testament (e.g. Rom. 12:18; Col. 3:14; Heb. 12:14). What does it mean, then, to speak "the truth in love..."? (Eph. 4:15). If "all things [are] done for edification..." (1 Cor. 14:26) and, if only such words as are "good for edification" come forth from our lips (Eph. 4:29), then where is the place for correction? Keep in mind that the same inspired writer told Timothy to "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction" (2 Tim. 4:2). Biblical preaching both encourages and corrects. Reconstruction may require demolition before rebuilding on a proper foundation. Spiritually speaking, this requires both correction and encouragement.

Be careful of preaching designed to offend no one; for it is powerless to save anyone. When unity is abused as a deterrent to truth, we become "forgetful hearers" who deceive ourselves (Jas. 1:22-25). Union is not the same thing as unity. Unity is based on a common standard (1 Cor. 1:10; Jn. 12:48). Union is achieved by watering down our preaching so as to find common ground with those holding different views. But, in doing so, we lose our distinctiveness and cease to be "the light of the world" (Mt. 5:15); but a reflection of the world. But, God's word is designed to set us apart in the direction of a distinctively different path (Jn. 17:17 cf. Mt. 7:13-14). For this reason, Jesus says, "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword" (Mt. 10:34). God's word is the "living and active" sword – "the sword of the Spirit" (Heb. 4:12; Eph. 6:17). Let us lean upon its truth, obey its directives, and rest on its promises.

-- Glen Elliott --

Prayer Requests

*Davie Rhyne fell, broke his hip, had surgery and is now home. Prayers for healing.

*Friends of The Wilson's, Charles & Anita Fuller, had a house fire and are fine. Prayers for strength to pull through this after losing everything.

*Continue to keep Jerry Garrett; Janet Rhyne; Bob Gossett; Shelly Carter's friend, Jenna Daughtry; Terrie Shoemaker; Nora Smith; Margaret Adams; Dorothy Yeager also Dorothy's niece, Marcine; and Brenda Dowdy's daughter, Sandy, in your prayers.

THANK YOU CARD

Go by the bulletin board to see a thank you card from The McInturff's.
Thank you to all who helped pack-the-pulpit.

Pulpit Preview:



March 12th

AM -- The Gospel Is for All
PM -- The Loving Patience of God

March 19th

AM -- The Exact Truth About Jesus
PM -- Stand to Stay

MARCH

Food Committee Leader

Kathy Camp
501-472-7943

March 5, 2023

SUNDAY CLASS:	83
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	106
SUNDAY PM:	65
WEDNESDAY (1st):	67
BUDGET:	\$4,500
OFFERING:	\$5,211

Our Record

BIRTHDAYS:

March 12th - March 25th

Martha Bell	3/14
Robert Hayes	3/15
Merrell Story	3/15
Alex Bennett	3/15
Becky Gossett	3/17
Emma Vandaveer	3/17
Merle Thomas	3/18
Beverly Woody	3/22
Easton Hutchings	3/23

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marty & Tina Leonard	3/13
Jeff & Alisa Jones	3/17
Jim & Patsy Burkett	3/19

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 18th - Men's Breakfast is at 8am in the Outreach Center. Sign up on the bulletin board.

MARCH 21st - The Senior Adult Ministry will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center. Jeff Jones will be the speaker. There will be no potluck.

APRIL 21st—22nd - Sewing Retreat at Camp Areopagus. See bulletin board for further details.

Spotlight on Missions

Check out the updated mission reports recently received from Edwin Inso and Eric Purvey on the bulletin board.

Bible Drill Memory Verse: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

Local Gospel Meetings: Downtown church of Christ and Center Ridge church of Christ. See bulletin board for details.

BIBLE QUIZ: Revelation 13:1-10

1. "And I saw a ___ rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a ___."
2. "Now the beast which I saw was like a ___, his feet were like *the feet of a* ___, and his mouth like the mouth of a ___."
3. Who gave the beast his power?
4. How many months did the beast continue speaking "great things and blasphemies?"
5. "All who dwell on the earth will ___ him, whose names have not been written in the Book of ___ of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Answers from last week: earth; eagle, wilderness, serpent; water; swallowed, flood; offspring