

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

August 17, 2014

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Todd Edwards
LORD'S TABLE: Rod Wilson
Tom Barkley
ASSIST: Kevin Blair
Shannon Whitley
R. C. Rawls
Justin Akin
CLOSING PRAYER: Del Hines
GREETERS: Tim & Laura Blake
Wayne & Karen New
CARDS: Austin Gilbow
Ryeland Lovell
VISITOR GIFT/
HOSTESSES: Donna Allensworth
Dorothy Tatum
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent
Isaiah 55:6-7

SUNDAY EVENING

August 17, 2014

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp
LORD'S TABLE: Robert Hayes
Ratis Yeager
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Cole

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 20, 2014

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Todd Edwards
CLOSING PRAYER: Brett McGohan
DEVOTIONAL: Albert Hall

****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.

Elders:

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Deacons:

Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Del Hines 501-733-4645
Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912
Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909

Minister:

Associate/Youth Minister:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999 Brett McGohan 918-859-0446

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QUESTIONING CHRISTIANITY (3)

Because it is addressed to the Greek mind, the gospel of Luke is especially adapted to the question and answer format. One of the greatest questions ever posed by man was presented by our Lord when He asked, "What is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?" (Lk. 9:25). This question serves to draw an unmistakable contrast between two basic views of life.

The first view of life is spiritual short-sightedness. Jesus described this view of life in a parable about a rich man whose land was very productive. In fact, it was so productive that he had run out of places to store his crops. So preoccupied with his own personal success and so blind to the needs of others that he decided to build larger barns and then just sit back and take it easy, secure in the knowledge that he had "many goods laid up for many years to come." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?" So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Lk. 12:16-21). Indeed, what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

Another example of spiritual short-sightedness is the rich young ruler who came to Jesus, asking, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus asked him about the commandments. Had he kept them? He said that he had from his youth up. Jesus followed up, saying, "One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess, and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me." But, when the young man heard this, "he became very sad; for he was extremely rich" (Lk. 18:18-23). Like the rich farmer, the rich young ruler proved to be spiritually short-sighted.

In contrast to these, a second view of life is represented by a certain poor widow who came to the temple to put two small copper coins in the treasury. Jesus and His disciples had been observing the rich as they made their financial offerings. But, when Jesus saw what this woman had done, He spoke to His disciples, saying, "Truly I say to you this poor widow put in more than all of them; for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on" (Lk. 21:1-4). Why did she do it? The world would count her a fool. But, she was pursuing heavenly treasure. She had spiritual insight. Following the incident, Peter said, "Behold, we have left our own homes, and followed You" (Lk. 18:28). Jesus reassured the disciples that they had acted wisely and that they would receive back many times as much both in this life and in the life to come (vss. 29-30). Sacrificial giving is not in accordance with human wisdom, but it is an indication of spiritual insight. What is Jesus worth to your soul?

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUP MEETINGS:

Care group 1 (Elliott) - August 24th
at the Elliott's home after
morning services
Mexican theme - please contact
Colleen about what to bring

Care groups 5 (Akin) & 8 (Barkley) -
August 24th
after morning services
in the fellowship room

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Steve Harrel will have an ileostomy Tuesday, the 19th, in Chicago. This is a very serious surgery, so please keep him in your prayers.
*Nell Lee will have hip replacement surgery August 24th.
*Please keep those who've lost loved ones in your prayers, also.
*Remember Fern Chism, Verple Baker's sister-in-law (Barbara Hooten), Ronnie Spradlin from the Oak congregation, Bob Gossett, Tiffany Hillman's grandmother (Linda Johnson-Frei), Judy Moody's sister (Dorothy Nelson), Stephanie Phillips, the Banks family in your prayers.
*Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer.

Steve Harrel address while recovering from surgery:
1728 Clyde Drive
Naperville, IL 60565

**OUR RECORD
AUGUST 10, 2014**

SUNDAY CLASS:	168
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	196
SUNDAY PM:	121
WEDNESDAY (13th):	122
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,001
YTD average:	\$5,218
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$5,825

BIRTHDAYS

Jarrold DeValle	8/17
Patsy Story	8/17
Cody Barley	8/19
Ivana Selby	8/19
Anne Janski	8/19
Dana Short	8/20
Gina Ratliff	8/21
Jeanne Haithcote	8/21
Marty Leonard	8/22
Tom McNulty	8/22

ANNIVERSARYS

Mike & Anna Wolff	8/22
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THANK YOU CARD:

Words cannot describe how thankful we are for all of the prayers, calls, texts, food, and visits you have given during this difficult time. We love you very much!
The Drewry family, the Chunn family, & the Haitcote's

ATTENTION! UPCOMING MEETINGS:

*August 17th - a meeting in the fellowship room after morning services for all those who were involved in helping with VBS this year
*August 24th - a parent/teen meeting in the fellowship room after evening services

Ted Knight will be here Sunday morning, August 24th, teaching the adult class and bringing us our a.m. sermon

REMEMBER our 5th Sunday potluck on August 31st! Our afternoon service will begin at 1:00 instead of 1:30

VISITOR BAGS

August 24th
Anna Wolff & Becky Gossett



What to Expect

For teenagers it's go to school, obey your parents, do your chores, and participate in school activities like sports or band. But what about the church? One of the things I love about our congregation here in Greenbrier is the expectation that the teenagers, even to an extent the little children, play an important role not only in the worship assembly but function of the church as a whole. Our teen boys will lead prayers to leading the lessons. Our girls motivate the boys and are some of the most vocal evangelists among their peers. You can often go to other congregations websites and find a tab that says "what to expect" as part of the description of their congregation. For Greenbrier, I would put that we are a body where all the parts are moving and where all aimed at one goal, the worship of God and the spreading of his kingdom.
- Brett McGohan

Pantry items for AUGUST:

**SPAGHETTI NOODLES
SPAGHETTI SAUCE**

**FOOD COMMITTEE
AUGUST**

Please contact:
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