

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

November 20, 2016

WELCOME: Gene Blair  
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield  
OPENING PRAYER: Spencer Cromwell  
LORD'S TABLE: Darren Dent  
Zac Gordey  
ASSIST: Phillip Short  
Rick Camp  
Brandon Beck  
Albert Hall  
CLOSING PRAYER: Jackie Horton  
GREETERS: David & Beverly Woody  
Ratis & Dorothy Yeager  
CARDS: Ryeland Lovell  
Preston Riela  
VISITOR GIFT/ Nita Sadler  
HOSTESSES: Dana Short  
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent  
Jeremiah 17:9-10

### SUNDAY EVENING

November 20, 2016

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry  
OPENING PRAYER: Valdy Eichmann  
LORD'S TABLE: Eric McNulty  
Michael Cole  
CLOSING PRAYER: Mike Brewer

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

November 23, 2016

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff  
OPENING PRAYER: Gary Bradford  
DEVOTIONAL: Mike Wolff  
CLOSING PRAYER: Ratis Yeager

***\*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.  
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 1:00 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  
Gary Bradford 501-626-3232 Rod Wilson 501-328-7888

#### Deacons:

Kevin Barley 501-472-4852 Mike Brewer 501-472-7692  
(ushers) (youth)

Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Jarrod DeValle 501-470-8710  
(benevolence, pantry) (education & teachers)

Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909  
(nursing home, fellowship room set up)

Mike Wolff 501-472-8912  
(building & grounds)

#### Ministers:

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

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## THE PRICE OF OUR FREEDOM

Without having been there, we can only imagine what it must be like to stand inside the gates of Arlington National Cemetery where so many white stones mark the graves of America's fallen. But, judging from the pictures we have seen, it must provide a stunningly impressive visual reminder of the high cost of our nation's freedom.

But there are also great spiritual battles which have been fought for our freedom. The stakes of these battles were even greater than those of carnal warfare in that the outcome carried eternal consequences. In His resurrection from the dead, Jesus dealt a mortal blow to Satan's power and made victory possible for all who trust in Him. Each Lord's Day we participate in a memorial service, calling our minds and hearts back to the cross of Jesus, where He sacrificed His body and shed His blood on our behalf. Without having been there, we can only imagine what it must have been like to stand at the foot of the cross. But, from what we can read and imagine, the cross provides a stunningly impressive visual reminder of the high cost of our spiritual freedom.

We are redeemed by the blood of God's only Son. Redemption carries the idea of having been bought back from something—in this case, from our slavery to sin. Jesus "did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mk. 10:45). We were not redeemed "with perishable things like silver or gold...but with precious blood, as of a lamb unspotted, the blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:18-19).

Only the blood of Jesus can purchase our freedom from sin. David reminds us that "No man can by any means redeem his brother, or give to God a ransom for him—for the redemption of his soul is costly..." (Ps. 49:7-8). Had there been another means of purchasing our redemption, God would have chosen it. God says that "it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins" (Hb. 10:4). Nor can we merit redemption on the basis of our own goodness. The Bible says that "all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment..." (Is. 64:6). Paul tells us that "There is none righteous, not even one" (Rm. 3:10). He goes on to say that we have "all sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (vs. 23).

Apart from Jesus we are hopeless. "For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rm. 5:6-8). Two of the most beautiful words in all the Bible are the words, "for us." While we could never do it on our own, Jesus purchased our spiritual freedom through His blood. For this we must ever be thankful, expressing our gratitude in word and action.

--Glen Elliott--



## BLOOD DRIVE

*December 1st*

*from 9am- 3pm*

*Please see signup sheet on the bulletin board*

## HOLIDAY BOXES

Michael Cole is making a list of items if you would like to purchase the items yourself or you may give financially.



## VISITOR BAGS

for November 27th

Dorothy Yeager & Tiffany Hillman

## OUR RECORD

**NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

<b>SUNDAY CLASS:</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP:</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>SUNDAY PM:</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY (16th):</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$5,400</b>
<b>OFFERING:</b>	<b>\$5,249</b>
<b>YTD average:</b>	<b>\$5,653</b>
<b>YTD ahead/behind:</b>	<b>\$11,623</b>

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Doni McInturff will have chemo each Monday for 6 weeks and radiation Monday - Friday for 6 weeks. Keep her and Ron in your prayers.

\*Our sympathy goes out to Charles Bane and his family in the passing of Dianna. Her funeral was Saturday.

\*Also, our sympathy goes out to Chris Brill in the passing of his mother, Irene Brill. There was a memorial service for her on Friday.

\*Peggy Braden's daughter, Terri, has some serious health concerns and is needing prayers.

\*Del Hines had hernia surgery Thursday and is doing fine.

\*Continue to keep John Bradford; Robin Linn's dad, Michael; Susan Ward; Gaylon Lewallen; Janet Banks, Alisa Stephens, and Destiny Auten in your prayers. \*Remember Jeanne Haitcote who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home.

## BIRTHDAYS

Angie Gordey	11/20
Jennifer Dunn	11/22
Sandra Blair	11/23
Addie Gilbow	11/23
Travis Moody	11/26
Jeremy Thomason	11/26

## ANNIVERSARYS

Tim & Laura Blake	11/20
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## SENIOR CITIZEN APPRECIATION DINNER/BANQUET

November 27th at 5pm

There is more information and a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway

## LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH ANNOUNCEMENT

*Beginning Sunday, November 27th, we will meet at 1PM for "evening" service.*

*This 1PM service time*

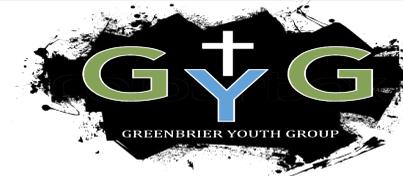
*will continue for every LAST Sunday of the month and will follow the format of our recent afternoon service on Friends & Family Day, focusing on scripture, prayer, and songs. When the last Sunday happens to be the 5th Sunday of the month, we will have a fellowship meal in between morning and the 1PM service. There will not be a 5PM service on the LAST Sunday of each month.*

## FOOD COMMITTEE for November

*Please contact*

Sandra Blair  
733-1824

Donna Allensworth  
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## "Importance of a Thank You"

"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us" (Luke 17:13) When Jesus encountered the ten lepers on his way to Jerusalem, all ten asked to be healed. All ten obeyed Jesus' command to go show themselves to the priests. As the lepers went to the priests, they were healed. However, only one returned to thank Jesus.

That seemed to surprise Jesus. "Were not all ten cleansed?" he asked. "Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" (Luke 17:17).

Jesus did not heal the lepers for the thanks. But He really appreciated it when one He had healed remembered his manners. We can almost hear the frustration in His voice as he asks, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" But His pleasure is also evident at the one who took the time to return and express his gratitude. Giving thanks is not something that is spontaneous. Expressing our thanks to another person is a deliberate act. We learn to be thankful people by watching those around us.

Gratitude and appreciation are important. People who are thankful are happy people. People who are thankful have lots of friends. People who are thankful have learned to say with Paul, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances" (Philippians 4:11). Thankful people know real "thanks giving" springs from a heart that is focused on God.

-Spencer Cromwell