

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

August 23, 2015

WELCOME: Mike Wolff  
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield  
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Brewer  
LORD'S TABLE: Jarrod DeValle  
Shannon Whitley  
ASSIST: Tyler Blair  
Patrick Rawls  
Ratis Yeager  
Don Barnett  
CLOSING PRAYER: Marty Leonard  
GREETERS: Ricky & Kathy Camp  
Aubrey & Donna Allensworth  
CARDS: Tate Stacks  
Ethan Shannon  
VISITOR GIFT/ Cassi Gilbow  
HOSTESSES: Anne Steele  
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent  
1 Cor. 6:19-20

### SUNDAY EVENING

August 23, 2015

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell  
OPENING PRAYER: Gary Bradford  
LORD'S TABLE: Greg Bradford  
Michael Cole  
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 26, 2015

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson  
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair  
DEVOTIONAL: Mike Wolff  
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 501-499-5868 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)

#### Minister:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999

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### **"GET OUT OF THE JELLO!"**

Our present-day moral quandary has left many struggling for breath—searching for answers, as if buried in a pool of Jello. Surfacing for air, heads are shoved back down by pseudo-intellectuals and moral pundits who assure folks that everything is alright—that there is no need for concern over moral issues—that moral standards are relative, always changing and governed by society. “Relax.” “Don’t worry about it.” “Follow the crowd.” “Go with the flow.” These are the messages ingrained into the hearts of so many who are marching lockstep down the path to moral and spiritual destruction.

Famous Swiss historian of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Jacob Burckhardt, said, “When men lose their sense of established standards, they invariably fall victim to the urge for pleasure and power.” Pleasure is a standard followed by many who have rejected the Bible. Hedonism is the philosophy which says that the goodness of any act is determined by the quantity of pleasure it yields. In other words, the better something feels, the more right it becomes. In fact, “It can’t be wrong if it feels so right!” This is the philosophy prominently displayed in the music, movie, and advertising industries. But, is pleasure a viable standard for measuring human conduct?

King Solomon was in a unique position to weigh in on this issue. More than any other, he was able to give himself completely to all the pleasurable experiences life can afford. There were no limits to his indulgence in worldly pleasure. Writing about his pursuit of pleasure, he said, “And all that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor and this was my reward for all my labor” (Eccl. 2:10). In common vernacular, he was saying, “If it feels good, I’m going to do it because I deserve it.” At the end of his pleasure-driven journey, he looked back and realized that it “all was vanity and striving after wind and there was no profit under the sun” (vs. 11). Worldly pleasure does not provide lasting satisfaction. What Solomon discovered is that true joy and purpose in life is found in the pursuit of righteousness. He said, “The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil” (Eccl. 12:13-14).

We are not unreasoning beasts. We were created for a higher purpose—to glorify our Creator. The pleasures of sin are but for a season (Hb. 11:25) and then the price must be paid in full (2 Cor. 5:10). But, in Christ, we have been redeemed (Eph. 1:7)—bought with a price, the precious blood of Jesus (1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18-19). We are not our own—we belong to Him (1 Cor. 6:19; Gal. 3:29). Those who follow pleasure as life’s purpose will perish along with the world and its lusts; but those who do the will of God abide forever (1 Jn. 2:15-17). Jesus is “the way, and the truth, and the life” (Jn. 14:6). His word is the standard by which we will be judged on the last day (Jn. 12:48). Therefore, we must step out of the world’s mold—out of the slippery Jello of pursuing pleasure as our guide and build, instead, on the solid rock of Jesus Christ.

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUP MEETINGS:

Care group 2 (Dent)  
September 12th  
in the Dent's home @5pm

Care group 4 (Wolff)  
September 14th  
in the fellowship room  
after morning services

Care group 5 (Hayes)  
August 23rd  
in the fellowship room after  
evening services (signup sheet  
on the bulletin board in the hallway)

PANTRY ITEMS FOR AUGUST  
*Jelly & Soup*

## OUR RECORD AUGUST 16, 2015

SUNDAY CLASS:	154
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	213
SUNDAY PM:	106
WEDNESDAY (19th):	118
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,658
YTD average:	\$5,497
YTD ahead/behind:	\$3,013

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Rick Camp is home recovering from a motorcycle accident he had last week.  
\*Bryan Gossett came home from the hospital Wednesday. So thankful for his improvement.  
\*The Barnett's daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, has myelofibrosis which is noncancerous and treatable. She will begin taking medication for it. She may need a bone marrow transplant at some point. \*Lynda Horton's brother, Troy, came home from the hospital Tuesday.  
\*Gary Bradford had gall bladder surgery Friday morning.  
\*A friend of Cleon Koone has requested prayers. Joe Cenneno's granddaughter, Maddison, who is 21 years old, has traveling melanoma. She lives in New Jersey and would appreciate our prayers.  
\*Kathey Peterson's mom, Shirley, had back surgery last week and is still having some problems.  
\*Pray for Becky Vines of Quitman, a teacher at Searcy, was involved in the wreck at Springhill a week ago.  
\*Wayne Hartness is in hospice care. Prayers for him and his family.

		
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		
Pete Hines	8/24	
Will Ratliff	8/27	
Don Barnett	8/29	
Lynda Horton	8/29	
<b>ANNIVERSARYS</b>		
Jim & Gina Ratliff	8/25	
Joe & Lou Dillard	8/28	
		

## THANK YOU CARDS:

*Dear friends,  
Thank you for the visits, cards, and food at this time in the loss of my loved one. You all are very special people. I love you all. Thanks again.  
Marilyn Watson & family*

*Thanks so much for the prayers for Bryan Gossett. The power of prayer is awesome! Keep on praying. God is all powerful and able to answer prayer.  
Bob & Becky Gossett*

## PROMOTION SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH

*All students will be promoted to the next grade/class on this Sunday*

## Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class

*Will begin September 3rd at 10am in the fellowship room. We will kick things off with a finger food potluck. Please come.*

## LADIES RETREAT

SHEPHERD OF THE OZARKS  
HARRIET, AR

SEPTEMBER 25TH - 27TH  
COST \$88 PER PERSON

**Sign up sheet and additional info  
on the ladies table**

**MONEY due by SEPT 20th**

## FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK AUGUST 30TH

After our  
MORNING SERVICES,  
We will have a potluck  
with our AFTERNOON SERVICES  
BEGINNING AT 1:00 PM

## September youth events:

**-Sept 12th at 6pm**  
Harding football game

**-Sept 18-20**  
R.U.S.H.

**-September 25-27**  
Spencer will be here and  
is planning activities



## VISITOR BAGS

*for August 30th*  
Gina Ratliff & Beverly Woody



## FOOD COMMITTEE for AUGUST

*Please contact*  
Laura Blake or Donna Allensworth  
269-6522 454-0595

