

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

March 8, 2015

WELCOME: Michael Gilbow
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Todd Edwards
LORD'S TABLE: Gene Blair
Jim Bell
ASSIST: Tony Worm
Tyler Blair
Cayden Leonard
Justin Smart
CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Bradford
GREETERS: Michael & Susan Cole
Scooter Akin
CARDS: Brandon Beck
Jonathan Rawls
VISITOR GIFT/ Lesia Edwards
HOSTESSES: Shelly Dent
SCRIPTURE READER: Will Ratliff
John 13:34-35

SUNDAY EVENING

March 8, 2015

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Phillip Short
LORD'S TABLE: Albert Hall
Michael Cole
CLOSING PRAYER: Marty Leonard

WEDNESDAY EVENING

March 11, 2015

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Brewer
CLOSING PRAYER: Herb Tatum
DEVOTIONAL: Kevin Lovell

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.
BIBLE STUDY/CLASS 6:00 p.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)

Minister:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999

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ACTIVE COMPASSION

The traits encouraged by Jesus in His Beatitudes are characteristics diametrically opposed to the common thinking and practice of the world. People were shocked to hear what Jesus had to say about what makes life meaningful and rich. Things haven't changed much over the centuries. People are still amazed when they see these principles practiced today. Jesus marked mercy as an essential prerequisite to true happiness when He said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy" (Mt. 5:7).

Mercy is "compassionate treatment of an offender" (Amer. Her. Dict. of the Eng. Lang.) The word so translated in Matthew chapter five meant "to feel sympathy with the misery of another, and especially sympathy manifested in act" (W.E. Vine). More than mere sympathy—mercy involves action.

Jesus illustrated what it means to be a good neighbor in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk. 10). A certain Jew fell among robbers who beat him, robbed him, and left him for dead. Some religious people of the day saw the man but did not render aid, choosing instead to pass by on the other side. But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, stopped and provided long-term assistance. The Bible explains that he was moved with compassion. Those who passed by without helping may have felt sorrow for the unfortunate man; but their sympathy did not move them to action. Those who should have been most likely to help did nothing. The man many thought would have been least likely to help demonstrated genuine mercy.

Jesus encountered ten lepers who stood some distance away crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (Lk. 17:13). What did they want from the Lord? They wanted mercy. They needed more than sympathy. They wanted mercy demonstrated in healing.

Jesus told the story of two men praying at the temple (Lk. 18:9-14). One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee's prayer was full of self-praise. His prayer was not heard. But, the prayer of the tax collector was simple and sincere. He cried, "God be merciful to me the sinner!" What did the tax collector ask from God?

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NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our sympathy is extended to Nora Smith, Dorothy Yeager's sister, in the loss of her husband Beryl. His funeral was Wednesday. Please remember this family in your prayers.

*Nell Lee's niece, Ava Gibson, needs our prayers as she goes through cancer surgery & treatments.

*Tom Banks as he undergoes radiation and chemo treatments.

*Please keep Steve Hart, Laurie Henley's mother-in-law (Barbara Trout), Edward Harness (Linda's brother-in-law), Bob Gossett, & Loy Mitchell in your prayers.

*Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer.

Pantry items for MARCH: canned pasta & cereal

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| BIRTHDAYS | | | | | | | | |
|  | Tim Dixon | 3/08 |  | | | | | |
|  | Tyler Blair | 3/09 |  | | | | | |
|  | Jazmine Henley | 3/10 |  | | | | | |
|  | Kevin Lovell | 3/11 |  | | | | | |
|  | Nathan Woody | 3/11 |  | | | | | |
|  | Natalie Woody | 3/11 |  | | | | | |
|  | Martha Bell | 3/14 |  | | | | | |
|  | Shannon Whitley | 3/14 |  | | | | | |
| ANNIVERSARYS | | | | | | | | |
|  | Marty & Tina Leonard | 3/13 |  | | | | | |
|  | Aubrey & Donna Allensworth | 3/14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

CARE GROUP MEETINGS

Care group 2 (Dent) - March 21st
5pm at the McInturff's home -
Mexican theme

Care group 3 (Blair) - March 21st
5pm at Gene & Sandra's home

Care group 4 (Wolff) - March 15th
in the fellowship room after
morning services

Care group 5 (Hayes) - March 14th
5pm at Kevin & Annie Blair's home -
potluck - **signup sheet is posted**

Care group 6 (Gilbow) - March 8th
in the fellowship room after
morning services

UPCOMING LADIES DAY

Harding Street church of Christ
March 14th
(check bulletin board for details)

OUR RECORD MARCH 1, 2015

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| SUNDAY CLASS: | 173 |
| SUNDAY WORSHIP: | 194 |
| SUNDAY PM: | 101 |
| WEDNESDAY (4th): | no service |
| BUDGET: | \$5,400 |
| OFFERING: | \$6,241 |

AMERICA'S MOST PRESSING CONCERN

Seminar by
Dr. Dave Miller
of Apologetics Press



April 10 - 12

10th, 11th @ 7:00 pm
12th @ 9:30 & 10:30 am

"Prepare yourself for the eye-opening, spiritually enriching, soul-nurturing pronouncements by a group of men who literally presided at the birth of our nation, and navigated the fledgling Republic against all odds through the dangerous, treacherous waters of political, national, social, and international turbulence."



VISITOR BAGS
for March 15th
Edie Singleton & Dorothy Tatum

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He asked for mercy. How was mercy expressed? In an act of divine forgiveness. God is not just sympathetic to our sins; He is also merciful, having sent His only Son to die on the cross so that we might be forgiven.

When we stand before God; we stand in need of mercy. What we deserve is justice. Mercy and justice meet at the cross where Jesus paid the price for our sins. Jesus tells us that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (Jn. 3:16). Living for Jesus requires extending mercy to others. When we do, we are blessed. We can only receive mercy, if we show mercy. In living such a life, we are truly blessed by the Lord to live a full and abundant life (Mt. 5:7; Jn. 10:10).

--Glen Elliott--

Areawide Youth Fellowship

March 8th
the Brewer's will be driving the van which will leave at 4:30

FOOD COMMITTEE for MARCH

Please contact:
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