DIGGING DEEPER

Strange what people believe—God is dead…but Elvis is alive! We have more access to useless bits of information than ever before, but remain woefully ignorant on matters of greatest significance. We carry our own random access memory (RAM)—a smart phone or similar device—and, with a few flicks of the finger, hook up to a search engine, making available all sorts of information. Unfortunately, we seem to be losing our ability to think for ourselves and treasure in our hearts information of eternal importance. Our recall of biblical truth largely consists of media soundbites and superficial, opinionated conversations with friends and co-workers.

Reasoning together—taking Scripture in context—discovering the intent of the inspired author and making appropriate application to our lives—this is what Jesus had in mind when He said, “you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (Jn. 8:32). James revealed the simple secret to spiritual growth when he said, “But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves” (Jas. 1:22). While studying the Bible is commendable, without earnest application, it is little more than a game of Trivial Pursuit.

On the other hand, acquiring a good reservoir of Bible knowledge is essential because it influences our daily decisions. David observed this connection, praying, “Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You” (Ps. 119:11). Jesus often spoke of the dramatic effect the inner man has on the outer man. “Inside-Out” is a term expressing our need to fortify the inner man in our battle against temptation. Jesus Himself overcame great temptations by relying on His knowledge of God’s word (Mt. 4:1-11). Such strength is not ours simply because we have a smart phone in our pocket or purse; but because we have disciplined ourselves in quiet moments with God in prayer and study.

There are no short-cuts. Spiritual strength comes at a cost. Faith grows in the good soil of prayerful and faithful application of God’s word (Rm. 10:17). Jesus asks, “For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mt. 16:26). With God as our number one priority in life, we will dig deeper—earnestly striving for God’s approval as we apply His word to our lives (2 Tim. 2:15).

--Glen Elliott--

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12 Wilson Farm Rd.
Greenbrier, AR 72058

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**SUN**D**AY** MORNING
November 15, 2015

**WELCOME:** Gene Blair
**SONG LEADER:** Jim Sutterfield
**OPENING PRAYER:** Darren Dent
**LORD’S TABLE:** Ratis Yeager, Kevin Bailey
**ASSIST:** Jackie Horton, Albert Hall, Shannon Whiteley, Michael Cole
**CLOSING PRAYER:** Nathan Woody
**GREETERS:** Brian & Amy Drewry, Phillip & Dana Short
**CARDS:** Austin Gilbow, Preston Riela
**VISITOR GIFT/ HOSTESSES:** Tiffany Hillman
**SCRIPTURE READER:** Hunter Smart

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**SUN**D**AY** EVENING
November 15, 2015

**SONG LEADER:** Kevin Lovell
**OPENING PRAYER:** Gary Bradford
**LORD’S TABLE:** Robert Hayes, Matthew Dent
**CLOSING PRAYER:** Tim Dixon

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING**
November 18, 2015

**SONG LEADER:** Mike Wolff
**OPENING PRAYER:** Del Hines
**DEVOTIONAL:** Gene Blair
**CLOSING PRAYER:** Marty Leonard

*Please contact Mike Wolff if you are unable to serve.*

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**ELDERS:**

**DEACONS:**
Michael Cole 815-622-1874  Del Hines 501-733-4645
Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719  Mike Wolff 501-472-8912

**MINISTER:**
Glen Elliott 501-314-9999

**CHURCH OFFICE:**
501-679-3647

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PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our sympathy goes out to Linda Harness in the loss of her sister-in-law, Juanita Freeman.
*Jason Elliott’s bilirubin count has been going up. He has appointment at Mayo November 18th. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.
*Gordon Losselli, friend of Herb Tatum, has cancer. Please pray for him.
*Terry May’s colon surgery went well - he was to come home on Friday.
*Benny Stephens cousin, James, has been diagnosed with cancer.
*Please keep Dorothy Yeager; Nita Sadler’s sister-in-law, Betty Cockrill; Ronald Beene’s brother, Mike; and Vic Byrd’s daughter, Lauren, in your prayers.

BIRTHDAYS

Maggie Force 11/15
Garrett Brewer 11/15
Jim Sutterfield 11/15
Kathey Peterson 11/18
Junior Adams 11/19
Angie Gordy 11/20

ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin & Annie Blair 11/16
Tim & Laura Blake 11/20

THANK YOU CARD:
Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and concern shown before and after Clayton’s surgery. Please continue to pray for complete healing.
In Christian love,
The Dent Family

LADIES ANNUAL SNOWMAN EXCHANGE in the home of Don & Jane Barnett Sunday, December 13th at 2pm Bring a $10 snowman gift and a light finger food - See signup sheet on the bulletin board

PANTRY ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER
- canned soup & canned pasta

OUR RECORD

NOVEMBER 8, 2015
SUNDAY CLASS: 155
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 191
SUNDAY PM: 81
WEDNESDAY (11th): 109
BUDGET: $5,400
OFFERING: $4,816
YTD average: $5,370
YTD ahead/behind: -$1,352

5th Sunday Afternoon Service
November 29th
Soup & Sandwich lunch with our afternoon service at 1:00 PM

HOUSEWARMING
for Nathan Woody
November 15th
After evening services in the fellowship room - the entire congregation is invited. Anyone who can bring sandwiches, finger foods, chips, drinks, or desserts is encouraged to do so. There is a list of needed items on the bulletin board and on the table in the hallway.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER
December 5th @ 5:00
SIGN UP NOW
Please see all the information on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you have questions, see Doni McInturff or Cindy Wilson

VISITOR BAGS
for November 22nd
Nita Sadler & Dana Short

YOUTH EVENTS:
November 14th & 15th - Spencer & Paige will be here
November 22nd - Monthly youth devo in Rod & Cindy’s home

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
More information & signup sheets to come