

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

December 27, 2015

WELCOME: Michael Gilbow
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Rod Wilson
LORD'S TABLE: Kevin Lovell
Greg Bradford
ASSIST: Mike Brewer
Matthew Dent
Nathan Woody
Brian Drewry
CLOSING PRAYER: Jackie Horton
GREETERS: Michael & Cassi Gilbow
Steve & Joanie Hart
CARDS: Benjamin Thomason
Ryeland Lovell
VISITOR GIFT/ BECKY GOSSETT
HOSTESSES: Cassi Gilbow
SCRIPTURE READER: Wyatt Brewer
Phil. 3:13-14

SUNDAY EVENING

December 27, 2015

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Wolff
LORD'S TABLE: Phillip Short
Mike Brewer
CLOSING PRAYER: Greg Bradford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

December 30, 2015

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent
DEVOTIONAL: Michael Gilbow
CLOSING PRAYER: Jackie Horton

****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

Church Office: 501-679-3647

GREENBRIER CHURCH OF CHRIST

12 Wilson Farm Rd.
Greenbrier, AR 72058

Greenbrier church of Christ

12 Wilson Farm Road
Greenbrier, Arkansas 72058

E-mail: office@gbcofc.com

(501) 679-3647

Web: www.gbcofc.com

December 27, 2015

AS MORNING APPEARS

Seeing the possibility of good even in a bad situation is an admirable trait. There are many proverbs in our language expressing unfeigned optimism. Less familiar than most, is the following: "Just as out of the dark ground comes the blossom, so out of the night, a morning appears."

Where did we get such optimism? While many see things only from the most negative perspective, the ability to look at life with optimism is largely a by-product of the fact that we have been specially created by God. The most hopeless are those who have no vision beyond this life—no faith beyond the grave.

One of the most encouraging thoughts in the Bible is that all things will work out for good in the end. We often quote Romans 8:28 in times of adversity as evidence of this fact. In that passage, Paul says, "We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

Indeed, all things work together for good. Why? Because God is active in the affairs of men. He is the prime mover who works providentially to bring about what is truly in our own best interests. We might question such, not knowing how difficult times can work out for good. But, ultimately, we must trust in the wisdom and power of Almighty God. All things do work together for good. To whom? To those who love God and are called according to His purpose. Those who love the Lord will be pliable to the Master's touch. He will be able to mold us and shape us according to His purpose. It is in a stubborn and rebellious disposition that we have most difficulty in bearing with life's hardships.

Character is often shaped in the crucible of suffering. It is not that God brings such into our lives, but that He uses difficult circumstances to forge a strong and resilient faith. James says, "Consider it all joy, my brethren when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete lacking in nothing" (Jas. 1:2-4). When we place our trust completely in God, even trials and temptations can produce proven character.

Don't lose sight of the promises of God. Paul writes, "No temptation has over-

Care groups will be reorganized in January and start back in February

Youth Outreach University
January 15-17
\$25 per person on the UCA Campus

PANTRY ITEMS FOR DECEMBER:
peanut butter & jelly

OUR RECORD	
DECEMBER 20, 2015	
SUNDAY CLASS:	136
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	182
SUNDAY PM:	83
WEDNESDAY (23rd):	
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,413
YTD average:	\$5,345
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$2,801

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Joe Dillard was admitted to Conway Regional on Sunday and is in room 425. At the time of this writing, they were hopeful he could come home Wednesday.
*Rick Camp had shoulder surgery Tuesday morning. Surgery went well, and he was able to come home the same day.
*Continue to keep Jason Elliott in your prayers.
*Helen Swindle asks for prayers for her brother, Samuel Garvin. He is in the VA Hospital in Poplar Bluff, MO having tests run.
*Justin Vandaveer said the doctors have put him on a different medication hoping that will help.
*Please keep Curtis Terry; Laurie Henley; Ivana Selby; 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.

BIRTHDAYS		
Mary Tubbs	12/27	
Claire Drewry	12/28	
Floyma Sutterfield	12/29	
Adam Blake	12/30	
Emma Leonard	12/30	
Jacob Riela	01/01	
ANNIVERSARYS		
Richard & Burnadean Murray	12/30	
Glen & Colleen Elliott	12/30	
Curtis & Hope Terry	01/01	

(continued from the front)
taken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it" (1 Cor. 10:13). Keeping in mind the promises of God, we can look at the world with an optimistic outlook. "Just as out of the dark ground comes the blossom, so out of the night, a morning appears." Ultimately, this world will pass away; but out of that darkness will dawn the brightness of heaven's eternal day.

--Glen Elliott--

THANK YOU CARD:

Thank you for the food, thoughts, phone calls, cards, and prayers.
Ivana Selby

Happy Anniversary

The family of Brad and Donna Beck invite us to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary January 9th from 2-4 in the fellowship room
**No gifts just your love

FROM THE ELDER'S:

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 January 3rd
Anne Steele & Beverly Woody



FOOD COMMITTEE for DECEMBER

Please contact
Gina Ratliff or Dana Short
581-1948 472-4740

