

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

July 3, 2016

WELCOME: Michael Gilbow
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Gary Bradford
LORD'S TABLE: Kevin Barley
Marty Leonard
ASSIST: Jackie Horton
Tim Dixon
Eli Leonard
Ratis Yeager
CLOSING PRAYER: Ron McInturff
GREETERS: Jim & Martha Bell
Mike & Kristie Brewer
CARDS: Preston Riela
Ryeland Lovell
VISITOR GIFT/ Cyndi Moore
HOSTESSES: Annie Blair
SCRIPTURE READER: Zac Gordey
Psalm 122:1

SUNDAY EVENING

July 3, 2016

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Greg Bradford
LORD'S TABLE: Wyatt Brewer
Jarrod DeValle
CLOSING PRAYER: Phillip Short

WEDNESDAY EVENING

July 6, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Cole
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
(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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ARE YOU READY?

The Christians at Thessalonica understood “full well” that the coming of the Lord would occur unexpectedly, “like a thief in the night” (1 Thess. 5:1-2). A thief does not announce his arrival. Neither does he come by invitation at an appointed time. His appearance is a surprise, at a time least expected. Peter describes that day, saying, “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up” (2 Pet. 3:10). Regarding our inability to know the time of His return, Jesus says, “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son but the Father alone” (Matt. 24:36). While many are banking on a delay in the Lord’s return, we must live with an awareness of the fact that Jesus might come back today!

In the Old Testament, “the day of the Lord” was an expression often used in reference to God’s judgment upon the nations. In fact, it could refer to any major event demonstrating God’s sovereignty and power—thus, “the day of the Lord.” But this phrase was taken up by New Testament writers to refer to Christ’s return. The second coming of Christ is also an occasion of judgment—in fact, there are remarkable similarities. For example, when Babylonian Captivity was on the horizon, the false prophets of Jeremiah’s day were saying, “Peace, peace” (Jer. 6:14; 8:11). But their popular prediction of peace was mere deception. Sadly, Jeremiah adds, “But there is no peace.” In like manner, at the time of Christ’s return, there will be those telling people that everything is all right—directing hearts away from God’s call to repentance. But, then, “destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child...” (1 Thess. 5:3). Just as labor comes upon a woman with child, so also the Lord’s return will come suddenly.

The apostle Paul goes on to speak to the inevitable nature of the Lord’s coming, saying, “they shall not escape” (1 Thess. 5:3). The second coming of Christ is inevitable. We can be sure that “every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him...” (Rev. 1:7). Likewise, we can be certain that “all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment” (Jn. 5:28-29). It is inevitable.

His coming will be unexpected, sudden, and inevitable. He is coming and we will be judged on that day (Jn. 12:48). Are you ready for that day to come?

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care group 1 (Yeager) -
Monday, July 4th at 1:30 in the
Yeager's home - see signup sheet

Care group 2 (Dent) -
Saturday, July 16th at 5:00 in the
Dent's home - see signup sheet

Care group 3 (McInturff) -
Monday, July 4th at 1:30 in the
Yeager's home - see signup sheet

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

Care group 6 (Gilbow) -
Saturday, July 9th at 6:00 pm in the
McNulty's home - picnic foods

OUR RECORD JUNE 26, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS:	154
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	190
SUNDAY PM:	94
WEDNESDAY (29th):	82
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,577
YTD average:	\$5,805
YTD ahead/behind:	\$10,530

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please remember Tiffany Hillman and her family at this time - her 29 year old cousin committed suicide.

*The Davidson's son, Phillip, had a third of his colon removed, but the surgery went well.

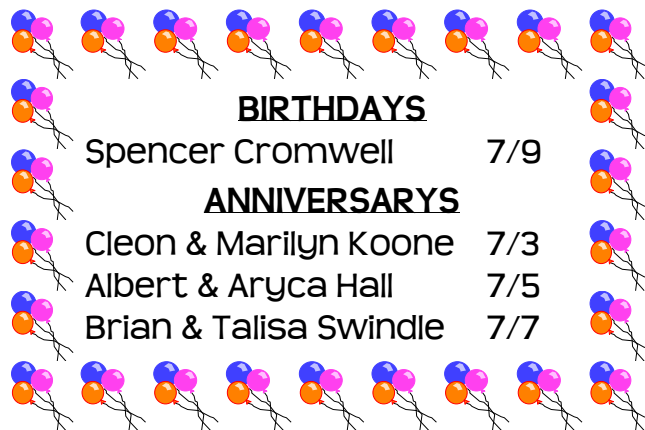
*Steve Lucas, Tim Dixon's brother-in-law, is undergoing radiation treatments for his cancer.

*Barbara Knight's hip surgery went very well. She is now in rehab.

*Matthew Post has Bells Palsy and Alisa Stephens will have eye surgery this week. Two friends of Janet Banks need our prayers: Filip Thomas and Brittney Irby.

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

*We have addresses on the bulletin board in the hallway for :
Hunter Smart, Phillip Davidson,
Steve & Tammy Lucas
and Michael Chunn*



BIRTHDAYS

Spencer Cromwell 7/9

ANNIVERSARYS

Cleon & Marilyn Koone 7/3

Albert & Aryca Hall 7/5

Brian & Talisa Swindle 7/7

BRIDAL SHOWER

*for Carson Ward & Ryan Short
July 10th from 2-4
in the fellowship room
They are registered at
Target and
Bed, Bath & Beyond*

*Nathan Lovell was baptized
Monday at Camp Areopagus. Let's
encourage him in his walk with God
Alisa Stephens asked for prayers last
Sunday. Let's encourage
her as well.*

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS:

GOSPEL CRUSADE

at Reynolds Performance Hall on the
UCA Campus July 10th - 15th

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24th - 27th

VISITOR BAGS for July 10th

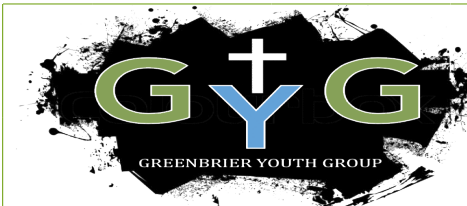
Stephanie Barkley & Anne Janski



FOOD COMMITTEE for June

Please contact

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Hebrews 12:15 says, "See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many".

Have you ever known a family where a bitter mom poisoned the whole family? Have you ever known a family where a bitter dad poisoned the whole family? Bitterness is contagious, and it can actually become generational. Somebody has to break the chain, and it better be you. If your parents are bitter because their parents were bitter because their parents were bitter, you're going to have to break the chain. And there's only one way to break it: Heal it with grace.

Friends, if you don't get God's grace in your life, life will make you bitter. Because life isn't fair. Why? Because sin is in the world. We live on a broken planet. This is not Heaven. Evil people get away with evil things all the time. Life is not fair. And if you don't get grace in your heart, it's going to make you bitter.

Is forgiveness fair? Absolutely not.

But it is not about fairness. It is not about justice. It's about grace. You don't forgive a person because it's the fair thing to do. You forgive a person because it's the right thing to do, and you don't want your heart full of poison. You don't want your heart holding on to the hurt and the hate.

Forgiveness is free, but it is not cheap. It cost Jesus his life. It cost God his Son. And as Jesus was dying on the cross, with his arms outstretched and the blood dripping down, he said, "Father, forgive them! They don't know what they're doing." He was saying, "I love you, I love you, I love you, I love you." He was saying, "They don't deserve it. They don't even know what they're doing. But Father, forgive them."

Leave justice to God. Heal your bitterness with his grace.
- Spencer Cromwell