#### PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING
January 7, 2024

VELCOME:	Kevin Blair	
SONG LEADER:	Rod Wilson	
OPENING PRAYER:	Jim Bell	
_ORD'S TABLE:	Rick Camp	
	Gene Blair	
	Josh Whitley	
	Matthew Dent	
CLOSING PRAYER:	Josh Whitley	
GREETERS: Ro	obert & Jenni Hayes	
SUNDAY EVENING		

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SONG LEADER:Jeff JonesOPENING PRAYER:Mike SegerLORD'S TABLE:Austin FordCLOSING PRAYER:Darren Dent

WEDNESDAY EVENING January 10, 2024

Seth Fisher

Glen Elliott

Rod Wilson

SONG LEADER: PRAYER: DEVOTIONAL:

> \*Please contact Jackie Horton, if you are unable to serve.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

	SUNDAY:		
<b>BIBLE CLASS</b>		9:30 a.m.	
WORSHIP		10:30 a.m.	
EVENING		5:00 p.m.	
*LAST SUNDAY	OF THE MONTH	ł 1:00 p.m.	
	WEDNESDAY:		
BIBLE STUDY		7:00 p.m.	
<u>1st</u>	& 3rd TUESDA	<u>YS</u> :	
SENIOR MINIS	TRY CLASS	10:30 a.m.	
<u>2nd</u>	& 4th TUESDA	<u>YS</u> :	
LADIES BIBLE	CLASS	10:30 a.m.	
2nd Thursday of each month:			
PANTRY O	PEN from noon	- 1:30 p.m.	
Elders:			
Glen Elliott	Jeff Jones	Rod Wilson	
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#### **A BETTER OUTLOOK FOR 2024**

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Life has its ups and downs. There are pinnacles of joy and valleys of sorrow. Whether we live in joyous contentment or hopeless despair, life is not as dependent on circumstances as we might think. Two people may react in an entirely different way to a given situation. One might be able to maintain peace and harmony, while the other may slip into depression. Why the difference? The answer often lies in the heart. Because attitude has such a great impact on a person's life (Prov. 4:23; 23:7), a few suggestions from the above passage seem to be in order for the year ahead.

First, seek to be anchored securely to the Solid Rock. Some are like beach balls on the open sea, helplessly driven and tossed about by the storms of life. Hope disappears when life has no direction. But, for the child of God, hope is the anchor of the soul (Heb. 6:19). Security is found in being anchored to the One who remains forever as the great high priest between God and man (Heb. 6:20; 13:8). This hope does not disappoint, but provides a secure reference point leading to the eternal harbor of safety.

Secondly, the above passage teaches us to fix our eyes on Jesus. It is not enough merely to give Him some attention, we must fix our eyes on Him as the goal and object of our trust. Like Peter, we can become so concerned about the wind and waves around us that we turn our eyes from the only true source of spiritual life and guidance (Mt. 8:23-27). We must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus if we hope to successfully navigate life's ups and downs.

Finally, we must run the race of life with endurance (Heb. 12:1-2). It is a drifting vessel that is most at peril. Similarly, we are most at peril when we drift toward complacency and indifference. One cannot finish the race if he quits running. One must practice endurance. Sure, there will be times of stumbling and faltering, but we must keep going regardless the cost. The biggest mistake one can make is to stop running! We must forever hope in Jesus, fix our eyes on Him, and finish the race.

-- Glen Elliott --

# Prayer Requests

\*Lavonne Duncan is in Greenbrier Nursing and Rehab Center room 503 for rehab. \*Linda Black will not have a biopsy but a different procedure soon.

\*Continue to keep Linda Ray; 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.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JANUARY 9th** - Ladies Bible class will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center. They will be in chapter two of their book. If you have not been able to attend yet, it is not too late to start.

**JANUARY 16th** - The Senior Adult Ministry will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center with Jim Bell speaking on Love & Cancel Culture. There will be no fellowship meal.

**JANUARY 20th** - Men's Breakfast at 8am in the Outreach Center. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

### THANK YOU CARD

Go by the bulletin board in the hallway to see a thank you card from Bob and Becky Gossett.

## PREPARE COMMUNION for: <u>January 7th</u> -Shelly Carter <u>January 14th</u> -Jennifer Dunn

BIBLE QUIZ: 1 Timothy 6:1-10
<ol> <li>Bondservants were to count their masters as worthy of all, and if they are believers, they were not to them because they are brethren.</li> <li>True or False: Timothy was supposed to withdraw himself from those who teach against the wholesome doctrine of Christ.</li> <li>"Now godliness with is great"</li> <li>"For we brought nothing into <i>this</i>, <i>and it is</i> certain we can carry nothing out. And having and, with these we shall be content."</li> <li>The of money is a root of all kinds of evil.</li> </ol>
Answers to last week's quiz: double; muzzle, wages; two, three; angels, prejudice, partiality; evident, judgment