

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

April 10, 2016

WELCOME: Brian Drewry
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Phillip Short
Rick Camp
ASSIST: Tim Dixon
Kevin Blair
Wyatt Brewer
Brian Drewry
CLOSING PRAYER: Valdy Eichmann
GREETERS: Mike & Kristie Brewer
Michael & Susan Cole
CARDS: Keaton Whitley
Jag McNulty
VISITOR GIFT/ DOROTHY YEAGER
HOSTESSES: Tiffany Hillman
SCRIPTURE READER: Clayton Dent
1 Peter 2:21-23

SUNDAY EVENING

April 10, 2016

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Brewer
LORD'S TABLE: Robert Hayes
Cayden Leonard
CLOSING PRAYER: Darren Dent

WEDNESDAY EVENING

April 13, 2016

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell
OPENING PRAYER: Jackie Horton
DEVOTIONAL: Gene Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Clayton Dent

**Please contact Mike Wolff
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.

WEDNESDAY:

BIBLE CLASS 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY:

LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:00 a.m.

Elders:

Gene Blair 501-499-5868 Darren Dent 501-581-3052

Deacons:

Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Del Hines 501-733-4645
(benevolence, pantry, greeters) (finance & technology)
Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912
(education & teachers) (building & grounds)

Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909
(nursing home, fellowship room set up)

Ministers:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999
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SAVED LIKE THE THIEF?

"One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise'" (Luke 23:39-43, ESV).

The story of the thief on the cross contains a very powerful message that attracts us to Jesus. Unfortunately, many have misapplied the story and have left themselves short of eternal salvation. Several important principles must be applied to avoid this tragic mistake.

In the first place, we must keep in mind that, during His earthly ministry, Jesus had the power to extend forgiveness in whatever manner He wished. At the time Jesus spoke to the thief, the Last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ had not come into effect. Suppose a person's will specifies that his estate be distributed equally among his children upon his death. Does this prohibit him from giving of his wealth to others while he is still alive? Of course not! He is free to do whatever he wishes with his money as long as he lives. Jesus' Last Will and Testament specifies certain conditions upon which forgiveness would be obtained following His death. However, He was not prohibited in any way from dispensing His blessing of forgiveness upon others prior to His death. As the Son of God, Jesus had the power on earth to forgive sins.

As Jesus was teaching in a home in the city of Capernaum, some men dug a hole in the roof and lowered a pallet upon which was lying a paralytic. Jesus saw the faith of these men and said to the paralytic: "Son, your sins are forgiven" (Mk. 2:5). Present that day were certain scribes who reasoned that Jesus was blaspheming since only God can forgive a man's sins. Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'?" (vs. 9). Jesus then healed the paralytic, thus proving that He had the power on earth to forgive sins (vs. 10). Take special notice of the fact that Jesus had the power on earth to forgive sins. Was this man baptized? No, but neither was he told to believe and repent. The will of Christ was not in force at that time because Jesus was still alive. The thief was forgiven because Jesus had the power on earth to forgive sins. Lord willing, we will have more to say about this in next week's bulletin.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care group 1 (Yeager) -

Sunday, April 10th - after morning services in the fellowship room

Care group 2 (Dent) -

Sunday, April 24th - after morning services in the fellowship room

Care group 3 (McInturff) -

Sunday, April 24th - after morning services in the fellowship room

Care group 4 (Wolff) -

Saturday, April 16th at 5pm in the home of Gary & Becky Bradford

Care group 6 (Gilbow) -

Sunday, April 24th after morning services in the home of Brian & Jeanuth Wright

PANTRY ITEMS FOR APRIL:

corn muffin mix & tomato soup

OUR RECORD

APRIL 3, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS:	170
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	227
SUNDAY PM:	115
WEDNESDAY (6th):	119
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$6,252
YTD average:	\$5,794
YTD ahead/behind:	\$5,510

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Ivana Selby is home and slowly healing from foot surgery. Keep her in your prayers.

*Pray for A. J. Stracener, uncle to Linda Black & Jan Biggs, has stage 4 cancer.

*Robin Linn's father, Michael, had by-pass surgery last week and is doing well.

*Shelly Dent's sister, Reta, is having problems after surgery. Please remember her.

*Jarrod, Dena, and Nick DeValle will be adopting a baby girl due in May and ask for prayers for health and smooth proceedings.

*Continue to keep the Yeager's friend, Terrie; Jim Bell; Bob Gossett; Kevin Barley's dad and brother; Michael Cole's nephew, Chad; Rod Wilson; Destiney Auten; Brian Wright's grandfather, Freddy Richardson; and Becky Gossett in your prayers.

*Remember our shut-ins including Jeanne Haithcote, who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home, & Mack Hankins, who is at home.

Area wide youth fellowship

April 10th at Vilonia
Van will leave at 4:30



BIRTHDAYS



Bo McNulty 4/12

ANNIVERSARYS



Don & Jane Barnett 4/10



THANK YOU CARD:

Thank you to all the wonderful ladies at Greenbrier for the great shower for Kenzie and all the gifts she received.

We love you all,
The family of Brian & T Swindle,
and Helen

A LADIES GETAWAY

is scheduled for April 29th & 30th at the Wingate Inn in Little Rock. If you plan on going, sign up ASAP - sign up sheet is on the ladies table. If you have any questions, please see Jan Biggs.

Directory pictures



will be taken during the month of **APRIL!**
Please see Dorothy Yeager or Donna Allensworth about a time **OR** they will be available 10 minutes before or after services on Sundays this month.

VISITOR BAGS

for April 17th

Cyndi Moore & Edie Singleton



2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (ESV)

"7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

If you want to measure how much you understand grace and how much you're living by grace, look at your giving.

Notice the "all's" — "all grace," "all things," "at all times," "having all that you need" — those are the promises related to the person who becomes like Christ. What was Christ like? He was a giver. God loved the world so much that he gave. Until you learn to be generous with your time, money, resources, and opportunities, you're not going to be like Christ. Nothing is greater proof that you understand grace than being lovingly gracious and generous to other people and to God.

-Spencer Cromwell

FOOD COMMITTEE

for April

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