

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

December 20, 2015

WELCOME: Michael Gilbow
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Merrell Story
Kevin Blair
ASSIST: Rick Camp
Don Barnett
Will Ratliff
Kevin Barley
CLOSING PRAYER: Jarrod DeValle
GREETERS: Mike & Kristie Brewer
Jim & Martha Bell
CARDS: Austin Gilbow
Jonathan Rawls
VISITOR GIFT/ DONNA ALLENSWORTH
HOSTESSES: Anna Wolff
SCRIPTURE READER: Hunter Smart
I Timothy 1:15

SUNDAY EVENING

December 20, 2015

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp
LORD'S TABLE: Jim Bell
Del Hines
CLOSING PRAYER: Clayton Dent

WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 23, 2015

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Robert Hayes
DEVOTIONAL: Darren Dent
CLOSING PRAYER: Kevin Lovell

**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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FULL HEARTS AND EMPTY PURSES

An exorbitant lottery jackpot arouses the avarice of millions who get caught up in the "get-rich-quick" mentality so prominent among those who choose to spend their money in this way. At best, it is a distraction that turns our focus in the direction of money as the secret to happiness. At worst, lottery participation is an introduction into the dark world of greed and covetousness. As high-sounding and noble as is the rationale behind a state lottery, the process is flawed from the get-go. We cannot build a noble cause by appealing to the baser instincts of humanity. The end does not justify the means—never has, never will. Consider Paul's condemnation of those who said, "Let us do evil that good may come" (Rom. 3:8 cf. 6:1-2).

True happiness is not found in the pursuit of material possessions. The dollar is not almighty. In His warning against greed, Jesus said, "not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions" (Lk. 12:15). In fact, "those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many griefs" (1 Tim. 6:9-10). People buy lottery tickets because they want to get rich. Acting on such desire invites ruin and destruction.

Earthly wealth will pass away with everything else in the world (1 Jn. 2:15-17). Our hope must be centered on things above (Col. 3:1-2). Paul told Timothy to "Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed" (1 Tim. 6:17-19). A person's heart is empty without Christ and "unless the heart is full, even a rich man is poor."

thank you!

Thank you to all who helped make the Red Cross Blood Drive a success:

- *those who donated blood
- *those who baked goodies
- *those who helped greet & register the donors
- *those who helped move tables & chairs
- *many others, as well!

PANTRY ITEMS FOR DECEMBER:
peanut butter & jelly

**OUR RECORD
DECEMBER 13, 2015**

SUNDAY CLASS:	136
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	182
SUNDAY PM:	83
WEDNESDAY (16th):	118
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,163
<i>YTD average:</i>	<i>\$5,344</i>
<i>YTD ahead/behind:</i>	<i>-\$2,814</i>

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Our sympathy goes out to Charles Reynolds in the passing of his granddaughter, Tina Snowden. Her funeral was Saturday at Roller McNutt in Greenbrier.
- *Our sympathy goes out to Kevin Barley in the passing of his grandmother, Irene Hughes. Funeral and visitation were at the building on Saturday.
- *Curtis Terry had hip replacement surgery last week.
- *Continue to keep Jason Elliott in your prayers.
- *Laurie Henley is home recovering from ankle replacement surgery.
- *Justin Vandaveer had a kidney biopsy last week and is waiting on results.
- *Please keep Ivana Selby; Benny Stephens cousin, James; the Yeager's friend, Lesia; Herb Tatum's friend, Gordon; Nita Sadler's sister-in-law, Betty Cockrill; Ronald Beene's brother, Mike; and Vic Byrd's daughter, Lauren, in your prayers.
- *Remember our shut-ins including Jeanne Haithcote who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home. Please let the office know of others as well.
- *Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer.

FAITH AND BELIEF - WORDS TO LIVE BY

		
BIRTHDAYS		
	Phillip Short	12/20
	Ryeland Lovell	12/23
	Amy Drewry	12/24
ANNIVERSARYS		
	Merrell & Patsy Story	12/22
	Larry & Susan Ward	12/23
		

THANK YOU CARD:

I would like to thank the church for all phone calls, cards and love shown to Joyce and myself during my recent surgeries. Most of all thanks for all the prayers.

*In Christian love,
Pete Hines*

*To my church family,
Thank you so much for continued prayers, cards, love in behalf of me and my family - I love you all so much. Thanking God I have such a wonderful church family I have another prayer request - Please pray for Dr. Rodrigo Alfred in Afghanistan, Ray Evans in Sudan, and Filip Christian at sea in the Atlantic.*

*Thank you so much.
In Christian love,
Janet Banks*

FROM THE ELDERS:

Mission's Day 2016 is fast approaching. It is about 2 months away - Sunday, February 7, 2016. As you remember, we were able to surpass our goal of \$15,000 over our weekly budget in 2015. For 2016, we ask that you prayerfully consider your giving towards this special day. We have set our goal for 2016 at \$20,000 over our weekly budget. May God continue to bless our efforts in the mission field and the congregation here at Greenbrier.

*In His Service,
Gene & Darren*

Spencer Cromwell will officially begin his work as associate & youth minister with us on January 10th.

VISITOR BAGS

*for December 27th
Beckie Gossett & Cassi Gilbow*



DON'T LET THE NOISE OF THE WORLD DROWN OUT THE PEACE OF GOD'S LOVE.

FOOD COMMITTEE for DECEMBER

Please contact
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