

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

July 30, 2023

WELCOME: Kevin Blair
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Darren Dent
Matthew Dent
Josh Whitley
Austin Ford
CLOSING PRAYER: Kevin Blair
GREETERS: Larry & Linda Ward

SUNDAY EVENING

July 30, 2023

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturff
LORD'S TABLE: Jim Bell
CLOSING PRAYER: Tyler Blair

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 2, 2023

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
PRAYER: Rick Camp
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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FINDING FRIENDS

Friendship is one of our deepest longings. Yet, we are often at a loss to know how to go about fulfilling the need. Fortunately, God's word gives us some important principles related to friendship. One such principle is found in Proverb 17:17, where Solomon writes, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." Later, he adds: "there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (18:24). Such friendship is a rare and beautiful thing. A friend is one who loves at all times, even when our weaknesses are evident. One author noted that "He who seeks a friend without a fault remains without one." A friend does not easily give up, but seeks to encourage and strengthen. "A friend loves at all times." In fact, "a brother is born for adversity." If you cannot lean on a friend, who can you lean upon? Adversity often reveals the identity of our true friends. A friend will not give up on us when we have given up on ourselves. A friend will remain loyal when being loyal is not popular. A friend will believe and expect the best of us and our friendship. True friends are a great blessing!

So, how do we go about developing friendship? There are no short-cuts. Relationships demand time and effort. Such being the case, is it any wonder why so many are starving for friendship? Or, why so many friendships are shallow and unfulfilling? The one who would have friends must show himself to be friendly (Prov. 18:24, KJV). Someone has said the number one vitamin we need to build friendship is B-1. Surely, no one would argue that a person should seek friendship without seeking to be a friend. We must develop those qualities which will make us a good friend to others. Loyalty, dependability, a sense of caring and an ability to overlook another's weaknesses are just a few of the essentials needed in friendship. It will take time to develop friendships; but, while we are waiting, we should concentrate on becoming the kind of person who will be a good friend to others.

Everyone has the potential of developing lasting friendships. This is especially true in our relationship with God. Remarkable is the description of Abraham in James 2:23 where the inspired author tells us that Abraham was a "friend of God." Imagine God as your friend! Can you think of anyone who would be more loyal, dependable, or caring? God sent His Son to make it possible for us to be His friends. Sin has made us His enemies. But, the death of Christ, when accepted in obedient faith, makes us His friends. Jesus said, "You are My friends, if you do what I command you" (Jn. 15:14). Because we have found a friend in Jesus, we need never be alone.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Jim Burkett has been diagnosed with cancer. He is at home.
*Vladimir is now on a ventilator after suffering a stroke. Please pray for him and his daughter, Inna.
*Ivalene Garrett, a former member, is in ICU at Baptist Hospital not doing well.
*Continue to keep Jerry & Ruth Garrett; Bob Gossett; Nora Smith; Dubby & Terrie Wilcox; Dorothy Yeager; Cindy Wilson; Edith Seger's sister, Ann; Dave & Janet Rhyne; Shelly Carter's friend, Jenna Daughtry; and Margaret Adams in your prayers.

PANTRY for AUGUST

We will
PACK-THE-PULPIT
*pick up a list of needed items on a table in the foyer

AUGUST
Food Committee Leader
Anna Wolff
501-472-8911

Our Record

July 23, 2023

SUNDAY CLASS:	79
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	116
SUNDAY PM:	109
WEDNESDAY (26th):	78
BUDGET:	\$4,500
OFFERING:	\$3,523

THANK YOU

to all who helped with VBS.
We couldn't have done it without YOU!

BIRTHDAYS:

July 30th - August 12th

Charlene Parish	7/31
Anna Wolff	8/01
Melanie Whitley	8/01
Sandra Mobbs	8/06
Helen Blair	8/08
Buck Stone	8/08

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jerry & Ruth Garrett	8/09
Mike & Edith Seger	8/09
Tim & Dona Dixon	8/12

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JULY 30th** - Last Sunday of the month: we will have a fellowship dinner after morning worship followed by a 1pm afternoon service. No 5pm service.
- AUGUST 1st** - The Senior Adult Ministry class will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center. Dewayne Butler from Higden will be teaching from John chapter 2. Sign up for the potluck that will follow.
- AUGUST 25th & 26th** - SEWING RETREAT at Camp Areopagus. More information about what is needed and accommodations are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Pulpit Preview:



- July 30th**
AM -- Authentic Speech (1)
PM -- 1:00 Devotional
- July 23rd**
AM -- Authentic Speech (2)
PM -- Heaven

SUMMER SERIES

Our summer series speaker for Wednesday, July 26th is George Hulett.
His lesson is "A Disciple Must Carry His Own Cross"

BIBLE QUIZ: Revelation 20:1-6

- The angel had the ___ to the bottomless pit and a great ___.
- "He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* ___ and ___, and bound him for a thousand years..."
- "And I saw ___, and they sat on them, and ___ was committed to them."
- "Then I saw the souls of those who had been ___ for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his ___, and had not received *his* mark on their ___ or on their hands."
- "...but they shall be ___ of God and of Christ, and shall ___ with Him a thousand years."

Answers from last week: sun, loud; birds; beast, kings; false; alive, brimstone