

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

January 15, 2016

WELCOME: Michael Gilbow  
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Teddy Lewis  
LORD'S TABLE: Greg Bradford  
Rick Camp  
ASSIST: Patrick Rawls  
Phillip Short  
Jim Bell  
Gene Blair  
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson  
GREETERS: Robert & Jenni Hayes  
Marty & Tina Leonard  
CARDS: Miguel Montenegro, Jr  
Lyndon Lewis  
VISITOR GIFT/ Gina Ratliff  
HOSTESSES: Beverly Woody  
SCRIPTURE READER: Eli Leonard  
Psalm 89:14-15

### SUNDAY EVENING

January 15, 2016

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell  
OPENING PRAYER: Gary Bradford  
LORD'S TABLE: Zac Gordey  
Clayton Dent  
CLOSING PRAYER: Tom Barkley

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

January 18, 2016

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry  
OPENING PRAYER: Jackie Horton  
DEVOTIONAL: Darren Dent  
CLOSING PRAYER: Ratis Yeager

***\*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.  
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 1:00 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  
Spencer Cromwell 731-438-1206

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## IN PURSUIT

Oliver Cromwell said, "He who stops being better stops being good." It is worth noting that a life worth living will be an uphill pursuit. For no one coasts through life who wishes to leave the world a better place.

While the life of the apostle Paul was marked by incredible accomplishments, he was always in pursuit of becoming a better person. As Christians, our definition of "better" is "Christ." Paul could have boasted in the persecutions he had endured for the sake of the gospel. He could have gloried in the number of souls he had won to the Savior or the number of churches he had planted around the world. He could have. But he did not. The same cause which produced such untiring effort in the proclamation of the gospel, also kept him from indulging in self-glory. His life was marked by reaching forward and striving to be more and more like the Master who bought him. In his letter to the Philippian brethren, we hear him say, "Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus, Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14).

A Christian has but one purpose, motivation, and goal for life and eternity. In a word, that purpose, motivation, and goal is "Jesus." Our longing for spiritual growth must lead us in the direction of becoming as close to and as much like Jesus as possible in thought, word, and deed. When such is our pursuit, the hope of a home in heaven with Him becomes a powerful force deterring evil and promoting good in our daily lives.

Paul writes, "If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:1-4).

Make Christ your hope and pursuit in life. Strive to be more like Him in specific ways each day. It will be an uphill struggle. Becoming like Jesus is a goal we never fully attain; but we are made better in the pursuit.

--Glen Elliott--

### CARE GROUPS:

If you are not already part of a care group, please sign up on the bulletin board

#### Last Sunday of the month service

January 29th  
regular morning services, 1:00pm service, no potluck

#### MISSIONS DAY

February 5th  
regular morning services, potluck, then 1:00pm service



### VISITOR BAGS

for January 22nd  
Cyndi Moore & Kathey Peterson

### OUR RECORD JANUARY 8, 2017

SUNDAY CLASS:	171
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	186
SUNDAY PM:	93
WEDNESDAY (11th):	122
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,627
YTD average:	\$4,912
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$977

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Keep Doni McInturff in your prayers as she continues her treatments.

\*Janet Banks has been in the hospital due to a condition she has called Trigeminal Neuralgia. She is supposed to be released and go to Salem Place for therapy.

\*Mary Kennedy is having some health issues and will have outpatient surgery this week.

\*Continue to keep Dorothy Tatum; Carlene Wolff; Gina Ratliff's mom, Barbara; Helen Swindle's sister, Shirley Gilbert; Eric McNulty's friend, Steve; Robin Linn's dad, Michael; and Susan Ward in your prayers.

\*Remember Jeanne Haithcote who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home.

If you would be willing to be a substitute teacher for either Sunday morning or Wednesday night classes, please see Jarrod DeValle

BIRTHDAYS		
Kinsey Bradford	1/17	
Tom Steele	1/17	
Peggy Braden	1/19	
Miguel Montenegro, Jr	1/21	
ANNIVERSARYS		
- none -		

## BRIDAL SHOWER

for Tonya Force  
January 15th from 3:30-5:00  
in the fellowship room  
She is registered at Target & Wal-mart



Please go by the bulletin board in the hallway to see a thank you card from the Gossett's

## SECRET PAL INFO

Go by the ladies table to sign up  
Names will be drawn  
January 29th

### FOOD COMMITTEE for January Please contact

Kathy Camp or Shelly Dent  
472-7943 339-8105



## "We Need Perspective"

Key Verse: Jonah 2:1-10

**Application:** It's often not until something drastic in life happens that we stop and reconsider our life and our future. Drastic could be positive or negative, but it provides a moment in time where we stop and reflect.

Jonah had a moment like that when he was in the belly of a fish. He had run from God and thought he was going to die and so he considered his relationship with God.

Now, at the start of a new year, is a great opportunity to consider the time you spend on that which you think is important.

How are your relationships? Who are you spending time with? What would you regret if you didn't complete?

You are in control of your time and your decisions. Make sure you are acting wisely as you set out your plans for this year.

-Spencer Cromwell