PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING December 31, 2023

Darren Dent WELCOME: SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones Darren Dent **OPENING PRAYER:** Rod Wilson LORD'S TABLE: Seth Fisher Kevin Blair Tyler Blair Rick Camp

GREETERS: Austin & Sarah Ford

CLOSING PRAYER:

SUNDAY EVENING December 31, 2023

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson **OPENING PRAYER:** Ron McInturff LORD'S TABLE: David Woody **Robert Hayes** CLOSING PRAYER:

WEDNESDAY EVENING **January 3, 2023**

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones PRAYER: Rick Camp **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. 5:00 p.m. **EVENING** *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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"SIT AND SPIN"

Spinning has long been one of America's favorite pastimes. Long before the days of video games and techno-toys, children could be amused for hours with an exciting toy known quite simply as the "top." Similarly, before the days of battery-powered miniature cars and trucks, our children used to find great enjoyment sitting on what looked like a little, round picnic table with a larger seating than table area. The freewheeling base provided movement while the rigid support area in the middle enabled the child to hold on and spin like crazy. Appropriately named, "Sit and Spin", this toy, like the top, may soon become a relic of the past.

Wouldn't it be nice if the spin doctors of our day would put away their toys and begin a sincere quest for truth? So much of what we hear these days is an inaccurate reflection of reality. In an increasingly pluralistic society, people are crying out for absolutes. We have grown weary of "sit and spin" philosophies which offer no direction or purpose. More and more people are becoming sick of washed-out, milk toast religionists who refuse to take a stand on moral issues. There will always be those "who call evil good, and good evil" (Is. 5:20). But, we must not be intimidated by ridicule or cower to pressure. Truth is truth. Our mission is to live it, support it, and proclaim it. Truth is revealed in God's word and will stand the test of time. (Jn. 17:17; Mt. 24:35). Truth must not be clouded by worldly philosophy but courageously upheld as that which liberates us from the power and penalty of sin (Jn. 8:32).

As long as the Lord delays in His return, there will be those who "sit and spin" and those who follow along in their meaningless pursuit. Even in the church there will be those who "turn away their ears from the truth" and seek out "teachers in accordance with their own desires" (2 Tim. 4:3-4). Spinning is their business, but it doesn't have to be ours. What they are spinning is a web of deceit into which the unwary fall. They promise wouldbe disciples; that they are the ones who are really going places. However, we must not confuse movement with direction. They are moving, but they are going nowhere. Even stagnant water will get moving if you pull the plug and send it down the drain!

Our movement must be the purposeful and deliberate movement that comes as a result of following Jesus who is "the way, and the truth, and the life." Make no mistake about it—no one will come to the Father but through Him! (Jn. 14:6). Thank God for the purpose, direction, and peace of mind which comes in knowing that His way is the right --Glen Elliott-way—the only way!

Prayer Requests

- *Ruth Garrett's sister, Jean Jackson, is in need of our prayers following the passing of her husband, Jack.
- *Lavonne Duncan is in the hospital with covid and other health issues.
- *Linda Black will have a biopsy on Tuesday, January 2nd.
- *Linda Ray is in Greenbrier Nursing and Rehab Center room 112. She can have visitors.
- *Continue to keep Kathy Camp's mother; 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; and Gwen Vaught's husband, Bobby, in your prayers.

Pulpit Preview:

December 31st



AM -- Authentic Christianity: Takeaways

PM -- Devotional

CARDS

Go by the bulletin board in the hallway to see holiday cards from Nora Smith and Dorothy Tatum.
Also, there is a thank you card from Cheyenna & Coin Crowder and a family that received a holiday food box.

JANUARY

Food Committee Leader

Martha Bell 501-472-9515

December 24, 2023

SUNDAY CLASS: 88
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 98
SUNDAY PM: 46
WEDNESDAY (27th): 67
BUDGET: \$4,500

OFFERING:

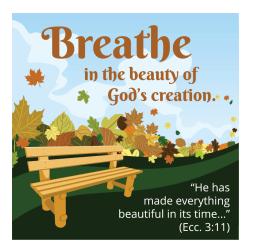
BIRTHDAYS: Dec. 31st - Jan. 13th Annie Blair 01/04 Parker Wilcox 01/06 Terri Canino 01/07 Kendra Fisher 01/10 01/12 Denver Stanford **ANNIVERSARIES:** Curtis & Hope Terry 01/01 Darren & Shelly Dent 01/10 Ron & Linda McInturff 01/13

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>**DECEMBER 31st**</u> - Last Sunday of the month: we will have a fellowship meal after morning worship followed by a 1pm afternoon service. No 5pm worship.

<u>JANUARY 2nd</u> - The Senior Adult Ministry class will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center with Charles Bane teaching from John chapter 6. Fellowship meal to follow - remember to sign up.

JANUARY 9th - Ladies Bible class will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center.



PREPARE COMMUNION

for:

<u>December 31st</u> -Kathy Camp <u>January 7th</u> -Shelly Carter

BIBLE QUIZ: 1 Timothy 5:17-25

- 1. The elders who rule well should be counted worthy of __ honor.
- 2. "For the Scripture says, 'You shall not __ an ox while it treads out the grain,' and, 'The laborer *is* worthy of his __."
- 3. Timothy was instructed to only receive an accusation against an elder if there are or witnesses.
- 4. "I charge *you* before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect __ that you observe these things without __, doing nothing with __."
- 5. "Some men's sins are clearly ___, preceding *them* to ___, but those of some *men* follow later."

Answers to last week's quiz: sixty; younger, wanton; idle, busybodies; marry, children, manage; believing, relieve