

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

January 17, 2015

WELCOME: Mike Wolff  
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow  
LORD'S TABLE: Marty Leonard  
Nathan Woody  
ASSIST: Kevin Lovell  
Patrick Rawls  
Brian Drewry  
Ron McInturff  
CLOSING PRAYER: Shannon Whitley  
GREETERS: Rod & Cindy Wilson  
Ratis/Dorothy Yeager  
CARDS: Miguel Montenegro, Jr  
Austin Gilbow  
VISITOR GIFT/ KATHY CAMP  
HOSTESSES: Gina Ratliff  
SCRIPTURE READER: Clayton Dent  
Micah 6:8

### SUNDAY EVENING

January 17, 2015

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell  
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Brewer  
LORD'S TABLE: Cayden Leonard  
Eli Leonard  
CLOSING PRAYER: Rick Camp

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

January 20, 2015

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry  
OPENING PRAYER: Rick Camp  
DEVOTIONAL: Robert Hayes  
CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Bradford

**\*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

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## WE DO BECAUSE HE DID

The call to true discipleship is never easy. It is challenging and, at times, formidable. It is not a call for the faint of heart or those seeking the path of least resistance. Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Mk. 8:34). Yet, Jesus does not place demands on us that He Himself was unwilling to bear. Scripture points to Jesus as our example of how to suffer for the sake of righteousness (1 Pet. 2:21-24). What a blessing to follow Him who endured so much on our behalf!

William Barclay tells the story of Alexander the Great's pursuit of Darius. In eleven days, he and his men had marched over 400 miles. As the water supply was giving out, they came upon some foreigners hauling water in skins fastened to their mules. When they came upon Alexander, they quickly filled a helmet and offered it to him. Although they were carrying the water to their children, they said, "If his life were saved, it was no matter if they all perished." When he took the helmet in hand and saw the faces of his soldiers, he returned it without tasting a drop, saying, "If I alone should drink, the rest would lose heart." Then his men cried out for him to lead them forward. It was easy to follow a leader who never demanded from his men what he was unwilling to endure for himself.

Willingness to endure persecution is one aspect of following Jesus. He said, "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master" (Mt. 10:24). He goes on to say, "It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master" (vs. 25). Ours is a different sort of persecution as compared to what many disciples of Jesus endured in ages past. For many of us, persecution is largely hypothetical in nature—something that rarely happens in our society. These words are not as real as they might have been to first-century Christians. Still, they provide much-needed encouragement in the direction of humility toward God and one another. Listen to the words of Paul to the brethren at Philippi: "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Ph. 2:3-8). Jesus does not merely tell us what to do—He shows us what to do. We do because He did.

--Glen Elliott--

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

\*\*If you would like to be part of a care group (and haven't been in a group), please let Darren Dent know

Bob and Sheryl Turner are the proud grandparents of Elias Michael who was born January 14th. Parents are Rob & Rudy.

**VISITOR BAGS**

for January 24th

Nita Sadler & Dana Short



# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- \*Gene Blair had some skin cancer removed from his head Thursday in Little Rock, and is home recovering.
- \*Jason Elliott goes back to the Mayo Clinic this week. Remember him and his family in your prayers.
- \*Janet Banks and her family need our prayers at this time.
- \*Continue to keep Joe Dillard in your prayers.
- \*Terrie Shoemaker, friend of the Yeager's, is in Conway Regional.
- \*Please keep Vic Byrd's daughter, Lauren; Curtis Terry; Laurie Henley; Ivana Selby; the Yeager's friend, Lesia; Nita Sadler's sister-in-law, Betty Cockrill; Helen Swindle's brother, Samuel, and Ronald Beene's brother, Mike, 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.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Kinsey Bradford	1/17
Tom Steele	1/17
Peggy Braden	1/19
Joanie Hart	1/21
Miguel Montenegro, Jr	1/21
Bella Shannon	1/21
Mike Wolff	1/22

**ANNIVERSARYS**

- none -

## FROM THE ELDERS:

Mission's Day 2016 is fast approaching. It is 3 weeks 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



## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

There will be a 70th Wedding Anniversary celebration for Gene & Verple Baker Sunday, January 24th after evening services in the fellowship room. If you have any questions, please see Doni McInturff, Dorothy Yeager, or Linda Harness

## NEW ADDRESS:

Spencer & Paige Cromwell  
2 Babbling Brook  
Greenbrier, AR 72058

## PANTRY ITEMS FOR JANUARY:

tomato soup & jelly



Sometimes God is doing something in your life for others to see. Your life is part of a greater story that He is weaving, a bigger picture. Sometimes the things that are happening in our life are not just for our own living and experience but for those around us. God uses our lives to demonstrate His reality and grace.

We are called to know Him and make Him known. Jesus said to his disciples, "Lazarus is dead and for your sake I am glad so that you may believe." At the tomb entrance Jesus prayed, "I have said this for the benefit of the people standing here, so that they may believe you sent me" In the prison where Paul and Silas were chained and singing – the other prisoners were listening. Paul and Silas' captivity just wasn't about them but it was part of the bigger picture. So what does this say about God? It says that God is at work in all circumstances of my life. It says that He knows what is going on and that He is the master author of the story of my life. He is big enough to know all the plot twists. Isaiah 55 says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways."

-Spencer Cromwell, Youth Minister

## FOOD COMMITTEE for JANUARY

Please contact

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