SCHEDULE OF SERVICES **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE BIBLE CLASS** SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP April 9, 2023 **EVENING** Kevin Blair WELCOME: SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson **OPENING PRAYER:** Jeff Jones **BIBLE STUDY** LORD'S TABLE: Rick Camp Seth Fisher Darren Dent Kevin Blair Joshua Whitley CLOSING PRAYER: **GREETERS: Judy Moody & Gina Ratliff** Elders: SUNDAY EVENING Deacons: April 9, 2023 SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones Minister: Jim Bell Glen Elliott OPENING PRAYER: LORD'S TABLE: Seth Fisher Church Office: CLOSING PRAYER: Kevin Blair WEDNESDAY EVENING April 12, 2023 Jeff Jones SONG LEADER: PRAYER: Mike Seger Seth Fisher **DEVOTIONAL:** *Please contact Jackie Horton. if you are unable to serve.

10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. *LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 1:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY: 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 501-314-9999 501-679-3647

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WHETHER AWARE (OR NOT)

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When potential storms threaten, a common catch-phrase used by television meteorologists is: "Be weather aware." To this end, people rely on a number of different sources for information. Some rely on a local television channel or, perhaps, a channel that covers nothing but the weather. Others are comforted by their weather radio with its sweet-sounding alarm. Still others, allay their fears by taking a quick "look-see" at the sky for threatening movement in the clouds. But, for many, weather awareness is the last thing on their mind. "Yes," they say, "the possibility exists; but it has never happened to me before." Or, if it has happened before, they reason, "How often does lightning or, for that matter, a tornado hit the same place twice?"

The New Testament has much to say about spiritual awareness. Alertness is at the heart of the meaning of the original term translated, "sober." Peter sounds the alarm, saying, "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Pet. 5:8). The next verse goes on to emphasize faith as our means of resisting Satan's advances (cf. Jas. 4:7). Such faith grows within as we hear and apply the word of Christ to our daily lives (Rm. 10:17).

Jesus exhorts us to "be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming" (Mt. 24:42). No one knows but the Father alone (vs. 36). Predictors abound: but they are as fickle as the weather itself. But, of one thing we can rest assured: no one will miss the coming of Christ! John says, "Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him..." (Rev. 1:7).

Just as people, with the passing of time, grow complacent about the danger of severe weather, so also many grow indifferent about the coming of the Lord. Even in the first-century, some were mocking God, saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation" (2 Pet. 3:4). They had overlooked God's judgment upon the world of the godly in the Flood and had become willfully ignorant of God's promise concerning the judgment of fire and the destruction of ungodly men on the day of Christ's return (vss. 5-7). There is only one reason for His delay: God is patient and unwilling "for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (vs. 9). Be aware for He is coming "whether or not" we are prepared.

-- Glen Elliott --

Prayer Requests

*Martha Bell had shoulder surgery Monday. Prayers as she recovers.

*Jerry Garrett received a good report and encouraging news from his doctor. Please continue to pray for Jerry and Ruth.

*Continue to keep Donna Beck; Annie Blair; the Burkett's great-granddaughter, Addison; Dave & Janet Rhyne; Bob Gossett; Shelly Carter's friend, Jenna Daughtry; Helen Swindle's nephew Billy; Terrie Shoemaker; Nora Smith; Margaret Adams; Dorothy Yeager also Dorothy's niece, Marcine; and Brenda Dowdy's daughter, Sandy, in your prayers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 15th - Men's Breakfast is at 8am in the Outreach Center. Please sign up.

APRIL 18th - The Senior Adult Ministry will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center Rod Wilson will be reviewing the book of Hebrews. There will be no potluck.

<u>APRIL 21st-22nd</u> - Sewing Retreat at Camp Areopagus. See bulletin board for further details.

MAY 2nd - The Area Wide Seniors Gathering will begin at 10:30am at Camp Areopagus, 53 Iroquois Lane, Conway, AR. Keith Almond will be the speaker. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend, see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please read and follow the instructions. Church van will leave at 9:30am.

MAY 21st-24th - GOSPEL MEETING with Jason Jackson—FAITH UNDER FIRE.

JULY 23rd-25th - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Mark you calendars now!

SEPTEMBER 23rd - LADIES DAY with Cathy Powell.

Bible Drill Memory Verse:

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

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BIBLE QUIZ: Revelation 14:14-20

1. "Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son

- of ___, having on His head a ___ crown, and in His hand a sharp ___."
- 2. Out of what did the angel come in verse 15?

3. "And another angel came out from the ___, who had power over ___, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, 'Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the ___ of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."

4. The angel threw the vine into "the winepress of the ____ of God."

5. "And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and ___ came out of the winepress, up to the horses' ___, for one thousand six hundred furlongs."

Answers from last week: everlasting; judgment, worship; Babylon; wrath; patience, commandments