

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

March 16, 2014

WELCOME: Darren Dent
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Patrick Rawls
LORD'S TABLE: Kevin Barley
Shannon Whitley
ASSIST: Ron McInturff
Ricky Shannon
Gary Mavity
Brett McGohan
CLOSING PRAYER: Tom Barkley
GREETERS: Brian & Amy Drewry
Phillip & Dana Short
CARDS: Jonathan Rawls
Ryeland Lovell
VISITOR GIFT/
HOSTESSES: Donna Allensworth
Dorothy Tatum
SCRIPTURE READER: Justin Smart
Isaiah 26:3-4

SUNDAY EVENING

March 16, 2014

SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Ratis Yeager
LORD'S TABLE: Adam Blake
Will Drewry
CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

WEDNESDAY EVENING

March 19, 2014

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Clayton Dent
CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew 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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THE CHURCH IS THE KINGDOM

There remains a great deal of confusion about the church in the minds of many. If there is but one body (Eph. 4:4) and the church is that body (Eph. 1:22-23), then why do statistics reveal that there more than 41,000 different religious denominations associated with the name of Christ? Much of the confusion is the result of not knowing what the Bible says about the nature of the church. The New Testament illustrates the nature of the church in the figure of a kingdom.

The church is the kingdom of God. John the Baptist preceded Christ, saying, "the kingdom of God is at hand..." (Mk. 1:15). Jesus said that many who heard Him speak would "not taste death until they [saw] the kingdom of God after it [had] come with power" (Mk. 9:1). Jesus promised power to His apostles "when the Holy Spirit [would] come upon [them] (Acts 1:8). Who can deny that the Holy Spirit came upon them with power on the first Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ? (Acts 2:1-4).

The church is also called the kingdom of heaven. Matthew uses that expression some 31 times in referring to the kingdom of God. The expressions are interchangeable (e.g. Mt. 13:31 cf. Mk. 4:30). It is called the kingdom of heaven because that is where it is headquartered. It is headquartered in heaven where Christ reigns over His kingdom. Therefore, the church is not ruled by the principles and precepts of men. Any religious institution with earthly headquarters cannot be the kingdom of heaven. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world" (Jn. 18:36).

This introduces a third expression. The church is the kingdom of Christ (Eph. 5:5). It is His kingdom by virtue of the fact that He is its King. The events described in the second chapter of Acts include affirmation that Jesus has been made "both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). Christ is our anointed King. Those who accept Him in obedient faith are rescued "from the domain of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of His beloved Son..." (Col. 1:13).

In our next article, we will take note of the necessary elements of a kingdom and how they apply to Christ's kingdom, the church.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUP MEETINGS:

- Care group 1 - N/A
- Care group 2 - April 13th
(fellowship room after morning services)
- Care group 3 - March 23rd
*(fellowship room after evening services - **desserts and coffee**)*
- Care group 4 - April 12th
(Allensworth's home at 5 pm)
- Care group 5 - April 12th
*(4:00 pm in the fellowship room - **Mexican theme**)*
- Care group 6 - N/A
- Care group 7 - N/A
- Care group 8 - N/A

**Please let Shelly Dent know when your next meeting will take place.*

All of the names that were in italics under our "prayer requests" have been moved to the extended prayer request sheet that is on the table in the foyer

<u>OUR RECORD</u>	
<u>MARCH 9, 2014</u>	
SUNDAY CLASS:	170
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	220
SUNDAY PM:	101
WEDNESDAY (5th)	116
OFFERING:	\$5,509

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Howard Haithcote is in Conway Regional. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers.
- *Bryan Gossett, Bob & Becky's son, has colon cancer - additional tests & treatments are planned. And Bob, as he continues to struggle with his health.
- *Please pray for a friend of the Sadler family who has cancer.
- *Steven Baker, Verple & Gene's grandson, is in UAMS after an auto accident. Mending but in a lot of pain.
- *Thelma Davis, Dorothy Tatum's sister, is in Conway Regional.
- *Keep Mary Mix in your prayers.
- *Glen Elliott's sister, Marlene Caldwell, has cancer and requests prayers.
- *Bailey Watson as he and Marilyn are dealing with his health issues.
- *Bruce Bradford is doing well after his surgery.
- *Dean English, friend of Laurie Henley, has pancreatic cancer and requests prayers.

		
<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>		
	Holden Whitley	3/16
	Becky Gossett	3/17
	Gary Mavity	3/18
	Merle Thomas	3/18
	Joe Riela	3/20
	Beverly Woody	3/22
		
<u>ANNIVERSARYS</u>		
	Jim & Patsy Burkett	3/19
	Jeff & Julie Lentz	3/19
	Jarrood & Dena DeValle	3/22
		

Parent/Teen Meeting with Brett
MARCH 16TH
after evening services
Please make plans to attend

THANK YOU CARD:

*My church family:
Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards & phone calls during this difficult time while my brother-in-law was so sick. I am so blessed.*

*In Christian love,
Nita & family*

Area wide Fellowship
Location: The Plaza at UACCM
Date: March 17th
Time: 5:30 pm
**This date actually marks the 31st anniversary of the first area wide.*

PLEASE stop by the table in the hallway by the offices to see if any of those dishes are yours. They will be left out for a couple of weeks.

YOUTH NEWS
From Brett . . .

- March 22nd** - youth devo at the home of the Yeager's after evening services. Food & drink provided.
- March 23rd** - movie night @ 6pm
- March 30th** - student led worship
- April 4th-6th** - youth retreat @ Camp Wyldewood

**check out the calendar on our website: www.gbcofc.com*

NEW CLASS:

"How to Put Together a Sermon/Devo" from 3:30 until 4:30pm on Sunday. Glen will be offering instruction, practical tips, and assistance.

VISITOR BAGS
March 23rd -
Becky Gossett & Anna Wolff



FOOD COMMITTEE
MARCH

Please contact:
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680-6209 730-3995

