

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

July 17, 2016

WELCOME: Jarrod DeValle
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Spencer Cromwell
LORD'S TABLE: Ratis Yeager
Mike Brewer
ASSIST: Travis Moody
Albert Hall
Garrett Brewer
Phillip Short
CLOSING PRAYER: Tom Barkley
GREETERS: Michael & Susan Cole
Tim & Dona Dixon
CARDS: Jonathan Rawls
Jag McNulty
VISITOR GIFT/ DONNA ALLENSWORTH
HOSTESSES: Linda Harness
SCRIPTURE READER: Eli Leonard
Acts 17:24-26

SUNDAY EVENING

July 17, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Nathan Woody
Rick Camp
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow

WEDNESDAY EVENING

July 20, 2016

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturff
DEVOTIONAL: Randy Gordey
CLOSING PRAYER: Jarrod DeValle

****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
(benevolence, pantry, greeters)
Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719
(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
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GOD IS NOT A MAN (2)

In last week's bulletin article, we mentioned the fact that there are two common mistakes we make in regard to man's relationship to God. The first is that we tend to think of God in human terms—that is, we try to refashion God into a man.

At a time when the kingdom was being torn from the hands of King Saul because of his rejection of the word of the Lord, Samuel observed that "the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind" (1 Sam. 15:29). Because God is not a man, He does not issue meaningless commands. His word must be obeyed from the heart. Saul had been told to utterly destroy the Amalekites (vs. 3). But, he had not carried out the Lord's will in the manner instructed. Therefore, Samuel prophesied: "Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has also rejected you from being king" (vs. 23). Did the Lord mean what He said? Of course. Would He change His mind in the matter? No. Yet, there are some who believe God will relent from carrying out His wrath upon the unrighteous on the Day of Judgment. Rejecting God's word carries serious consequences. Jesus says, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day" (Jn. 12:48). God is not like an overly indulgent parent who threatens punishment but then changes His mind at the last minute. If we think or act as though He is, then we have lowered God to the level of man.

Lowering God to the level of man is equivalent to the act of idolatry. In Isaiah chapter forty-four, the inspired author describes the utter futility of trying to create a God who is like man. A tree planted grows to such a size as to be useful. It is cut down and becomes fuel for a fire by which one warms himself or bakes a loaf of bread. The rest is used to fashion an idol before whom one prostrates himself in worship. Doesn't make a lot of sense, does it? Yet, this is exactly what takes place when we live as though God is just like us.

God's patience is meant to lead us to repentance (Rm. 2:4). His promises are reliable and stand as encouragements to all who desire to practice godliness. Likewise, His warnings are certain and stand as barriers to keep us in the path of righteousness. Let us, therefore, reverence God for who He is rather than lower Him to our own level.

Next week, we plan to look at a second mistake commonly made in regard to our relationship with God—namely, trying to elevate man to the position of God.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care group 4 (Wolff) -

Sunday, July 17th after evening services
in the fellowship room - see signup sheet

Care group 5 (Hayes) -

Sunday, July 17th after morning services
in the Barley's home - see signup sheet

SIGNUP

to bring
homemade cookies
for our VBS -
see the bulletin board
in the hallway!

VISITOR BAGS for July 24th

Dorothy Tatum & Edie Singleton



OUR RECORD

JULY 10, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS:	no count
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	no count
SUNDAY PM:	UCA
WEDNESDAY (13th):	UCA
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,734
YTD average:	\$5,817
YTD ahead/behind:	\$11,678

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Dorothy Tatum's sister, Thelma Davis, had a stroke, but is doing better at this time.

*Jim Sutterfield went back to the hospital because of an infection but is home now. Please keep him in your prayers.

*The Davidson's son, Phillip, is hopeful to come home from the hospital sometime this week.

*Continue to keep Steve Lucas; Amy Drewry's dad (Mike Chunn); Dianna Bane; Joe Dillard; and Sam Selby in your prayers.

*Remember our shut-ins including Jeanne Haithcote, who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home, & Mack Hankins, who is at home.

*Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24th - 27th
7pm each night



BIRTHDAYS

Herb Tatum 7/19
Ellis Mae Bradford 7/20

ANNIVERSARYS

- none -

CHRIST QUEST

August 5-7
in Mountain Home
if you haven't signed up yet,
see Spencer.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Kevin Barley and Mike Brewer have been put before the congregation to serve as deacons.

Gary Bradford and Rod Wilson have been put before the congregation to serve as elders.

If you have any questions or scriptural objections with any of these men, please go directly to them and discuss. If, after that discussion, you still have a scriptural objection, please provide that objection in writing with your signature to Gene or Darren for further discussion and consideration. Of there are no scriptural objections by July 31, these men will begin serving on that date.



PANTRY ITEMS for JULY:

Soup & canned pasta



For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps (1 Peter 2:21,).

Authentic: it's the real thing, not a knock-off or cheap replica. And *authentic* is one way we describe a life worth living. A person living out who they are meant to be is the best sense of the idea. Genuine people are often hard to find.

The ultimate standard for authenticity is Jesus Christ. He's the real original. This is true because He is not only our Maker and therefore qualified to tell us how to live authentically, He is also our example. Humanly speaking, He was in every way our perfect model.

In fact, the Christian life could be described as learning to live faithfully as an authentic imitation of Jesus. That's why the apostle Peter, no stranger to hard lessons and humiliating failures, was told in no uncertain terms by Jesus, "**You follow me**" (John 21:22). It's also why Peter passed on that same wisdom to us: "**For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps**" (1 Peter 2:21).

-Spencer Cromwell

FOOD COMMITTEE for July

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