

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

May 3, 2015

WELCOME: Gene Blair
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
LORD'S TABLE: Albert Hall
Jarrod DeValle
ASSIST: Phillip Short
Tim Dixon
Marty Leonard
Wyatt Brewer
CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Bradford
GREETERS: Ron & Doni McInturff
David & Beverly Woody
CARDS: Ethan Shannon
Nicholas DeValle
VISITOR GIFT/ Shelly Dent
HOSTESSES: Dorothy Yeager
SCRIPTURE READER: Ethan Edwards
James 1:21-22

SUNDAY EVENING

May 3, 2015

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent
LORD'S TABLE: Nathan Woody
David Woody
CLOSING PRAYER: Cayden Leonard

WEDNESDAY EVENING

May 6, 2015

SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell
OPENING PRAYER: Ratis Yeager
DEVOTIONAL: Robert Hayes
CLOSING PRAYER: Jackie Horton

****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.
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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REBUILDING NATIONAL CHARACTER

Directing our thoughts toward God and His inspired word is a worthwhile endeavor for all of us, especially for those who govern in our nation's capital. J.W. Alexander said, "The study of God's word, for the purpose of discovering God's will, is the secret discipline which has formed the greatest characters." Considering how much effort is being spent to keep the Bible out of our schools and governmental institutions, it is surprising to learn that those who framed our constitution had every intent on forming a nation guided by the principles of the Bible.

Thomas Jefferson said, "I have always said, and will always say, the studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better homes, better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands." John Quincy Adams said, "The first and almost the only book deserving of universal distinction is the Bible. I speak as a man of the world to the men of the world and I say to you, 'Search the Scriptures.'" Daniel Webster wrote, "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible our country will go on prospering, but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury us and our glory in profound obscurity." Did these men know of what they spoke? How many of our present legislators would be willing to sincerely make such statements?

The Bible reveals the profound and timeless truth that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Prov. 14:34). With this statement, many profess agreement. But how do they define "righteousness?" The Bible defines righteousness as follows: "all [God's] commandments are righteousness" (Ps. 119:172). In a world where morality is dictated by popular opinion, many hide behind a façade of religious devotion while denying the Creator's right to define standards of right and wrong. This is not righteousness. It is self-righteousness. In describing our national character, it is a trait which will inevitably lead to ruin.

God's word is the standard by which conduct is measured. Jesus said, "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day" (Jn. 12:48). God's word is the objective standard governing moral behavior. It is not to be tampered with by modern man. Those who claim the right to reject or modify God's commands to their own liking presume upon the authority of God and cast their vote in the direction of anarchy. If I can reject one of God's moral principles, why cannot I do the same for others? And, if I have the right to live solely on the basis of what I like or dislike; then, who am I to say that others cannot do the same? In such a world as this, the Bible has no recognized authority and we are left defenseless to stem the tide of moral ambiguity and lawlessness. Such infection is contagious. The unfolding of lawless behavior and immoral conduct will continue spreading so long as we turn our backs on the values of the Bible. We cannot legitimately claim to be "One Nation Under God" unless we place ourselves "under" His divine authority.

--Glen Elliott--

A congregation picnic will take the place of care group meetings for the month of May. Please check out the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our sympathy goes out to the families of Tom Banks and Dorothy Stone. Tom's funeral was Wednesday at our building while Dorothy's was at Roller-McNutt in Greenbrier on Friday. Please remember these families in your prayers.

*Glen's brother, James Elliott, is recovering from hip surgery last week. Prayers for his recovery.

*Helen Swindle's brother-in-law, Jim Gilbert, had a kidney removed last week. Remember he has cancer, too, so please keep him in your prayers.

*Tony Dunn has a coworker in need of our prayers - Kelly Nance. He had a stroke and is recovering at this time.

*Please keep Jason Elliott, Ted & Barbara Knight, Linda Harness' brother-in-law (Edward Harness), Tony Worm's son (Patrick), Ruth Hughes, Laurie Henley's mother-in-law (Barbara Trout), & Loy Mitchell in your prayers.

Khelzie Koston came forward Wednesday night asking for prayers. Khelzie said she has not been living right and wants forgiveness. Let's be an encouragement to her.

Bridal shower
for Natalie Woody
May 17th at 3:00 pm
in the fellowship room.
She and Justin are registered at
Target and honeyfund.com

Tom & Stephanie Barkley
invite us to the wedding of
their daughter,
Shelby Leigh
to
Michael Dillon Ross
May 23rd at 6pm
at the
Jamestown Ranch
459 Shaw Bridge Road

SENIOR BANQUET

Mark your calendars for
Sunday, May 3rd.
After evening services, we
will be celebrating the
accomplishments of our
graduating seniors -
Ethan Edwards,
Justin Smart,
Will Drewry, and
Will Ratliff.

THANK YOU CARD
*Dear Christian family,
Thank you so much for the
cards, phone calls, and prayers
during the passing of my mother.
God bless you all!
In Christian love,
Patsy Story*

Thursday morning ladies Bible class will continue through the summer. If you haven't been able to attend, think about joining them this summer in the fellowship room beginning at 10:00 am.

OUR RECORD	
APRIL 26, 2015	
SUNDAY CLASS:	165
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	203
SUNDAY PM:	97
WEDNESDAY (22nd):	127
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,367

BIRTHDAYS	
Audrey Thomason	5/03
Todd Edwards	5/04
Nell Lee	5/05
Jan Biggs	5/08
Eli Leonard	5/08
John Bowie	5/09
Erin Thomason	5/09

ANNIVERSARYS	

VISITOR BAGS
for May 10th
Tiffany Hillman & Cyndi Moore



PANTRY ITEMS FOR MAY:
Canned green beans & corn



FOOD COMMITTEE for MAY
Please contact
Sandra Blair or Karen New
733-1824 269-5166

