## **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

#### SUNDAY MORNING February 25, 2024

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Rod Wilson
Austin Ford
Ron McInturff
Tyler Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Seth Fisher

SUNDAY EVENING

**GREETERS:** 

Larry & Linda Ward

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: David Woody
LORD'S TABLE: Rick Camp
CLOSING PRAYER: Jim Bell

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING February 28, 2024

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
PRAYER: Glen Elliott
DEVOTIONAL: Jim Bell

\*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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## **Discipleship and Suffering**

Not long after Peter made the good confession at Caesarea Philippi, Jesus "began to teach...that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected... killed, [and] after three days rise again" (Mk. 8:31). The plainness of His words aroused something within Peter which caused him to rebuke the Lord (vs. 32). But, instead, Jesus turned His back on Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's" (vs. 33). It is in that setting that Christ said, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it" (vss. 34-35).

A disciple of Jesus must be willing to suffer for the sake of the gospel. While not all suffering is for the sake of the gospel, when we are called upon to endure suffering for the sake of Christ, we must be willing do so, looking to heaven as our reward.

Discipleship requires suffering. A disciple is a learning follower. Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." In what are we to follow Jesus? In self-denial and willingness to suffer for the will of God. Preceding Peter's foolish attempt to rebuke Christ, are these words: "He was stating the matter plainly." Why did Jesus make the matter so clear and concise? Because He knew that doing the will of God involves suffering (2 Tim. 3:12).

Jesus is our example in suffering. Peter writes, "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps..." (1 Pet. 2:21). We must follow in the steps of the One who suffered innocently for doing what was right. Later, in chapter four, Peter encourages his readers to rejoice when they were called into "the suffering of Jesus Christ' (vs. 13). Then, he goes on to say that "if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him glorify God" (vs. 16). Why suffer for the cause of Christ? Because we are His disciples. He was willing to suffer for doing right and His followers must be willing to do the same. There is no easy way to follow Jesus.

-- Glen Elliott --

## Prayer Requests

\*Lavonne Duncan is at Conway Regional ICU room 17. She has fluid build up in one of her lungs.

\*Linda Black will have outpatient kidney surgery on March 14th in Little Rock.

\*Luther Cummings is in Conway Regional Rehab.

\*Stephanie Phillips' test results are normal. She is back at Greenbrier Nursing and Rehab Center.

\*Continue to keep Kathy Camp's mother; Nora Smith; Bob Gossett; Margaret Adams; Melba Sharp; Terrie Wilcox; Jason Elliott; Dorothy Yeager's niece, Marcine Owens; Dave & Janet Rhyne; Shelly Carter's dad, Jack Horton, and friend, Jenna Daughtry; and Helen Swindle's niece, Retha Barron, also her friend, Sue, in your prayers.

## **Pulpit Preview:**



**February 25th** 

AM -- God Is Love PM -- Devotional

## **PREPARE COMMUNION**



February 25th
Dylan Leonard

March 3rd
Tina Leonard



## February 18, 2024

SUNDAY CLASS: 87
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 96
SUNDAY PM: 61
WEDNESDAY (21st): 68
BUDGET: \$4,500

OFFERING:



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 25th** - Last Sunday of the month: after morning worship there will be a fellowship meal followed by a 1pm afternoon service. No 5pm service.

FEBRUARY 27th - Ladies Bible class at 10:30am in the Outreach Center.

<u>MARCH 5th</u> - The Senior Adult Ministry class will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center. Mike Ball, minister at Mt. Vernon church of Christ, will be teaching from John chapter 8. There will be a fellowship meal following class. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board, and put down what you will be bringing.

## WE WILL BE PACKING THE PULPIT IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

Pick up a list of needed items on the tables in the foyers

Thank you cards from the family of Wade Mavity, Bill & Pat Davidson, the Seger/Bruce Families, and Caleb Bennett & family will be on the bulletin board in the hallway.

## BIBLE QUIZ: 2 Timothy 2:14-19

- 1. Striving about words to no profit can lead to the \_\_ of the hearer.
- 2. "Be diligent to present yourself \_\_ to God, a \_\_ who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
- 3. Profane and idle \_\_ should be shunned, because they will increase to more
- 4. \_\_ and \_\_ were two false teachers whose error spread like cancer.
- 5. "Nevertheless the solid \_\_ of God stands, having this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His,' and, 'Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from \_\_."

Answers to last week's quiz: seed; evildoer, chains; elect; died, live, endure, reign; true