

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

April 19, 2015

WELCOME: Mike Wolff  
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield  
OPENING PRAYER: David Woody  
LORD'S TABLE: Ethan Edwards  
Ricky Shannon  
ASSIST: Shannon Whitley  
Hunter Smart  
Todd Edwards  
Albert Hall  
CLOSING PRAYER: Nathan Woody  
GREETERS: Kevin & Amy Barley  
Jim & Martha Bell  
CARDS: Nathan Lovell  
Jag McNulty  
VISITOR GIFT/ KATHY PETERSON  
HOSTESSES: Shelly Dent  
SCRIPTURE READER: Wyatt Brewer  
Hebrews 12:1-3

### SUNDAY EVENING

April 19, 2015

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson  
OPENING PRAYER: Ratis Yeager  
LORD'S TABLE: Jacob Riela  
Justin Smart  
CLOSING PRAYER: Ron McInturff

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

April 22, 2015

SONG LEADER: R. C. Rawls  
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell  
DEVOTIONAL: Gary Bradford  
CLOSING PRAYER: Rod Wilson

**\*Please call the church office at  
679-3647 if 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.  
BIBLE STUDY/CLASS 6:00 p.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)  
Jarrold DeValle 501-450-8719      Mike Wolff 501-472-8912  
(education & teachers)      (building & grounds)

Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909

(nursing home, fellowship room set up)

#### Minister:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999

Church Office: 501-679-3647

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### **"FINISH IT!"**

It is not that beginning is bad. Beginning is quite important. "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" (Lao Tzu). We get excited about new beginnings. A new year. A new job. A new political campaign (Okay, so maybe we don't get excited over every new beginning!). But, we do have to admit that there is a certain appeal attached to starting up something new. However, there is a big difference between starting a good work and seeing it through to completion. Perhaps, that is what Solomon had in mind when he wrote, "The end of a matter is better than its beginning..." (Eccl. 7:8).

There is nothing like a deep, satisfying feeling of accomplishment. Douglas Mallock said, "Find your joy in something finished, and not in a thousand things begun." The life of a Christian is compared to running a race with endurance (Heb. 12:1-2). Sadly, many, who began with strength and vigor, have now fallen by the wayside. Jesus illustrates this danger in his Parable of the Sower. Some seed did not germinate and grow. Instead, it was taken up by Satan before it had taken hold. Other seed was sown in rocky soil and grew quickly. But, having no depth of soil, it withered in the fever heat of summer. Still other seed, sown in thorny soil, held promise of a fruitful harvest. Yet, because of the cares and concerns of the world, it never became productive. But the soil sown in good and honest hearts produced fruit. What had begun with the sower had been carried forth to completion. The joy of the harvest is only for those who exercise persistence so as to see their walk with Christ through to the end.

This is why Jesus asks every would-be disciple to count the cost of discipleship. Jesus illustrated the matter, saying, "For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'" (Lk. 14:28-30).

The greater joy is in completing the task. Christianity is not a sprint, but a marathon. It is not completed on the basis of our own strength, but on the strength which God supplies. Solomon encourages us, saying, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight" (Prov. 3:5-6). Begin. But, more than that, finish!

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUP MEETINGS

Care group 1 (Elliott) - April 25th  
in the home of Don & Jane Barnett  
at 6:00 pm - bring a side dish

Care group 2 (Dent) - April 19th  
in the fellowship room after morning  
services with care group 3

Care group 3 (Blair) - April 19th  
in the fellowship room after morning  
services with care group 2

Care group 6 (Gilbow) - April 26th  
in the fellowship room after morning  
services - Italian theme

**\*Remember to check the bulletin  
board for any sign-up sheets!**

## THANK YOU CARDS:

We have received many THANK YOU  
cards lately. Please stop by the bulletin  
board in the hallway to read these!

## OUR RECORD

APRIL 12, 2015

SUNDAY CLASS:	144
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	178
SUNDAY PM:	119
WEDNESDAY (15th):	128
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,941

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Gary Bradford's brother, Bruce, is having tests to determine if he has bone marrow cancer. Also, Gary's mother, Eulene, is back at the nursing home next door - please keep her in your prayers.

\*Tom Banks is finished with his chemo & radiation treatments, and will know sometime in the middle of May how successful the treatments have been.

\*Jason Elliott has an appointment at the Mayo Clinic for June 1st & 2nd.

\*Pray for Ted & Barbara Knight - they leave for Romania Wednesday!

\*Destiny Auten has been in Children's due to her intestinal issues. Destiny's friend, Kailena Eastis, and her family lost everything in a house fire last weekend. If you are able to help with clothes or household items, please let Janet know.

*\*Please keep Helen Swindle's brother-in-law (Jim Gilbert), Linda Harness' brother-in-law (Edward Harness), Tony Worm's son (Patrick), Ruth Hughes, Nell Lee's niece (Ava Gibson), Laurie Henley's mother-in-law (Barbara Trout), & Loy Mitchell in your prayers.*

Monthly youth devo at the Wilson's  
April 19th after evening services -  
boys and girls bring drinks!

									
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>									
	Jane Barnett	4/21							
	Debbie Freeman	4/21							
	Tim Blake	4/24							
<b>ANNIVERSARYS</b>									
									

## WEDDING SHOWER

for  
Shelby Barkley  
and Dillon Ross

April 26th from 2-4  
in the fellowship room

*\*They are registered at Kohl's,  
Target, The Kitchen Store, &  
Tipton Equipment*

## APRIL EVENTS

April 18-19<sup>th</sup>

Casey & Keri Nash Visit  
(youth minister candidate and his wife)

April 19<sup>th</sup>

Monthly Youth Devo  
at the Wilson's home

April 20<sup>th</sup>

Areawide Fellowship  
at UACCM

(Greenbrier is hosting)

April 25-26<sup>th</sup>

Caleb Hambelton Visit  
(youth minister candidate)

## VISITOR BAGS

for April 26th  
Dana Short & Nita Sadler



## SENIOR BANQUET

Mark your calendars for  
Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

After evening services, we  
will be celebrating the  
accomplishments of our  
graduating seniors -

Ethan Edwards,  
Justin Smart,  
Will Drewry and  
Will Ratliff.

Everyone is invited.

We are catering the event  
this year, so please be sure to  
sign the attendance list  
that is on the bulletin board  
in the foyer by  
Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

## PANTRY ITEMS FOR APRIL:

Jiffy mix & mac-n-cheese

## FOOD COMMITTEE for APRIL

Please contact:

Anne Steele      Beverly Woody  
581-6311            730-2997

