

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

November 12, 2023

WELCOME: Gene Blair
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturff
LORD'S TABLE: Jeff Jones
Gene Blair
Josh Whitley
Cayden Leonard
CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes
GREETERS: Judy Moody &
Gina Ratliff

SUNDAY EVENING

November 12, 2023

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Rod Wilson
LORD'S TABLE: Austin Ford
CLOSING PRAYER: Ron McInturff

WEDNESDAY EVENING

November 15, 2023

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
PRAYER: Rick Camp
DEVOTIONAL: Josh Whitley

**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 & 4th TUESDAYS:

LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:30 a.m.

2nd Thursday of each month:

PANTRY OPEN from noon - 1:30 p.m.

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THE TRUTH GOES MARCHING ON

One of the truly unique characteristics of the Bible has been its indestructibility in the face of severe persecution. Originally written on perishable material, the Bible was preserved hundreds of years before the invention of the printing press, often in times of intense opposition. There has never been a book so loved and so hated as the Bible. In its earliest days, the church was persecuted by Judaism. But, this persecution was eventually overshadowed by persecution from Roman emperors. In A.D. 64, Nero had Christians sewn to animal skins and torn to pieces by wild dogs as a spectacle for onlookers. Other Christians were burned on crosses as human street lights. Nero eventually killed himself around 68 or 69 A.D.

The next Roman emperor to ravage havoc on the church was Domitian, who ruled between 81 and 96 A.D. Prior to his reign, Roman emperors were merely worshiped as gods following their deaths. But, Domitian was the first to demand such worship while living. True Christians refused to engage in such worship and, consequently, lost their lives during his reign of terror.

Yet, another period of intense persecution against Christianity came during the reign of Diocletian (284-305 A.D.). He enacted laws making it illegal for Christians to assemble for worship. All church buildings were destroyed. He burned as many copies of the Bible as he could find, killing their owners in the process. Yet, in spite of this, Christianity continued to flourish.

Through the centuries, other efforts have been made to destroy the influence of the Bible. Many such efforts came at the hands of religious people. In 1199, Pope Innocent III had the French Bibles burned at Metz and forbade the people from having more. In 1234, Pope Gregory IX ordered the people to bring in their Bibles so that they might be burned. Wycliff was condemned for heresy following the Synod of Oxford in 1383 because he had translated the Bible. In 1533, some bishops advised Pope Julius III to permit the least possible reading of the Bible in order to strengthen the papacy. Such efforts as these have repeatedly failed. Jesus promised, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away" (Mt. 24:35).

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Prayer Requests

*Mary Mix is home from the hospital. Continue to keep her in your prayers as she heals.
*Addie Morris, a friend of Martha Bell and the Wilson's, has requested prayers for her sister, Jean Jackson. Addie has visited our congregation a couple of times.

HOLIDAY BOXES

We are collecting funds for this year's holiday food boxes which will be around \$75 each. Any amount given is appreciated. Please give the money to Ron or Linda McInturff, Shelly Dent, or Glen Elliott.

Pulpit Preview:

November 12th

AM -- AC: Walking in Truth -
True Obedience & Faith
PM -- Blessed Are the Pure in
Heart

November 19th

AM -- AC: Walking in Truth -
True Obedience & Salvation
PM -- Blessed Are the
Peacemakers



 **November**

Food
Committee
Leader
Alisa Jones 501-303-8921

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov. 12th - Nov. 25th

Dona Dixon 11/11

Kathey Peterson 11/18

Jenna Whitley 11/20

Jennifer Dunn 11/22

Sandra Blair 11/23

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kevin & Annie Blair 11/16

Tim & Laura Blake 11/20

November 5 2023

SUNDAY CLASS:	93
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	109
SUNDAY PM:	52
WEDNESDAY (8th):	65
BUDGET:	\$4,500
OFFERING:	\$3,881

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 14th - Ladies Bible Class at 10:30am in the Outreach Center. We will be starting chapter one in our book.

NOVEMBER 21st - The Senior Adult Ministry class will not meet.

NOVEMBER 26th - Last Sunday of the month services.

NOVEMBER 28th - Ladies Bible Class at 10:30am in the Outreach Center.

DECEMBER 9th - We will be packing Holiday Food Boxes at 10am in the Outreach Center.

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The French skeptic, Voltaire (1694-1778) said, “In less than a hundred years the Bible will be discarded and Christianity swept from the earth.” Yet, only fifty years after his death, the Geneva Bible Society used his printing press and house to produce stacks of Bibles.

The more men have assaulted the Bible, the more it has stood the test. Take the time to read the Bible today. Appreciate it for what it is: God's message to man. In the final analysis, the only way the Bible's influence can be diminished is for us to close our hearts and leave its pages unread.

-- Glen Elliott --

BIBLE QUIZ: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

1. “This *is* a ___ saying: If a man desires the position of a ___, he desires a good work.”
2. How many wives must a candidate for elder have?
3. “...one who rules his own ___ well, having *his* ___ in submission with all reverence...”
4. A novice might fall prey to ___.
5. An elder should have a good testimony among those who are ___.

Answers to last weeks quiz: pray, holy, wrath; modest, moderation; teach, authority; Adam, Eve; deceived, transgression

Our Record