

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

December 14, 2014

WELCOME: Gene Blair
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Patrick Rawls
LORD'S TABLE: Michael Cole
Darren Dent
ASSIST: Cayden Leonard
R. C. Rawls
Don Barnett
Kevin Barley
CLOSING PRAYER: Ethan Edwards
GREETERS: Joe & Lou Dillard
Mike & Kristie Brewer
CARDS: Austin Gilbow
Bo McNulty
VISITOR GIFT/ AMY DREWRY
HOSTESSES: AMY BARLEY
SCRIPTURE READER: Will Drewry
Colossians 3:17

SUNDAY EVENING

December 14, 2014

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturff
LORD'S TABLE: Justin Akin
Jackie Horton
CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 17, 2014

SONG LEADER: Ethan Edwards
OPENING PRAYER: Brian Drewry
CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Mavity
DEVOTIONAL: Michael Cole

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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Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Del Hines 501-733-4645
Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912
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KEYS TO A HAPPY MARRIAGE

Most would agree that the institution of marriage has fallen upon hard times. Over half of those getting married wind up getting divorced. Some have opted out of marriage altogether. Others have been deceived into believing that cohabitation is the happy alternative to traditional marriage. Cohabitation lacks the loving commitment essential to building strong relationships. The "misery quotient" of cohabitation is off the charts, even as compared to marriage as it exists today.

Personal happiness, however, is not the measure of morality. Nor, is pleasure is our God. When God instituted marriage, He said, "For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). These words provide three key principles for a happy marriage.

The first principle for a happy marriage is that a man and a woman must leave all other relationships. Parental bonds may be strong, but they must be changed so as to permit full commitment to one's spouse. Meeting your spouse's needs must become the primary focus of each marriage partner. In his book, Parenting Isn't For Cowards, Dobson reports the results of his radio survey. When people were asked, "What are the greatest problems you face in dealing with your parents or in-laws, and how will you relate differently to your own children?" The number one problem between parents and their grown children, according to the poll, was: "The inability or unwillingness of parents to release their grown children and permit them to live their own lives." We used to refer to this "release" as "cutting the apron strings."

In getting married, all other relationships and activities must be changed so that focus and priority may be given to the marriage itself. In other words, you cannot allow parents to interfere with decisions that should be made by you and your spouse, no matter how insistent or well-intentioned they might be. Young people considering marriage must examine their readiness to leave their father and mother.

Be careful also about trying to bring a single lifestyle into marriage. Maturity and unselfishness are essential to making marriage work. Your friends, hobbies, and work cannot come before your marriage. This doesn't mean that you give up these things—it just means that your husband or wife has a higher priority. Only the Lord Himself comes before your mate (Col. 1:18; Acts 5:29).

The first principle, then, in God's instructions for marriage is "leave." We will look at a second principle in next week's article.

--Glen Elliott--

If you haven't picked up a directory update, they are available in the office.

DON'T TELL GOD
HOW BIG YOUR
STORM IS -
TELL THE STORM
HOW BIG YOUR
GOD IS!

OUR RECORD

DECEMBER 7, 2014






























SUNDAY CLASS:
SUNDAY WORSHIP:
SUNDAY PM: 174
WEDNESDAY (10th): 113

BUDGET: \$5,400
OFFERING: \$5,291
YTD average: \$5,229
YTD ahead/behind: -\$8.363

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Beryl Smith, Dorothy Yeager's brother-in-law, is in SICU at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock with a feeding tube. He has stage four cancer. Please keep him and his wife, Nora, along with their family in your prayers.
*Kristin Ratliff had surgery on her shoulder and is home recovering. Recovery time is 3 to 4 weeks.
*Talisa Swindle had sinus surgery Monday. Pray for her recovery as well.
*Mike Oury, brother-in-law of the McInturff's, has been diagnosed with bladder cancer - worse than expected.
*Kevin Barley's mom is on bed rest at this time, and Kevin's grandmother will be moving in with his brother.
*Please keep Laurie Henley, Lynda Horton, Loy Mitchell, and Gordon Trusty (friend of the Bell family) in your prayers.
*Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer.

											
BIRTHDAYS											
	Burnadean Murray	12/14			Rick Camp	12/14			Jim Bell	12/15	
	Charles Reynolds	12/16			Wayne New	12/17			Nick DeValle	12/18	
	Jonathan Rawls	12/19			Phillip Short	12/20		ANNIVERSARYS			
	none										



**The Annual
Snowman
Exchange**

December 14 at 2:00
in the Barnett's home -
Please bring a finger food

Our Deacons & their Responsibilities

- Michael Cole** - benevolence, pantry, greeters
- Jarrod DeValle** - education, teachers
- Michael Gilbow** - nursing home, fellowship room set up
- Del Hines** - finance & technology
- Mike Wolff** - building & grounds

Pantry items for DECEMBER:
Jiffy mix & cereal

To all the youth:

(2 yr old class - high school)
Please meet in the fellowship room on December 20th at 1:00 to decorate cookies and deliver them

FOOD COMMITTEE

We are updating the food committee list for 2015. Please stop by the bulletin board and update any information. Also, if you are not involved in this service, please consider adding your name to the list



VISITOR BAGS

for December 21st
Stephanie Barkley & Anne Janski



FOOD COMMITTEE for DECEMBER

Please contact:
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