

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

December 17, 2023

WELCOME: Darren Dent  
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones  
OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturf  
LORD'S TABLE: David Woody  
Darren Dent  
Marty Leonard  
Cayden Leonard  
CLOSING PRAYER: Mike Seger  
GREETERS: Gene Blair & Kevin Blair

### SUNDAY EVENING

December 17, 2023

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson  
OPENING PRAYER: Jeff Jones  
LORD'S TABLE: Josh Whitley  
CLOSING PRAYER: Jim Bell

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 20, 2023

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones  
PRAYER: Glen Elliott  
DEVOTIONAL: Seth Fisher

*\*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.

### Elders:

Glen Elliott	Jeff Jones	Rod Wilson
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### Deacons:

Kevin Blair	Austin Ford	Seth Fisher
501-470-6593	479-970-3988	501-581-5864

### Minister:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999

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## BAPTISM AND SALVATION

There are a number of things God has placed between us and salvation. Is baptism one of those things? Let's see what the Bible says about the matter.

When Jesus issued the Great Commission, He said, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15-16, ESV). Did Jesus place baptism before or after salvation? Baptism, along with belief, comes before salvation.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter's listeners interrupted his sermon with a question. They asked, "Brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). Peter answers and says, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (vs. 38). Did the inspired apostle place baptism before or after forgiveness of sins? Baptism, along with repentance, comes before forgiveness of sins.

Baptism is further described by the apostle Paul in the sixth chapter of his letter to the Romans, where he asks, "Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4). Does newness of life precede or follow baptism into Christ? Newness of life follows baptism.

Finally, in Galatians 3:27, Paul writes, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." If they were "baptized into Christ", where were they before their baptism? They must have been outside of Christ. But, if every spiritual blessing is "in Christ" (Eph. 1:3), how many spiritual blessings are found outside of Him? So, if baptism (preceded by faith and repentance), brings us into Christ, can we be saved without it? Baptism is essential to our salvation.

-- Glen Elliott --

# Prayer Requests

- \*Linda Ray will have a biopsy December 27th. She has been moved to room 506.
- \*Kathy Camp's mother is in the hospital with complications from a bad case of shingles.
- \*Our sympathy goes out to Larry Linn in the passing of his sister, Megan Westbrook. There will be a service at a later date.
- \*Anna Wolff's brother is home now and will have a long road of recovery.
- \*Continue to keep Terri Canino; Nora Smith; Jerry Garrett; Bob Gossett; Margaret Adams; Melba Sharp; Terrie Wilcox; Jason Elliott; Dorothy Yeager's niece, Marcine Owens; Edith Seger's sister, Ann; Dave & Janet Rhyne; Shelly Carter's dad, Jack Horton, and friend, Jenna Daughtry; Seth Fisher's grandfather, Jim Rickman; Helen Swindle's niece, Retha Barron; Addie Morris's sister, Jean Jackson, and Gwen Vaught's husband, Bobby, in your prayers.

Austin Ford will begin serving as a deacon on Sunday, December 17th.

## Pulpit Preview:

### December 17th



AM -- AC: Real in an Unreal World - Hold Fast Your Beliefs

PM -- True Riches

### December 24th

AM -- AC: Real in an Unreal World - Walk as Jesus Walked

PM -- True Love

## DECEMBER

### Food Committee Leader

Melanie Whitley 501-328-3838

## BIRTHDAYS:

Dec. 17th - Dec. 30th

Luther Cummings 12/28  
Emma Leonard 12/30

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Brad & Donna Beck 12/29  
Glen & Colleen Elliott 12/30  
Richard & Burnadean Murray 12/30

## Our Record

### December 10, 2023

SUNDAY CLASS:	88
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	100
SUNDAY PM:	48
WEDNESDAY (13th):	73
BUDGET:	\$4,500
OFFERING:	\$3,646

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DECEMBER 19th** - The Senior Adult Ministry class will not meet.

**DECEMBER 26th** - Ladies Bible class will not meet.

**DECEMBER 31st** - Last Sunday of the month services.

**DECEMBER 19th** - The Senior Adult Ministry class will meet at 10:30am with Charles Bane teaching from John chapter 6. Fellowship meal to follow.

## Spotlight on Missions

Several updates have been posted on the bulletin board including reports from India, Mongolia, Australia, and Brent Green.

## THANK YOU

Go by the bulletin board in the hallway to see a card from the McInturff's. Check out the website for pictures. [www.gbcofc.com](http://www.gbcofc.com)

## PREPARE COMMUNION

for:

December 17th -  
Annie Blair

December 24th -  
Sandra Blair

## BIBLE QUIZ: 1 Timothy 5:1-8

1. Paul told Timothy not to rebuke an older man, but to exhort his as a \_\_\_\_.
2. Older women were to be treated as \_\_\_\_, and younger women as \_\_\_\_.
3. "Honor widows who are \_\_\_\_ widows. But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to \_\_\_\_ their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God."
4. Paul said the widow who lives in pleasure is \_\_\_\_ while she lives.
5. "But if anyone does not \_\_\_\_ for his own, and especially for those of his \_\_\_\_, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Answers to last week's quiz: faithful, acceptance; false (all men); youth, example; the eldership; doctrine, save