

Greenbrier Bulletin

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December 21, 2025

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

December 21, 2025

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: David Woody
Austin Ford
Rick Camp
Larry Linn
CLOSING PRAYER: Josh Whitley
GREETERS: Ron & Linda McInturff

SUNDAY EVENING

December 21, 2025

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Seth Fisher
LORD'S TABLE: Ron McInturff
CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 23, 2025

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
PRAYER: Jim Bell
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.

Elders:

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| Glen Elliott | Jeff Jones | Rod Wilson |
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Deacons:

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GREENBRIER CHURCH OF CHRIST

12 Wilson Farm Road
Greenbrier, AR 72058

LIKE A FISH OUT OF WATER

Every creature has an element in which it thrives. What is an ideal environment for one may not be for another (cf. Prov. 30:19). When we are uncomfortable in a particular environment, we feel like a fish out of water.

God is our ideal environment. He is the Giver of "every good and perfect gift" (Jas. 1:17). He created the world and set us in the beautiful, life-sustaining Garden of Eden to walk in sweet fellowship with Him. Sin interrupted our fellowship with God and brought death into the world (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:24; Rm. 5:12). What Satan touted as most desirable proved, instead, to be most uncomfortable. Instead of walking with God in the cool of the day, Adam and Eve hid themselves from Him. The presence of sin caused them to feel like a fish out of water in the presence of God.

But God set into motion His redemptive plan through which our Savior and Redeemer would recreate an environment in which reconciliation with God could become a present reality (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 5:19). In Christ "we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses..." (Eph. 1:7). Jesus makes us comfortable in the presence of the Father because He has taken care of the problem of sin. We no longer feel like a fish out of water, but part of His family.

As we walk in the light of His word, we are recipients of "all spiritual blessings" and in Him, the perfect environment for living a full and abundant life (1 Jn. 1:7; Eph. 1:3; Jn. 10:10). In His presence, we no longer feel like a fish out of water; but as one who has found his or her ideal environment. As Paul so beautifully expressed it: "to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Ph. 1:21).

Apart from Jesus, we are "without God" in this world (Eph. 2:12). In Christ, we have strong hope for life everlasting (Hb. 6:19; Tit. 1:2). In Him, there is life (1 Jn. 5:11-12). This is where we belong. This is why our loving Creator sent His Son into the world to pay the price for our sins (Jn. 3:16). By His grace, we belong in His presence and look forward to our journey to our eternal home where we will abide in the light of His glory forever (Jn. 14:1-3; Rev. 22:5).

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Bob Gossett broke his collarbone in the fall he had. He is in Conway Regional Hospital room 416. He has pneumonia and will be having more tests.
 *Mike Seger had surgery Wednesday. He is home recovering and doing well.
 *Lynda Horton is going to physical therapy hoping that will help her pain.
 *Mike Wolff received a good report from his doctor.
 *Continue to keep Annie Blair's dad, Reagan Craig; Cheyenna Crowder - the Hartmire Family; Stephanie Phillips; Jeff Jones friend, Matt Varn; Brenda Graham; Mike Wolff; Bob Gossett; Love Hines; Dan & Linda McInturff; Austin Ford's dad, Vernon, and cousin's son, Santiago; Ellis Turney's sister, Freida; Mike Seger; Charlene Parish; Lou Dillard; Vic Rowell; Ruth Garrett; Jason Elliott; Darlene Langley; Joy Jones; Margaret Adams; Nora Smith; Melba Sharp; and Janet Rhyne in your prayers.

There will be NO bulletin for December 28th (next week).

Pulpit Preview:

December 21st

AM -- Jeff Jones
 PM -- Parable of the Vine-growers (Mk. 12:1-12)

DECEMBER
Food Committee Leader
 Melanie Whitley
 501-328-3838

Our Record

December 14, 2025

SUNDAY CLASS: 71
 SUNDAY WORSHIP: 96
 SUNDAY PM: 37
 WEDNESDAY (17th): 58
 BUDGET: \$4,700
 OFFERING: \$14,361



BIRTHDAYS:

Dec. 21st - Jan. 10th

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|-----------------|-------|
| Randy Goodnight | 12/23 |
| Sean Alsobrook | 12/24 |
| Luther Cummings | 12/28 |
| Emma Leonard | 12/30 |
| Kase Alsobrook | 12/30 |
| Annie Blair | 01/04 |
| Parker Wilcox | 01/06 |
| Terri Canino | 01/07 |
| Kendra Fisher | 01/10 |

ANNIVERSARIES:

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|----------------------------|-------|
| Brad & Donna Beck | 12/29 |
| Glen & Colleen Elliott | 12/30 |
| Richard & Burnadean Murray | 12/30 |
| Curtis & Hope Terry | 01/01 |

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DECEMBER 23rd – Our mid-week Bible study will be moved to **TUESDAY**. We will have a devo rather than classes. No service on December 24th.

DECEMBER 28th – Last Sunday of the month: there will be a fellowship meal after morning worship followed by a 1pm afternoon service. No 5pm service.

DECEMBER 31st – We will have singing on this Wednesday in the Outreach Center. There will be a New Year's Eve Party after services.

JANUARY 6th – The Senior Adult Ministry Class will meet at 10:30am. Mickey Burleson will be teaching from 1 Corinthians 4. Sign-up of the potluck to follow.

JANUARY 13th – Ladies Bible Class will meet at 10:30am.

DIRECTORY: We are updating our directory. Fill out an information sheet and turn it in on the designated table in the foyer. Shelly will be taking pictures before class on Sunday mornings and after worship on Sundays.

PREPARE COMMUNION:



December 28th:
Tiffany Quintero
January 4th:
Alisa Jones

BIBLE QUIZ: Matthew 13:18-23

1. This section has an explanation of the parable of the ____.
2. The ____ seed is the one who hears the word, and does not understand it, and the ____ one snatches it away.
3. The ____ ground is the one who hears the word and receives it with joy, but stumbles under tribulation.
4. "Now he who received seed among the ____ is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes ____."
5. The ____ ground is he who hears the word and understands it, and bears ____ and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

*Answers to the last quiz: disciples, parables; more, away; hearts, dull; eyes, see