

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

August 9, 2015

WELCOME: Mike Wolff
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Jackie Horton
LORD'S TABLE: Jim Bell
Albert Hall
ASSIST: Tom Barkley
Justin Smart
Cody Barley
Jarrod DeValle
CLOSING PRAYER: Valdy Eichmann
GREETERS: Brian & Amy Drewry
Phillip & Dana Short
CARDS: Nicholas DeValle
Jag McNulty
VISITOR GIFT/ DONNA ALLENSWORTH
HOSTESSES: Linda Harness
SCRIPTURE READER: Jacob Riela
1 Cor. 13:13

SUNDAY EVENING

August 9, 2015

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: David Woody
LORD'S TABLE: Eli Leonard
Matthew Dent
CLOSING PRAYER: Will Ratliff

WEDNESDAY EVENING

August 12, 2015

SONG LEADER: Ethan Edwards
OPENING PRAYER: Rod Wilson
DEVOTIONAL: Valdy Eichmann
CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

****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:

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"HE IS NEARER TO US THAN WE THINK!"

In his classic work, The Practice of the Presence of God, Brother Lawrence says, "You need not cry very loud; He is nearer to us than we think." The apostle Paul made a similar observation in the city of Athens. In his famous address to the ruling council of the city, he told them about their unknown God—the God who created heaven and earth—the God who does not dwell in temples made with human hands—the God who does not need human service—the God who gives life and breath to all things—the God who is in control of human events. Then, he says that they should seek Him, "if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist..." (Acts 17:27-28). Although He is not far from each one of us, many remain afar off—separated from God by their sins (Is. 59:1-2). Close proximity does not always make for an easy journey. Reconciliation with God cost Jesus His precious blood. In showing what a difference Christ makes, Paul writes the Ephesians, saying, "But now in Christ Jesus, you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (2:13). As our "new and living way" (Hb. 10:20), Jesus provides abundant access to the Father. In fact, He is "the way, and the truth, and the life; [and] no one comes to the Father but through [Him]" (Jn. 14:6).

While "He is not far from each one of us", the journey requires humility and earnest seeking. Paul encouraged the Athenians "to grope for Him and find Him." The idea conveyed by the original term is "to feel or grope for or after, as persons in the dark" (Mounce 1314). The image is intense—feeling after God as if you were in total darkness. But, then, he adds, "He is not far from each one of us." He is nearer to us than we think.

The nearness of God provides hope and motivation. We are not outside the scope of His love and forgiveness so long as we are willing to seek Him. Jesus promised: "Ask, and it shall be given to you: seek, and you shall find: knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened" (Mt. 7:7-8). Asking, seeking, and knocking describes an ongoing process—a lifetime habit associated with everlasting discovery.

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CARE GROUP MEETINGS:

Care group 1 (Elliott)
August 22nd
in the fellowship room
at 5pm

Care group 3 (Blair)
August 16th
in the fellowship room
after evening services

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

**Ladies Retreat
scheduled for
SEPTEMBER 25th - 27th**

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Bob Gossett's surgery went well Wednesday. He came home Thursday.
- *Our sympathy goes out to Linda Harness in the loss of her brother-in-law, Edward Harness.
- *Continue to keep Bailey Watson in your prayers after hip surgery. He is back at the nursing home.
- *The Barnett's daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, had a liver biopsy - doctors are still trying to figure out what is going on with her health.
- *The Yeager's son, Paul Wilcox, Jr., had hip replacement surgery last week. He is home.
- *Charles Reynolds was dismissed from the hospital on Monday. Keep him in your prayers.
- *Please keep Steve Harrel; Susan Ward; the Baker's grandson, Brian; Joyce Hines; Patsy Burkett; Angie Gordey; Janet Banks; Jason Elliott; Nita Rowell's sister; and Helen Swindle's brother-in-law, Jim, in your prayers.
- *Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer.

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Pride gets in our way. A cold, callous heart gives up the search, growing content with the temporal things of this world. But, we are convinced of something better for you. Keep seeking. Laying aside the sinful pleasures of this world, "in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls" (Jas. 1:21). He is nearer to us than we think.

--Glen Elliott--

FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK

AUGUST 30TH

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

COMING SOON

TEENS:

**R.U.S.H
at
Freed-Hardeman
University**

September 18th - 20th



Back-to-school bash

7th - 12th grades
*be listening for
the date

**OUR RECORD
AUGUST 9, 2015**

SUNDAY CLASS:	153
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	189
SUNDAY PM:	92
WEDNESDAY (5th):	108
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,774
YTD average:	\$5,497
YTD ahead/behind:	\$3,013

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Barkley	8/12
Audrey Riela	8/12
Alan Biggs	8/13
Ken Kunkel	8/14
Del Hines	8/15

ANNIVERSARYS

Tom & Stephanie Barkley	8/12
Tim & Dona Dixon	8/12
Michael & Cassi Gilbow	8/14

**PANTRY ITEMS
FOR AUGUST:
Jelly & Soup**

VISITOR BAGS

for August 16th
Becky Gossett & Anna Wolff



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

**FOOD COMMITTEE for
AUGUST**

Please contact
Laura Blake or Donna Allensworth
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