

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

September 11, 2016

WELCOME: Brian Drewry
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Rod Wilson
LORD'S TABLE: Travis Moody
Patrick Rawls
ASSIST: Ron McInturff
Merrell Story
Pete Hines
Kevin Blair
CLOSING PRAYER: Valdy Eichmann
GREETERS: Ratis/Dorothy Yeager
Aubrey & Donna Allensworth
CARDS: Ryeland Lovell
Lyndon Lewis
VISITOR GIFT/ Dana Short
HOSTESSES: Nita Sadler
SCRIPTURE READER: Eli Leonard
Proverb 23:23

SUNDAY EVENING

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SONG LEADER: Kevin Lovell
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent
LORD'S TABLE: Jarrod DeValle
Greg Bradford
CLOSING PRAYER: Tyler Blair

WEDNESDAY EVENING

September 14, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Ratis Yeager
DEVOTIONAL: Mike Brewer
CLOSING PRAYER: Matthew Dent

**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 501-499-5868 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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A LIFE OF PURPOSE

Times have changed in many ways over the past few years. Some might remember when the most troubling problems in our public schools were chewing gum and running in the hallway. Today the problems are much worse. Aside from wasting an opportunity to get a good education, there are serious problems related to drug abuse, immorality, and violence. Let's face it. We live in a different world. But it does little good to complain. Instead, we are called to live the Christian life in whatever situation we find ourselves. Mordecai told Esther, "Who knows whether you have attained royalty for such a time as this?" (Est. 4:14). We have more influence than we might imagine, but we must maximize our influence to the glory of God.

One way that we can increase our influence is by living a life of purpose. No one ever made a lasting, positive difference in this world by accident. We must have purpose—a purpose that is noble, true, and right.

ICBM's were once a hot topic in the news. These intercontinental ballistic missiles can travel great distances in a relatively short period of time and hit their targets. These days we hear a lot about drones with very precise weaponry which can hit its target thousands of miles away from the one who is flying the unmanned aircraft. Hitting a desired target requires thoughtful planning and careful attention to detail. Where would you like to be in ten years? If you have something in mind—if you have made this your goal and passion, then this is your target. You have a purpose in life. An even greater test of life's purpose would be to ask: "Where do you want to be when this life had ended?" Eternity is a powerfully motivating force so far as stirring us to live a life of determined purpose.

Daniel was a man of purpose. The Bible says that "he purposed in his heart that he would not eat the king's meat or drink the king's wine" (Dan. 1:8). A young captive in the land of Babylon, conventional wisdom would have said, "When in Babylon, do as the Babylonians ask." Why rock the boat? Because his purpose in life was to please God in every respect.

Let me challenge you to choose a purpose worth living for—a purpose that transcends this life. Make it your purpose to know the Lord, and love Him with all your heart. Purpose to be true to the teachings of our Lord and, when this life is over, purpose to be with Him forever in heaven.

--Glen Elliott--

CARE GROUPS:

Care group 2 (Dent) -

*Saturday, September 24th
in the home of Edie Singleton -
Italian theme - see signup sheet*

Care group 3 (McInturff) -

*Sunday, September 18th after
evening services in the fellowship room
spaghetti dinner - see signup sheet*

Care group 4 (Wolff) -

*Saturday, September 17th at 5pm
in the home of the Bell's
bring a lawn chair - see signup sheet*

Care group 5 (Hayes) -

*Sunday, September 25th after
morning services in the home of
Linda Drewry - see signup sheet*

Care group 6 (Gilbow) -

*Saturday, September 24th at 6pm
in the home of the Lewis' -
Italian theme - see signup sheet*

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Rance Rainey will have surgery September 20th. Remember him in prayer.

*Nita Sadler has asked for continued prayers for her sister-in-law, Betty Cockrell.

*Jerry Garrett's surgery went well Thursday.

*Alisa Stephens had eye surgery Wednesday.

*Anne Steele's husband, Tom, had a dirt bike accident over the weekend. He had hip replacement surgery and was able to come home Thursday.

ATTENTION - MEN:

September 25th

Our van will leave the building at 4pm, we will go out to eat and then attend the Harding University Lectureship - *see signup sheet*

OUR RECORD

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

SUNDAY CLASS:	153
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	185
SUNDAY PM:	86
WEDNESDAY (7th):	148
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$5,131
YTD average:	\$5,694
YTD ahead/behind:	\$10,599

		
BIRTHDAYS		
	Justin Smart	9/11
	Sarah Dixon	9/11
	Cleon Koone	9/13
	Hope Terry	9/14
	Gary Bradford	9/14
	Kim Rankin	9/15
	Shanna Lovell	9/17
ANNIVERSARYS		
-none-		
		

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AREA WIDE SINGING & FELLOWSHIP

September 19th at 5:30pm
Downtown church of Christ in
Morrliton \$6.00 per person

SEPTEMBER is **PACK- THE- PULPIT**



*month. Please pick up a list of
needed items from the table in the
foyer, then bring your sack and
leave it in the pulpit area*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ladies Fall Retreat
October 28 - 30
more details to come

VISITOR BAGS

for September 11th
Dana Short & Nita Sadler



FOOD COMMITTEE for September

Please contact
Dona Dixon & Becky Bradford
680-6209 626-4436



"Watch Your Ego!"

"When I felt secure, I said, 'I will never be shaken.' Lord, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed. To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy"
(Psalms 30.6-8)

When things are going well and the winds are in our favor, we risk falling into a great illusion. I'm not referring to the idea that things will not change, that everything will always be in our favor, although some will be fooled thinking this way. I am talking about something more serious: that we think that way because we think we are all that. We think we know how to run things, because we are really good and deserving.

When we think we have control of the situation, we can lose track of God's mercy. We may become bold like Peter who decided to advise Jesus against going to Jerusalem and facing the cross. "Behind me, Satan! You don't understand the things of God" (Mt 16:23) was Jesus' response. When we become boastful we look at things our own way, without God's help. We become deluded, we are mistaken.

The Psalmist "fell into that trap" but God was good and "hid" His face from him. In other words, He left him alone for a while. That was enough. He admitted he was mistaken about himself and about life. The Lord then was merciful and life went back to normal. We must watch out for our ego. It promises what it is not able to deliver. We are fruit of God's mercy, and we will be wise in life when we do not stray from that.

-Spencer Cromwell