

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

June 8, 2014

WELCOME: Brett McGohan
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Derek Phillips
LORD'S TABLE: Don Barnett
Kevin Barley
ASSIST: Kevin Blair
Cody Barley
Jackie Horton
Matthew Dent
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Cole
GREETERS: Jim & Martha Bell
Ken & Tanya Leggett
CARDS: Jag McNulty
Austin Gilbow
VISITOR GIFT/
HOSTESSES: Donna Allensworth
Anna Wolff
SCRIPTURE READER: Will Ratliff
Matthew 10:32-33

SUNDAY EVENING

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SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Ratis Yeager
LORD'S TABLE: Albert Hall
Del Hines
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow

WEDNESDAY EVENING

June 11, 2014

SONG LEADER: Foster Hines
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Wolff
CLOSING PRAYER: Clayton Dent
DEVOTIONAL: Rod Wilson

****Please call the church office at
679-3647 if 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
Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912
Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909

Minister:

Associate/Youth Minister:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999 Brett McGohan 918-859-0446

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A REASONABLE HOPE

Writing to first-century Christians who were suffering for the sake of righteousness, Peter wrote, "but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence..." (1 Pet. 3:15). Giving reason for the hope that is within us is both a blessing and a challenge.

Consider the fact that we are creatures of hope. When hope is gone we are devastated. When things are bad, we hope they will get better. When things are good, we hope they will stay that way. Such hope is often little more than wishful thinking.

Christian hope, on the other hand, is "desire with expectation of fulfillment." It is not merely wishful thinking. It is based on credible evidence. For us to entertain such a hope, there must be a reason for it.

Our hope is grounded in the sacrifice of Jesus. The most thrilling story ever told is found in the gospel of Jesus Christ. When sin had wrapped us up in its sentence of death (Rm. 3:23; 6:23), Jesus died on the cross to provide the opportunity for spiritual cleansing (Hb. 9:22; 10:19). Where would we be without the Lord? We would have no hope and would be without God in this world (Eph. 2:12). But, Christ changed all that, for the next verse goes on to say, "But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." Take away the sacrifice of Jesus, and the hope of a Christian vanishes like a cloud of dust. Our hope is based on what Jesus did for us at Calvary.

But, our hope is also founded upon the resurrection of Christ. If the story ended at the cross, it would be a good story of love and sacrifice, but would lack both saving and life-changing power. Peter said that we are "born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Pet. 1:3). Christ is our hope (1 Tim. 1:1). Christian hope is reasonable. This is why the resurrection of Jesus is so important—it provides credible evidence upon which to establish our hope. Paul said that Jesus "was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead..." (Rm. 1:4).

While mankind has always feared death (Hb. 2:15), Jesus provides a hopeful answer to His followers. Our hope in a future resurrection is based on the resurrection of Christ. Because He arose, we will arise (1 Cor. 15:20). Concerning those who have died in Christ, we do "not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus" (1 Th. 4:13-14).

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Our hope is built on the death and resurrection of Christ. But separating these two events was His burial. The framework of the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord (1 Cor. 15:1-5). Union with these three elements of the gospel takes place when we are immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Rm. 6:3-54; Acts 2:38). When a penitent believer confesses faith in Christ and is baptized, he or she is raised up to walk in newness of life. There is great rejoicing because sins have been washed away (Acts 8:39; 22:16). There is great hope because the blood of Jesus has been applied to the heart. And, there is a bright future because we will be raised in glory at Christ's return.

--Glen Elliott--

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Michael Gilbow's father, Bobby Gilbow, is in St. Vincent's hospital room 2018. He will have open heart surgery Monday morning.

*Our sympathy goes out to Linda Ray and her family in the loss of her mother, Irelene Sandlin. She turned 95 a couple weeks ago. Her burial was in Texarkana.

*Our sympathy is extended, also, to Anna McNulty and her family in the loss of her grandmother, Mary Schafer. Her funeral was in Iowa last week.

*Houston Cotton is recovering at home from knee surgery. He is doing well and the family thanks everyone for their prayers.

We rejoice with the Shannon family - June 1st after morning services McKenzie was baptized into Christ. Let's all encourage her as she begins her walk with God.

SECRET PAL REVEAL PARTY

JUNE 23RD AT 6PM

SALAD SUPPER IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM

ALSO, BRING A FINAL GIFT FOR YOUR SECRET PAL.

OUR RECORD

JUNE 1, 2014

SUNDAY CLASS:	165
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	194
SUNDAY PM:	103
WEDNESDAY (28th)	114
OFFERING:	\$5,957

BIRTHDAYS

Amy Barley	6/8
Amanda Phillips	6/11
Dorothy Yeager	6/13
Dena DeValle	6/14

ANNIVERSARYS

Don & Terri Canino	6/13
Ellis & Marilyn Turney	6/14

Please update your directory information:

Cyndi Moore has a new phone number: 830-275-3025

Joe & Katie Riela have moved - their new address: 85 Merrett Road Greenbrier, AR 72058

CARE GROUP MEETINGS:

Care group 2 (*Dent*) - June 22nd (fellowship room after evening services)

Care group 4 (*Wolff*) - June 22nd (fellowship room after morning services)

Care group 6 (*Gilbow*) - June 8th (after morning services at the Wilson's)

Care group 7 (*Hayes*) - June 14th (5pm at the Steele's home - please bring favorite side, dessert or drinks)

DAY CAMP

June 16th - 19th

Registration forms are on the table in the foyer.

VISITOR BAGS

June 15th

Becky Gossett & Cassi Gilbow

Men's Breakfast

June 14th at 8 am in the fellowship room

Area wide fellowship

June 16th at 5:30 pm on the UACCM campus at the Plaza

Summer Calendar:

VBS Meeting

June 8th - after morning services

Camp Caudle

June 15th - 21st

Day Camp

June 16th - 19th

Tony Johnson

July 6th - potluck after morning services with afternoon services at 1:30

Gospel Crusade

July 13th - 18th

Vacation Bible School

July 27th - 31st

(notice the dates have changed for VBS!)

FOOD COMMITTEE

JUNE

Please contact:

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