

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

April 17, 2016

WELCOME: Brian Drewry
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow
LORD'S TABLE: Marty Leonard
Patrick Rawls
ASSIST: Jacob Riela
Albert Hall
Eli Leonard
Ron McInturff
CLOSING PRAYER: Greg Bradford
GREETERS: Aubrey & Donna Allensworth
Rick & Kathy Camp
CARDS: Tate Stacks
Nicholas DeValle
VISITOR GIFT/ Cyndi Moore
HOSTESSES: Edie Singleton
SCRIPTURE READER: Hunter Smart
2 Cor. 5:14-15

SUNDAY EVENING

April 17, 2016

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp
LORD'S TABLE: Ratis Yeager
Marty Leonard
CLOSING PRAYER: Spencer Cromwell

WEDNESDAY EVENING

April 20, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Jarrod DeValle
DEVOTIONAL: Valdy Eichmann
CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Bradford

****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? (2)

The story about the thief on the cross is both familiar and powerful as a demonstration of the love and forgiveness of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, the misapplication of this event to modern times places Jesus in the unenviable position of contradicting His own teachings. How can the story of the thief on the cross be used as a proof-text for salvation by faith alone when Jesus Himself taught that repentance, confession, and baptism are also required? (Lk. 13:3, 5; Mt. 10:32-33; Mk. 16:15-16). As noted in last week's article, while on earth, Jesus had the power to forgive sin in whatever manner He desired. However, we must keep in mind that the last will and testament of Jesus Christ (the New Testament) did not come into effect until after His death on the cross (Hb. 9:16-17). So, while there are several examples of Jesus forgiving sin during His earthly ministry, these do not apply to those of us who live this side of the cross.

In Luke chapter seven, we read about a woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. Jesus told her that her sins had been forgiven. Since she was not told to be baptized, can we assume that baptism is unnecessary in our day? No, because at the time Jesus said this she was living under a different law. The law under which we live came into effect following the death of Christ.

In the nineteenth chapter of Luke, Jesus met a tax collector named Zacchaeus. During the ensuing conversation, Zacchaeus shows a penitent attitude (vs. 8). Jesus then declared that salvation had come to Zacchaeus and that he too was a child of Abraham. So far as we know, he had not been baptized. Does this mean that we who live this side of the cross may be saved without baptism? No, because Zacchaeus was living under a different law at the time Jesus spoke these words.

In the eighteenth chapter of Luke, we read about a rich young man who asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Although he had kept the commandments, he was told to sell all his possessions and give it to the poor (vss. 21-22). Why are those who use the thief on the cross as an example of how people today can be saved by faith alone never heard using this example to show that people today can be saved by selling all their possessions and giving the proceeds to the poor? It is because neither the thief on the cross nor the rich young ruler are appropriate examples of how we are saved this side of the cross. These are but illustrations of the fact that Jesus had the power on earth to forgive sins in any manner He chose.

--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 10, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS:	no count
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	227
SUNDAY PM:	115
WEDNESDAY (13th):	143
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$6,123
YTD average:	\$5,816
YTD ahead/behind:	\$6,233

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Kevin Barley's dad, Paul, had colon surgery Wednesday. He is in stable condition at St. Vincent's in LR.

*Update on Robin Linn's dad, Michael: surgery went well and he is home. Please continue to pray for his recovery. Thank you for all your prayers.

*Remember James Burkett in your prayers. It will take a couple of weeks to get the biopsy results back.

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

*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; Ivana Selby; Kevin Barley's brother; Michael Cole's nephew, Chad; Rod Wilson; and Brian Wright's grandfather, Freddy Richardson in your prayers.

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



BIRTHDAYS

Ratis Yeager	4/17
Jane Barnett	4/21
Debbie Freeman	4/21

ANNIVERSARYS

We are all invited to a WEDDING SHOWER

for

Travis Moody & Courtney Kendall
April 24th at 3:30 pm
in the fellowship room
This will be a money tree
or gift card shower

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 24th

Stephanie Barkley & Anne Janski



As Proverbs 1:7 tells us, a fool does not feel the need to respect God and therefore lacks the wisdom and knowledge that comes only from God. In fact, the fool chooses to go the opposite direction from wisdom.

I like this quote from Walter Lippman: "It requires wisdom to understand wisdom: the music is nothing if the audience is deaf."

The fool is like a deaf audience. He has no way to gain wisdom because he doesn't understand or respect the way to wisdom, which is the Lord. The fool refuses to submit to God because he doesn't trust God.

When I fear the Lord and walk before Him in respect, He makes me so much wiser than I should be. I don't want to be a fool! How about you? Let's learn to respect, trust and submit to God in order to get a dose of WISDOM.

-Spencer Cromwell

FOOD COMMITTEE

for April

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