

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

January 31, 2015

WELCOME: Mike Wolff
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Brian Drewry
LORD'S TABLE: Clayton Dent
Wyatt Brewer
ASSIST: Jacob Riela
Matthew Dent
Eli Leonard
Hunter Smart
CLOSING PRAYER: Greg Bradford
GREETERS: Tim & Dona Dixon
Del & Love Hines
CARDS: Benjamin Thomason
Keaton Whitley
VISITOR GIFT/ Tiffany Hillman
HOSTESSES: Cyndi Moore
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent
1 Timothy 4:12

SUNDAY EVENING

January 31, 2015

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Tyler Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Gene Blair
Matthew Dent
CLOSING PRAYER: Nathan Woody

WEDNESDAY EVENING

February 3, 2015

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell
OPENING PRAYER: Eli Leonard
DEVOTIONAL: Michael Gilbow
CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent

**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)

Ministers:

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HIS CHARACTER—OUR ASSURANCE

Ted Engstrom said, "Integrity is doing what you said you would do." It is commonly stated that "Character is what you are when no one is looking." Sincerity is a word that derives from two Latin words meaning, "without wax." When an ancient pottery merchant said that a particular piece was without wax, he meant there were no imperfections hidden beneath wax. Honesty—integrity—character. All traits sorely needed.

Where do we begin in our pursuit of these virtues? As is always the case, we must look in a heavenly direction. Jesus is our example in all things. He is the personification of truth, for He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." (Jn. 14:6). Jesus is God in human form. Of the Father, we read: "let God be found true, though every man be found a liar..." (Rm 3:4). Again, in Titus 1:2, the Bible describes God as One who "cannot lie." All the characteristics of the Father may be attributed to the Son for Jesus Himself said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (Jn. 14:9). But, what if Christ could not be trusted? What then?

If Christ were unreliable, He would not be a worthy example. But, Peter tells us that Jesus is our example "to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth..." (1 Pet. 2:21-22). Jesus is the pattern by which we shape our lives. His life was without sin. While we will never be perfect in that sense, we can become more and more like Him. In striving to be like Jesus, we prepare for eternal glory. But, if Jesus were untrustworthy, there would be no one to show us the way. How blessed we are to know that Jesus is the Way and His claims are completely reliable!

If Christ were untrustworthy, we would not enjoy assurance that our sins have been forgiven. It is the blood of Christ that provides cleansing from sin. John describes Jesus as the One "who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood..." (Rev. 1:5). Ananias admonished Saul of Tarsus to "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away [his] sins, calling on His name" (Acts 22:16). Jesus' blood is the cleansing agent and baptism in water is where the blood is applied to the soul. If Christ was not who He claimed to be, then His blood would be no more effective than the blood of bulls and goats in the removal of sin. The writer of Hebrews explains, "For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Heb. 9:13-14). Praise God that Jesus did come and shed His blood and that His blood has the power to take away all our sins!

