PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING April 14, 2024

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
LORD'S TABLE: Gene Blair

Seth Fisher Tyler Blair

Darren Dent

CLOSING PRAYER: Kevin Blair

GREETERS: Austin & Sarah Ford

SUNDAY EVENING April 14, 2024

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Rod Wilson
LORD'S TABLE: Robert Hayes
CLOSING PRAYER: Tyler Blair

WEDNESDAY EVENING April 17, 2024

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
PRAYER: Austin Ford
DEVOTIONAL: Kevin 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.

 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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"Should We Ask a Blessing or Give Thanks?"

When Jesus fed the five thousand, He took "the five loaves and two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds..." (Mt. 14:19 cf. Lk. 9:16). What was involved in this blessing? John's inspired account of the same event tells us that Jesus "took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated..." (Jn. 6:11). Jesus blessed the loaves by giving thanks for them.

In partaking of the Lord's Supper, should we ask for a "blessing" on the bread or simply "give thanks" for it? When instituting the Lord's Supper, Jesus "took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it..." (Mt. 26:26; Mk. 14:22). However, in describing the same event, Luke says, "when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them..." (Lk. 22:19 cf. 1 Cor. 11:24). The blessing Jesus offered is the giving of thanks.

Jesus also took the cup and gave thanks (Mt. 26:27; Mk. 14:23; Lk. 22:17). The cup for which Jesus offered thanks is called "the cup of blessing which we bless..." (1 Cor. 10:16). How do we bless the cup? The same way Jesus blessed it, by giving thanks.

Another example of the interchangeability of "bless" and "thanks" is found in 1 Corinthians 14:16 where, in the context of spiritual gifts, Paul writes: "if you bless in the spirit only, how will the one who fills the place of the ungifted say the 'Amen' at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?" The blessing offered was the giving of thanks.

The Lord's Supper is not a sacrament. Asking for a special blessing on the bread and the fruit of the vine as well as upon those who partake, finds no example in the Scripture and is reminiscent of Roman Catholicism. We should simply offer thanks for both the bread and the fruit of the vine in view of what they represent: the body and blood of our Lord who died for us on the cross.

-- Glen Elliott --

Prayer Requests

*Brook Trout (Josh Whitley's fiancé) has a friend, Sarah, who is in need of our prayers at this time.

*Drs. found a cancer spot on Luther Cummings hip. He has begun chemo treatments.

*Bob Gossett is in Conway Regional with pneumonia.

*Jonas Fisher's friend, Landry, lost his dad in a car accident. Pray for this family.

*Continue to keep Jason Elliott; Robin Linn's nephew, Steven; Linda Black; Terri Massa; Jim Bell's friend, Linda; Kathy Camp's mother; Nora Smith; Bob Gossett; Bobby Vaught; Margaret Adams; Melba Sharp; Terrie Wilcox; Dorothy Yeager's niece, Marcine Owens; Dave & Janet Rhyne; Shelly Carter's dad, Jack Horton, and friend, Jenna Daughtry; and Helen Swindle's, Sue, in your prayers.

Pulpit Preview:

April 14th

AM -- God's Love Is Forgiving

PM -- Words of Forgiveness



April 21st

AM -- Because He First Loved Me

PM -- Words of Salvation

PREPARE COMMUNION

April 14th Anna Wolff <u>April 21st</u> Linda Ward



April

Food Committee Leader

Melissa Hall 501-336-4800

April 7, 2024

SUNDAY CLASS: 81
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 105
SUNDAY PM: 50
WEDNESDAY (10th): 60

BUDGET: \$4,600 OFFERING: \$5.480

VBS MEETING:

Sunday, April 14th after evening services in the fellowship hall. See Glen if you are unable to attend.

CARE GROUPS:

Three care groups will be posted on the bulletin board Sunday morning. You will be contacted soon with pertinent information. These groups will meet monthly for a time of fellowship and devotion.

BIRTHDAYS: April 14th - April 27th Carolyn Henderson 4/16 Kirby Blair 4/19 Jeff Jones 4/19 Debbie Freeman 4/21 ANNIVERSARIES: Justin & Ashleigh McEntire 4/27

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>APRIL 16th</u> - The Senior Adult Ministry class will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center. Bill Davidson will be teaching. There will be no fellowship meal.

<u>APRIL 19th & 20th</u> - SEWING RETREAT at Camp Areopagus. See the bulletin board for more information and items needed for the retreat.

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

<u>APRIL 21st</u> - There is a BABY SHOWER for Dylan Leonard beginning at 3:00pm in the Outreach Center. Cayden and Dylan are having a boy and are registered at Amazon.

<u>MAY 7th</u> - Area-Wide Senior Adult Ministry Gathering at Camp Areopagus at 10:30am. Glen Elliott will be the speaker. Lunch will be provided. We are in charge of desserts for the meal. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please put your name and what dessert you will be bringing. If you need a ride, please put your name and a check mark under NEED A RIDE. The van will leave the church building at 9:30am.

We are beginning a new series of lessons on Sunday night entitled, "Words from the Cross." Make plans to fully participate in this series.

BABY SHOWER

Sunday, April 21st at 3pm for Dylan Leonard in the Outreach Center. Cayden & Dylan are having a boy and are registered on Amazon.

MISSIONS' DAY 2024

The Missions' Day distribution list is on the bulletin board. Go by to see this when you have time.

BIBLE QUIZ: Titus 1:10-6

- 1. Paul said the idle talkers and deceivers were found especially among the ___.
- 2. "...who subvert whole ___, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest ___."
- 3. Paul said some should be rebuked ___, that they may be sound in the faith.
- 4. "To the pure all things are ___, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are ___."
- 5. "They __ to know God, but in works they __ Him..."

Answers to last week's quiz: stood, strengthened, Gentiles; lion; Prisca, Aquila; winter; spirit