

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

March 6, 2016

WELCOME: Darren Dent  
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield  
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Cole  
LORD'S TABLE: Ricky Shannon  
Jim Bell  
ASSIST: Tom Barkley  
Spencer Cromwell  
Pete Hines  
Jarrod DeValle  
CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Bradford  
GREETERS: Patrick & Jennifer Rawls  
Ricky & Keri Shannon  
CARDS: Jag McNulty  
Tate Stacks  
VISITOR GIFT/ Cassi Gilbow  
HOSTESSES: Gina Ratliff  
SCRIPTURE READER: Hunter Smart  
Matthew 7:7-8

### SUNDAY EVENING

March 6, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturff  
LORD'S TABLE: Albert Hall  
Kevin Lovell  
CLOSING PRAYER: Eli Leonard

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

March 9, 2016

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry  
OPENING PRAYER: Jackie Horton  
DEVOTIONAL: Mike Brewer  
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Cole

*\*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 Del Hines 501-733-4645  
(benevolence, pantry, greeters) (finance & technology)  
Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912  
(education & teachers) (building & grounds)

Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909

(nursing home, fellowship room set up)

#### Ministers:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999  
Spencer Cromwell 731-438-1206

Church Office: 501-679-3647

## **GREENBRIER CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Remember to  
move your  
clocks  
forward  
Saturday  
March 12th

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## THE PATIENCE OF GOD

In His word, the Lord has revealed Himself to be “merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” (Ps. 103:8, ESV). The patience of God is a virtue about which we should be eternally grateful. Tragically, many have misunderstood the longsuffering of God and have looked upon it as an encouragement to continue in a life of sin.

Patience is as much a part of God’s character as love. In fact, the two have an inseparable connection. “God is love” (1 Jn. 4:16). Love is patient (1 Cor. 13:4). Therefore, it is not surprising to learn that God is patient (2 Pet. 3:9). When Moses received the Ten Commandments for the second time and God passed by in front of Moses, He described Himself as “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness...” (Ex. 34:6). This description of the divine nature is often found in the pages of God’s word (Ps. 86:15; Neh. 9:17; Num. 14:18, etc.).

The New Testament word most often translated “patience”, as in referring to God’s patience or longsuffering, is defined as “that quality of self-restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish; it is the opposite of anger, and is associated with mercy...” (W. E. Vine). It is a compound word, literally meaning, “long-tempered”—that is, “slow to anger.”

What does this mean for us? It means that God does not fly off the handle and explode in uncontrolled wrath. God’s attributes blend together in perfect harmony. While divine wrath is very much a part of God’s nature, His holiness will not allow sin to go unpunished. His lovingkindness brought about an atoning sacrifice in Jesus Christ, the righteous. Jesus died for our sins to satisfy the holy wrath of God. But, it was eternal love which drew salvation’s plan and opened up the new and living way through Jesus (Hb. 10:20; Jn. 14:6).

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUPS:

### Care group 4 (Wolff) -

Sunday, March 6th - after morning services in the fellowship room

### Care group 5 (Hayes) -

Sunday, April 3rd - after morning services in home of Linda Drewry

*We rejoice in the decision of Brooklyn Moore to put on Christ in baptism. Let's encourage Brooklyn in her walk with God!*

Vicki Hasty came forward last week asking for prayers to be restored. Let's keep her in our prayers.

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## OUR RECORD

### FEBRUARY 28, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS:	151
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	240
SUNDAY PM:	117
WEDNESDAY (2nd):	120
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,508
YTD average:	\$5,723
YTD ahead/behind:	\$2,909

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- \*Dana Short's gallbladder surgery went well last week. Keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- \*Prayers for Jim Bell as he will have heart valve replacement surgery Thursday at St. Vincent's.
- \*Continue to keep Rod Wilson in your prayers as he recovers.
- \*Brian Wright's grandfather, Freddy Richardson, is not doing well at this time.
- \*Destiney Auten is having some emotional issues right now. Please pray for her.
- \*Remember our shut-ins including Jeanne Haithcote, who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home, & Mack Hankins, who is home.

## A LADIES GETAWAY

is scheduled for April 29th & 30th at the Wingate Inn in Little Rock. There is more information on the ladies table as well as a signup sheet. If you have any questions, please see Jan Biggs.

		
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		
Eric McNulty	3/7	
Tim Dixon	3/8	
Tyler Blair	3/9	
Jazmine Henley	3/10	
Kevin Lovell	3/11	
Natalie Vandaveer	3/11	
Nathan Woody	3/11	
<b>ANNIVERSARYS - none</b>		
		

## THANK YOU CARDS:

*Thank you for the calls, cards, and visits. Especially thank you for your prayers.*

*It's wonderful to be part of a Christian family like you.*

*In Christian love,  
Dianna Bane*

Thank you Greenbrier family for all your phone calls, cards & love shown in the passing of my brother.

I love you all,  
Helen Swindle

## BRIDAL SHOWER

*for Kenzie Hawks,  
daughter of Brian and T Swindle  
& granddaughter of Helen Swindle,  
March 13th  
from 3:30-5:00  
in the fellowship room  
Kenzie is registered at  
Target and Bed, Bath, & Beyond*

## VISITOR BAGS for March 13th

Anne Steele & Doni McInturff



## FOOD COMMITTEE for March

Please contact

Dona Dixon & Love Hines  
680-6209 730-3995



"...until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ." (Ephesians 4:12-15)

Perhaps it is because I'm a guy, but something in me wants to be the best: the top of the class, the fastest runner, the tallest, the winner of every game, the most spiritually mature, and the most humble. It took me years to realize that an ambition for spiritual maturity and humility is often the greatest handicap.

Jesus never lived in a monastery; he worked as a carpenter in a rough country during rough times. Jesus certainly knew God well—as well as any son can know his father—but He knew men well too. Jesus' relationship with God steered and energized His life in a hurting world. He knew the will of the Father and He obeyed it. Peter could not dissuade Jesus. Threats from religious authorities could not deflect Him from obedience. For Jesus, spiritual maturity meant taking His knowledge of God and applying every drop of it to His everyday life—no compromise, no inconsistencies, no holding back.

Jesus never trumpeted His maturity. An ambition to become mature in Christ is never a bad thing, but as maturity develops, that ambition should be replaced by what someone called un-self-consciousness. "Un-self-consciousness" means taking my focus off myself and my spiritual growth. Instead, we fix our attention on God and other people. We become a channel of God's love, truth, and power. We become a catalyst for what He wants to do in the lives of others. Spiritual maturity might be discerned by onlookers, but the truly mature are likely to be unaware of it and would blush at the suggestion.

-Spencer Cromwell