

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

August 14, 2016

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Valdy Eichmann
LORD'S TABLE: Michael Cole
Marty Leonard
ASSIST: Pete Hines
David Woody
Brian Drewry
Cayden Leonard
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson
GREETERS: Joe & Katie Riela
Patrick & Jennifer Rawls
CARDS: Lyndon Lewis
Benjamin Thomason
VISITOR GIFT/ Cindy Wilson
HOSTESSES: Gina Ratliff
SCRIPTURE READER: Jacob Riela
Hebrews 10:19-25

SUNDAY EVENING

August 14, 2016

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Clayton Dent
LORD'S TABLE: Ratis Yeager
Mike Wolff
CLOSING PRAYER: Ricky Shannon

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 17, 2016

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Albert Hall
DEVOTIONAL: Teddy Lewis
CLOSING PRAYER: Darren 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 501-499-5888 Darren Dent 501-581-3052
Gary Bradford 501-626-3232 Rod Wilson 501-328-7888

Deacons:

Kevin Barley 501-472-4852 Mike Brewer 501-472-7692
Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Jarrod DeValle 501-470-8710
(benevolence, pantry) (education & teachers)

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

Mike Wolff 501-472-8912
(building & grounds)

Ministers:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999
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STUMBLING BLOCKS

A *stumbling block* is anything which causes another person to stumble. The expression is used most often in the New Testament as a metaphor. In his letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul asked his readers "not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way" (Rom. 14:13). At the time, there were some Christians in Rome who, because of their background in pagan idolatry, could not eat certain types of food without violating their conscience. Paul took special care not to cause these to stumble.

We are all responsible for our own behavior and will be judged according to what we have done whether good or bad (2 Cor. 5:10). But, it is a serious matter and one for which we will be held accountable, if our behavior contributes to the downfall of another. On one occasion, Jesus set a child before His disciples and warned: "whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!" (Matt. 18:6-7).

Each of us have influence on someone. Our influence may be good or evil. But, we all have influence. The Lord expects His people to exert good influence. We are the "light of the world" and the "salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13-16). Light must shine consistently in the home, at the school, and in the workplace as well as in the assembly.

Questions that begin with "What's wrong with..." often betray the hidden motive of justifying sinful attitudes or behaviors. Still, the question is raised: "How can we tell if our behavior might find occasion to become a stumbling block?" A few simple questions might help: (1) Does this activity draw me closer to the Lord or does it put greater distance between us? (2) Does this activity make it easier for me to tell others about Jesus or do I have to quietly tuck my faith away in order to participate? (3) Is this something I would feel no shame in doing if the Lord should come while I am doing it? And, finally, (4) Can I picture this as an activity the Lord would pursue? If any of these questions required a negative response, then a fresh look needs to be taken in regard to personal example and participation in the questioned activity. The will of the Lord and the salvation of souls ought to come before our own selfish pleasures if we desire to please Him.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care group 1 (Yeager) -

Saturday, August 20th at 5pm
in Nora Smith's home - see the bulletin board for menu, signup, and address

Care group 2 (Dent) -

Saturday, August 27th at 5:30pm
in the Wilson's home - see signup sheet

Care group 3 (McInturff) -

Sunday, August 14th after evening services in the fellowship room potluck meal - see signup sheet

Care group 4 (Wolff) -

Sunday, August 28th after morning services in the fellowship room potluck meal - see signup sheet

Care group 5 (Hayes) -

Sunday, August 28th after evening services in the home of the Elliott's - finger foods are on the menu

Care group 6 (Gilbow) -

Saturday, August 20th at 6pm
in the Gilbow's home - breakfast foods

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*The Gossett's son, Bryan, is in need of our prayers.

*Mack Hankins is not feeling well at this time.

*Helen Swindle's sister, Shirley Gilbert, is having tests run.

*Vic Byrd's daughter, Lauren, is having heart issues.

*Continue to keep Steve Lucas; Amy Drewry's dad (Mike Chunn); and Dianna Bane in your prayers.

Eric McNulty came forward last Sunday asking for prayers. Let's all be an encouragement to Eric.

BIRTHDAYS

Ken Kunkel 8/14

Jarrod DeValle 8/17

Patsy Story 8/17

Ivana Selby 8/19

Anne Janski 8/19

Dana Short 8/20

Tate Stacks 8/20

ANNIVERSARYS

Michael & Cassi Gilbow 8/14

Mike & Anna Wolf 8/18

OUR RECORD

AUGUST 7, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS: 157

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 195

SUNDAY PM: 93

WEDNESDAY (10th): 127

BUDGET: \$5,400

OFFERING: \$5,314

YTD average: \$5,757

YTD ahead/behind: \$11,427

BRIDAL SHOWER

August 14th

for Brianna Swindle,
daughter of Brian & Talisa Swindle
granddaughter of Helen Swindle,
3:30 - 5:00

in the fellowship room
Brianna is marrying Drew Payne
and they are registered
at Wal-mart & Target

TRAINING UP A CHILD

class will begin

Wednesday, September 7th

This class is for mothers of
children ages 0-12.

Please signup on the bulletin
board if you plan to attend.

Congratulations to Kevin & Annie Blair on the birth of their daughter, Helen Elizabeth, who was born Monday weighing 7lbs 10 oz, and 20 & 1/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are Gene & Sandra Blair.

VISITOR BAGS

for August 21st

Beverly Woody & Doni McInturff



Whether you are still in school or dealing with office politics, the opinion of others is as consistent as the wind. As I left my middle school in 8th grade, everything changed. It was as though I'd never been there. No more parties, no more being picked first, no more popularity. Funny how that works, huh? It feels so great in the moment - to be on top and have everyone know it - but it fades so fast.

Popularity always ends. That's what King Solomon is getting at when he describes the fickleness of men's opinions in Ecclesiastes 4:13-16. It's nice to be popular - to have everyone approve of what we do and to achieve much. But our worldly achievements and the approval of others have a shorter shelf life than cottage cheese. Solomon calls it "meaningless, a chasing after the wind" (Ecclesiastes 4:16).

When we're trying to win someone's approval, we put time, energy and effort into whatever they find most important. So let's make sure we're focusing on the only opinion that matters. To strive for popularity is meaningless. To strive for approval from others is meaningless. God's approval given to all of us through faith in Jesus is meaningful.

-Spencer Cromwell

FOOD COMMITTEE for August

Please contact

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