

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

October 16, 2016

WELCOME: Mike Wolff
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Ratis Yeager
Rick Camp
ASSIST: Phillip Short
Tyler Blair
Marty Leonard
Jackie Horton
CLOSING PRAYER: Valdy Eichmann
GREETERS: Brian & Amy Drewry
Robert & Jenni Hayes
CARDS: Ryeland Lovell
Preston Riela
VISITOR GIFT/ Anna Wolff
HOSTESSES: Becky Gossett
SCRIPTURE READER: Eli Leonard
Psalm 125:1-2

SUNDAY EVENING

October 16, 2016

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry
OPENING PRAYER: Jarrod DeValle
LORD'S TABLE: Kevin Blair
Gene Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Jim Bell

WEDNESDAY EVENING

October 19, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Gary Bradford
DEVOTIONAL: Spencer Cromwell
CLOSING PRAYER: Mike Brewer

****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 501-499-5888 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
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GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!

Victory is founded upon the faithfulness of God rather than the groundless security of human achievement. Our inheritance in heaven is not the result of our many good deeds, but the result of having accepted God's grace in faithful obedience. Since faithfulness involves fidelity, loyalty, and devotion to Christ, it will always find expression in good works.

Faithfulness has its benefits in this life as well as in the life to come. Faithfulness provides security. The Psalmist notes that "The Lord preserves the faithful..." (Ps. 31:23). Solomon reminds his son that "A faithful man will abound with blessings..." (Prov. 28:20). Increased usefulness in the Master's service is another blessing of faithfulness. In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus told the five-talent man: "you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things..." (Mt. 25:23). Many are the blessings of faithfulness in Christian living. Perhaps, these were best summed up when Jesus said, "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (Jn. 10:10).

In a world of dishonesty and treachery, there is a crying need for faithfulness. However, faithfulness must be nurtured. David writes, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness" (Ps. 37:3). The Psalmist later describes the ancient Israelites as a "stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not prepare its heart, and whose spirit was not faithful to God" (Ps. 78:8). Faithfulness is not an accident, it is the result of careful preparation. As Wendell Winkler notes, faithfulness "is a mind-set, not a Sunday habit."

One of the most helpful things we can do in cultivating faithfulness is to consider the faithfulness of God. Jeremiah exclaims, "Great is Thy faithfulness!" (Lam. 3:23). These words echoed the sentiments of David, who prays, "Your faithfulness reaches to the skies" (Ps. 36:5). In difficult times, there is great comfort in the knowledge that "God is faithful" (1 Cor. 10:13). Peter likewise encourages suffering Christians to "entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right" (1 Pet. 4:19). And, when we do fall into sin, John reminds us of God's promise that "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 Jn. 1:9).

How can we be disloyal to the One who has been so faithful to us? We can see His faithfulness everywhere about us. The orderliness of the created world speaks volumes about the faithfulness of God. The sun rises every morning and sets every evening. Indeed, God's faithfulness reaches to the heavens! Where would we turn if we could not count on the

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CARE GROUPS:

Care group 2 (Dent) -

Saturday, November 12th
in the home of the Dent's
see signup sheet

Care group 3 (McInturff) -

Saturday, November 12th
in the home of the Wolff's
Thanksgiving theme- see signup sheet

Care group 4 (Wolff) -

Saturday, November 12th
in the home of the Wolff's
Thanksgiving theme- see signup sheet

Care group 5 (Hayes) -

Sunday, October 23rd after
evening services in the fellowship
room - fall potluck
see signup sheet

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our sympathy goes out to Sam Selby, Jessica Smart and their families in the passing of Ivana. Her funeral was Thursday.

*Also, our sympathy goes out to Steve Lucas' family in his passing on Thursday. Steve's brother-in-law is Tim Dixon.

*Patsy Story's sister, Linda Keathley, had surgery on Friday. Remember her as she has been diagnosed with breast cancer and this is on top of a lot of other health issues.

*Doctors have found new spots on Dianna Banes liver and more on her pancreas .

*Continue to keep Gaylon Lewallen; Tom Steele; Nita Sadler's sister-in-law, Mack Hankins; and Betty Cockrell in prayer.



VISITOR BAGS

for October 23rd
Cassi Gilbow & Anne Steele

	
BIRTHDAYS	
Will Drewry	10/17
Dorothy Tatum	10/18
Ethan Edwards	10/19
Vickie Hasty	10/21
Nathan Lovell	10/22
ANNIVERSARYS	
Junior & Margaret Adams	10/16
	

OUR RECORD

OCTOBER 9, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS:	156
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	194
SUNDAY PM:	91
WEDNESDAY (12th):	135
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,540
YTD average:	\$5,716
YTD ahead/behind:	\$12,963

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faithfulness of God? What would give us hope in trial or temptation? How could we feel assurance regarding the forgiveness of our sins? When it is all said and done, being faithful and loyal in our relationship to God is but a reflection of our understanding and appreciation for what God has done and is doing on our behalf. Indeed, we must praise God for His faithfulness!
—Glen Elliott—



We are happy to welcome **Ada Forder** to our church family at Greenbrier. She is the mother of Sue Cole and grandmother of Aryca & Audreya.
**24 Louise Lane
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Costume Party



at Gary & Becky's
October 21st at 5pm
please see the
**bulletin board for
more details**

Ladies Fall Retreat

October 28 - 30
See signup sheet on the
ladies table



"Why be a Friend?"

Job 2:12-13

Job lost most of his family and earthly possessions. When three of his friends heard the news, they went to offer comfort, support and encouragement simply by showing up. Scripture tells us (as we see in our key verse) they sat with him for seven days and nights and didn't say a word. *Can you imagine?*

They showed up and were present at a time when Job felt beaten down and alone. So often, I'm afraid to show up when I know someone is hurting because I worry too much about the "what ifs." *What if I say something insensitive? What if their pain triggers something in me? What if it will require more time and energy than I want to give?* Ugly, but true, concerns.

We live in a busy and fast culture of appointments, family activities and other obligations that can dictate our time and energy if we allow.

Running at full speed keeps us from slowing down enough to walk with the hurting. We live a distracted, but less compassionate, life when we have so much going on that we fail to see the needs around us — and I know I'm guilty.

-Spencer Cromwell

FOOD COMMITTEE for October

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