

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

January 4, 2026

WELCOME: Kevin Blair
SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: David Woody
LORD'S TABLE: Rod Wilson
Kevin Blair
Cayden Leonard
Tyler Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Seth Fisher
GREETERS: Jim Bell & Glen Elliott

SUNDAY EVENING

January 4, 2026

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
LORD'S TABLE: Austin Ford
CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

WEDNESDAY EVENING

January 7, 2026

SONG LEADER: Seth Fisher
PRAYER: Ron McInturff
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.
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1st & 3rd TUESDAYS:

SENIOR MINISTRY CLASS	10:30 a.m.
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2nd & 4th TUESDAYS:

LADIES BIBLE CLASS	10:30 a.m.
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2nd Thursday of each month:

PANTRY OPEN from noon - 1:30 p.m.

Elders:

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Deacons:

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THE PLEASURE PRINCIPLE

Those who use pleasure as a standard for determining moral conduct are playing into the hands of godless evolution. Apart from being divinely created with an eternal spirit, we do not have any absolute standard governing our behavior. But, if we have been created in the image of God, as the Bible teaches, then we must seek to live consistently with His revealed will.

Human conduct is directly influenced by self-image. The Bible says, "as he thinks within himself, so he is..." (Prov. 23:7). If a person believes that he is created in the image of God, his personal conduct will tend to be consistent with that belief. But, if someone believes himself to be nothing more than the random by-product of an evolutionary process, his sense of morality will naturally gravitate in a direction consistent with that belief system. In fact, it is inconsistent for an atheist to argue for any moral standards to govern human behavior. If there is no God, there can be only those standards which we have chosen for ourselves. And, who can say if these standards are inherently right or wrong?

Such is the dilemma of a society which measures the "rightness" or "wrongness" of a particular activity by the pleasure that is received. There is nothing wrong with pleasure. In fact, God created us with the ability to feel both pleasure and pain. But, pleasure must not become the chief good sought or it will become the standard by which all else is measured. The pleasures which God has provided are wonderful blessings when used in the manner for which they were intended. However, when they are abused, they produce harmful consequences.

If we are forbidden to use the pleasures of life in inappropriate ways, does this mean that we are somehow robbed of life's fullness? Quite to the contrary, God's rules and standards are given to enable us to enjoy life to the fullest extent possible. But, more than that, following God's way prepares us for eternal joys in heaven. Jesus said, "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

The freedom the world offers through the pursuit of pleasure is nothing but abject slavery. Solomon aptly describes it as little more than "striving after the wind." True and lasting freedom is found only in Jesus Christ.

-- Glen Elliott --



Prayer Requests

*Bob Gossett is in serious condition at Conway Regional Hospital room 416. Please pray for him and Becky.

*Our sympathy is extended to Jeff Jones in the passing of his aunt, Shirley Helms.

*Stephanie Phillips requests prayers for her friend, Becky, who broke her ankle. Also, pray for Stephanie and her chronic bronchitis issues. She thanks all who have sent her cards.

Pulpit Preview:

January 4th

AM -- To Whom Shall We Bow?



PM -- Traps Set for Jesus (Mk. 12:13-40)

PREPARE COMMUNION:



January 4th:

Alisa Jones

January 11th:

Tina Leonard

January

Food Committee Leader

Martha Bell
501-472-9515



December 28, 2025

SUNDAY CLASS:

96

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

110

SUNDAY PM:

30

WEDNESDAY (31st):

BUDGET:

\$4,700

OFFERING:

\$4,361

BIRTHDAYS:

January 4th - January 17th

Annie Blair 01/04

Parker Wilcox 01/06

Terri Canino 01/07

Kendra Fisher 01/10

Denver Stanford 01/12

Paisley Wilcox 01/15

Tom Steele 01/17

ANNIVERSARIES:

Darren & Shelly Dent 01/10

Ron & Linda McInturff 01/13

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

FEBRUARY 1st – Missions' Day. More details to come.

Starting Anew

As we come to the end of another year, it's time to look ahead and set goals for the New Year. Remember that the Apostle Paul said, "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14). We can't ride the wave of past successes nor dwell on past failures. Christians must always look ahead, planning for spiritual growth, growth of the kingdom and looking towards our final heavenly reward. So what would be some worthy goals for the coming year? Here are a few suggestions:

Increase Your Faith – Luke 17:5-10

Read the Bible Every Day – Acts 17:11

Make Church Attendance a Priority – Hebrews 10:24-25

Be More Constant in Prayer – 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Improve Your Example – 1 Timothy 4:12

Make Godly Living a Family Priority – Ephesians 6:1-4

Tame Your Anger – Ephesians 4:26

Practice Pure and Undefiled Religion – James 1:27

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BIBLE QUIZ: Matthew 13:24-30

1. "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed ___ seed in his field; but while men slept, his ___ came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way."
2. When the grain sprouted, the ___ also appeared.
3. "So the ___ of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your ___? How then does it have tares?'"
4. True or False: The servants asked the owner if he wanted them to go and re-plant the field.
5. "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to ___ them, but gather the wheat into my ___."

*Answers to the last quiz: sower; wayside, wicked; stony; thorns, unfruitful; good, fruit