

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

August 28, 2016

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Brewer
LORD'S TABLE: Shannon Whitley
Kevin Blair
ASSIST: Travis Moody
Kevin Lovell
Ratis Yeager
Don Barnett
CLOSING PRAYER: Phillip Short
GREETERS: Ricky & Keri Shannon
Rod & Cindy Wilson
CARDS: Nick DeValle
Tate Stacks
VISITOR GIFT/ KATHY PETERSON
HOSTESSES: Kathy Camp
SCRIPTURE READER: Brandon Beck
2 Cor. 4:6

SUNDAY EVENING

August 28, 2016

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp
LORD'S TABLE: Michael Cole
Jackie Horton
CLOSING PRAYER: Tyler Blair

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 31, 2016

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Eric McNulty
DEVOTIONAL: Kevin Lovell
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow

****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
Gary Bradford 501-626-3232 Rod Wilson 501-328-7888

Deacons:

Kevin Barley 501-472-4852 Mike Brewer 501-472-7692
(ushers) (youth)
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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HARD TO SWALLOW

Suffering from what he describes as “an uncontrollable urge to consume knives”, a police officer in India endured five-hours of surgery to remove forty knives which he had swallowed over a period of several months (Log Cabin Democrat, Aug. 23, 2016). Then, in classic understated fashion, Jessica Durando reports that the patient “sought medical care after having stomach pain and little appetite” (via Reuters).

This story is hard to swallow (pun intended). Why would anyone take into their body something so obviously destructive to their physical well-being? But, then again, isn't that exactly what millions of people do every day in various habits and addictions which have become their “uncontrollable urge”? From cigarette smoking to over-eating at the dinner table, we are a nation of “knife-swallowers.” The difference is that our questionable behavior does not carry expectations of such immediate negative consequence. Add to that the fact that so many around us are engaged in similar negative habits and addictions, and we are lulled into a sense of complacency. But, who swallows knives? If this were a wide-spread phenomenon, it would rank among society's deepest concerns. As it is, we are shocked—perhaps, even disgusted at such outrageous behavior—but we soon move on with our lives.

This story provides a much-needed spiritual application. Do we allow potentially destructive philosophies and attitudes into our hearts? If so, then, is this not a form of spiritual “knife-swallowing”? Sadly, as a society, we have largely forgotten the vital connection between what goes into the mind and what is expressed in the life. Solomon admonishes us, saying, “Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life” (Prov. 4:23). Good or bad, our lives are the extended result of what we allow into our minds. Jesus explains the presence of wickedness in our lives, saying that “the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders” (Matt. 15:18-19). We are often our own worst enemy, allowing Satan open-access to our minds without censor, constraint, or discernment. Much to be preferred is the attitude of David who prayed, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer” (Ps. 19:14).

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

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

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it

OUR RECORD

AUGUST 21, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS:	162
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	207
SUNDAY PM:	110
WEDNESDAY (24th):	128

BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,525
YTD average:	\$5,728
YTD ahead/behind:	\$11,140

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Rance Rainey, Hattie's husband, has a cancerous tumor on his pancreas. It is contained, and he will have surgery this week.

*Our sympathy goes out to Dale Henley in the passing of his mother last week.

*Also, our sympathy goes out to Amy Barley in the passing of her grandfather, Roy Goodman. His funeral was last week.

*Our sympathy goes out to Ron McInturff in the passing of his friend, Flynn.

*Continue to keep Bryan Gossett; Steve Lucas; and Dianna Bane in your prayers.

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

BIRTHDAYS

Don Barnett	8/29
Lynda Horton	8/29
Randy Gordey	8/31
Anna McNulty	9/01
KaLynn Peterson	9/01
Charli Short	9/02

ANNIVERSARYS

Joe & Lou Dillard	8/28
Tony & Jennifer Dunn	8/30
Randy & Angie Gordey	8/31

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BABY SHOWER

for Annie Blair has been rescheduled for August 28th in the fellowship room from 3:30- 5:00

PROMOTION SUNDAY

is September 4th - all students will move up to the next grade in their classes on this Sunday

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ladies Fall Retreat
October 28 - 30
more details to come

PANTRY ITEMS

for AUGUST:

canned corn & green beans



VISITOR BAGS

for September 4th

Dorothy Yeager & Tiffany Hillman



Smart or Wise: Is there a difference?

I think "being smart" often relies on our own cognitive abilities.

"He/She sure is smart."

"That was a smart solution you came up with."

"What a smart thing to do!"

We tap into our own knowledge, be it through reading, studying or experiences.

When we are being wise, we rely on someone or something other than our own storehouse of knowledge to inform us, knowing our own limitations. That takes humility but also discernment (wisdom).

The Apostle James wrote: "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere." James 3:17

The more we embrace the wonder of God, the more we realize how inadequate we are without His guidance in our lives. Smartness relies on what you already have stored in your brain. Wisdom constantly seeks to learn, embrace and use knowledge from an outside source. For the believer, that source is our Lord.

-Spencer Cromwell

FOOD COMMITTEE for August

Please contact

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