

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

July 2, 2017

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Gary Bradford
LORD'S TABLE: Jared Mahan
Tyler Blair
ASSIST: Shannon Whitley
Tom Barkley
Kevin Lovell
Randy Gordey
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Cole
GREETERS: Patrick & Jennifer Rawls
Phillip & Dana Short
CARDS: Ethan Gilmer
Tate Stacks
VISITOR GIFT/ Stephanie Barkley
HOSTESSES: Anne Janski
SCRIPTURE READER: Luke Lewis
Luke 4:16-21

SUNDAY EVENING

July 2, 2017

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell
OPENING PRAYER: Brian Drewry
LORD'S TABLE: Gene Blair
Darren Dent
CLOSING PRAYER: Greg Bradford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

July 5, 2017

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Derek Gilmer
DEVOTIONAL: Kevin Lovell
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow

***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:

Mike Brewer 501-472-7692 Michael Cole 815-622-1874
(youth) (benevolence, pantry)

Jarrod DeValle 501-470-8710
(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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JESUS AND THE POOR

Securing a loan requires evidence of a person's ability to repay. Collateral, gainful employment, or some other guarantee of funds providing reasonable expectation of future repayment are needed before the monies can be made available. We can relate to the frustration of the man who, when asked about collateral for a loan, muttered, "If I had the money, I wouldn't be here asking for a loan!"

So far as we know, there were no banks in the first-century. Although they did not always follow God's law, the Jewish people were forbidden from charging exorbitant interest (usury) to their countrymen (Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:36-37; Dt. 23:19-20 cf. Neh. 5:1-13). However, charging reasonable interest in the ordinary affairs of business seems to have been commonly practiced in the time of Christ (Mt. 25:27; Lk. 19:23). While there were no banks, there were people who loaned money. Imagine how Jesus might have fared had He sought a loan from one of these money-lenders!

Jesus openly confessed to a would-be follower that "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head" (Mt. 8:20). From an earthly perspective, Jesus would have been a bad loan risk. He lived as an itinerant preacher, trusting in the Father to provide the "daily bread" necessary to sustain His physical life (cf. Mt. 6:11). This the religiously elite would have had trouble accepting in someone claiming to be the Messiah. But this is the life Jesus chose. Although "He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

Jesus identified with the poor. In fact, His message of good news was uncompromisingly pointed in their direction. When asked to read in the synagogue of His hometown, Jesus turned to the prophecy of Isaiah which told about the coming Messiah who would "preach the gospel to the poor." Then, He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant, and said, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Lk. 4:18-19 cf. Is. 61:1).

Among those most commonly discriminated against are the poor. God's indignation against such is evidenced throughout Scripture, especially in the inspired writings of the Old Testament prophets (e.g. Is. 10:1-2; Amos 8:4-6 cf. Prov. 14:31). Jesus' parables encourage kindness toward the poor (Lk. 14:13-24). He spoke of treasures in heaven (Mt. 6:19-21). He warned about the dangers of materialism (Lk. 12:15 cf. 1 Tim. 6:9-10, 17). Early disciples whole-heartedly accepted His teaching and generously responded to the needs of the less fortunate (Acts 6:1-6; Rm. 15:26). Nevertheless, some in the early church continued showing partiality to the rich while ignoring the needs of the poor (Jas. 2:1-4; 1 Jn. 3:17).

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CARE GROUPS:

Care Group 2 (Dent) -
Saturday, July 8th at 5:30pm
in the home Anne Steele
please see the signup sheet

Care Group 3 (Bradford) -
Saturday, July 15th at 5pm
in fellowship room

BAPTISM

Brittany Irby was baptized for the forgiveness of her sins last Sunday. Let us encourage Brittany in her walk with the Lord.

We are all invited to a party for Carroll Sites at the Higden church of Christ on July 2nd beginning at 1:30.

OUR RECORD JUNE 25, 2017

SUNDAY CLASS:	142
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	172
SUNDAY PM:	79
WEDNESDAY (28th):	109
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,929
YTD average:	\$5,313
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$2,272

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Gina Ratliff's mother-in-law, Francis, had a stroke and is now at the Greenbrier Rehab facility next door.

*Doni McInturff had about a gallon of fluid drained from her lung last week at Baptist in Little Rock.

*Brittany Irby's friend, Michael, and his son, Dakota.

*Phillip Short's dad, Charles, is not doing well at this time.

*Kim Rankin asked for prayers for Anthony and his family. Asking for God's will in all the issues the family is going through.

*Continue to keep Pete Hines, Jim Sutterfield, Verple Baker, and Dorothy Tatum in your prayers.

GOSPEL GATHERING

at Robinson & Center
JULY 9-14th at 7pm each evening

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BIRTHDAYS		
Larry Linn		7/5
ANNIVERSARYS		
Cleon & Marilyn Koone		7/3
Albert & Aryca Hall		7/5
Brian & Talisa Swindle		7/7
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In a world where people are often judged in accordance to material possessions, it is good to remember that Jesus identifies with the poor and that God has chosen "the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him" (Jas. 2:5). On the other hand, those of us who are rich ought to keep humble with the realization that we, "like flowering grass, will pass away" (Jas. 1:10). We have so much for which to be thankful and nothing in which to boast other than in Christ and His cross (1 Cor. 1:29-31).
--Glen Elliott--

BRIDAL SHOWER

for Mary Camp
and Nash Meyers
July 9th at 3:30
in our fellowship room
Mary and Nash are
registered at
Wal-mart and
Bed, Bath, & Beyond

VISITOR BAGS



for July 9th
Tiffany Hillman & Cyndi Moore

FOOD COMMITTEE

for July
Please contact:
Kathy Camp 472-7943
Shelly Dent 339-8105



"Deep Sea Repentance"

The LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights (Jonah 1:17, ESV).

The part that doesn't often get noticed in Jonah's well-known, underwater adventure is the connection between the moment when "the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land" (Jonah 2:10) and the moment of Jonah's repentance. Jonah repented and was immediately delivered. Yet we know he was down there for three solid days leading up to his slimy rescue.

Listen: God will do anything to get our attention. He'll usually start gently before taking the more aggressive route. He'd rather we lived anywhere but in disobedience to Him!

Like Jonah, however, we can be slow to get the message. We can sometimes be put through the equivalent of a fish's belly, with all its suffocating . . . and still not respond to God's attention-getting measures with repentance. But until we are lying down—in repentance—we are not yet in the right posture for things to change.

-Spencer Cromwell