

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

September 21, 2014

WELCOME: Mike Wolff  
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield  
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent  
LORD'S TABLE: Jarrod DeValle  
Marty Leonard  
ASSIST: Shannon Whitley  
Cayden Leonard  
Ricky Shannon  
Ratis Yeager  
CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Cole  
GREETERS: Pete & Joyce Hines  
Justin & Natalie Akin  
CARDS: Austin Gilbow  
Nathan Lovell  
VISITOR GIFT/ Nita Sadler  
HOSTESSES: Dana Short  
SCRIPTURE READER: R. C. Rawls  
I Corinthians 10:13

### SUNDAY EVENING

September 21, 2014

SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson  
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Barley  
LORD'S TABLE: Wyatt Brewer  
Ethan Edwards  
CLOSING PRAYER: Del Hines

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

September 24, 2014

SONG LEADER: R. C. Rawls  
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Cole  
CLOSING PRAYER: Kevin Lovell  
DEVOTIONAL: Rod Wilson

***\*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.

#### Elders:

Gene Blair 501-499-5868 Darren Dent 501-581-3052

#### Deacons:

Michael Cole 815-622-1874 Del Hines 501-733-4645  
Jarrod DeValle 501-450-8719 Mike Wolff 501-472-8912  
Michael Gilbow 501-208-2909

#### Minister:

#### Associate/Youth Minister:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999 Brett McGohan 918-859-0446

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## LITTLE THINGS AND SMALL BEGINNINGS

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all other seeds; but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches" (Mt. 13:31-32). In this parable, Jesus connects little things and small beginnings to the kingdom of heaven. One is immediately reminded of the explosive growth of the early church.

Little steps and small beginnings also add up to great progress in spiritual development. Every journey begins with a single step. Were we suddenly given perfect knowledge of all the steps that lay ahead of us in life's journey, we would be overwhelmed. But, all we really need is to know the steps which must be taken today. Jesus said, "...do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Mt. 5:34). Success in meeting life's goals is measured, not so much by developing a great plan, but by taking each little step along the way.

Disciplines of discipleship, such as daily Bible study and prayer, are cultivated one step at a time. We will not be able to read the Bible through from Genesis to Revelation in one setting, but we can read a few chapters a day. We may not be able to sustain ourselves through an all-night prayer session, but we can set aside some quiet time each day to be alone with the Father. Spiritual growth often travels the path of little things and small beginnings.

In bringing up "children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4), parents are sometimes intimidated by the enormity of the task and the long-term nature of the project. Once again, little things and small beginnings can help us fulfill God's desire for the home. If we wait until we feel adequate to the task, we will flounder in a sea of doubt and our children will go untaught in the ways of the Lord. Little things and small beginnings spell success in matters that relate to marriage and the family.

Christian service is another area where high, comprehensive expectations can leave some feeling overwhelmed and discouraged. Remember that Jesus extolled even the cup of cold water given in His name (Mt. 10:42). Focus not so much on the great good that could be done if everything fell into just the right place—concentrate instead on the little things at hand that can be done today to show the love of Jesus to others. Seizing today's opportunities opens the door to greater opportunities tomorrow (Mt. 25:29).

Little things and small beginning are important in every aspect of a Christian's life. Faithfulness is doing what we can with what God has given us (cf. Mk. 14:8). May the Lord bless us today with even more opportunities to serve Him in little things and small beginnings!

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUP MEETINGS:

Care group 1 (Elliott) Sept 21st  
after evening services at the Elliott's home  
finger foods

Care group 2 (Dent) &  
Care Group 4 (Wolff) - Sept 21st  
after evening services in the fellowship room  
desserts and snack foods

Care groups 7 (Hayes) - Sept 21st  
after morning services in the fellowship room  
potluck - bring your favorite main dish, side,  
dessert, or drink

The Third Annual Ammo and Eatin'  
Fun Fest at Rod Wilson's shop  
October 11th from 2:00 until ?

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October 25th

Fall Costume Cookout at the  
Wilson's home (More info to come!)

### OUR RECORD

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

<b>SUNDAY CLASS:</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP:</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>SUNDAY PM:</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY (17th):</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$5,400</b>
<b>OFFERING:</b>	<b>\$4,875</b>
<b>YTD average:</b>	<b>\$5,202</b>
<b>YTD ahead/behind:</b>	<b>-\$7,321</b>

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Natalie Akin's surgery went well Monday. She was able to come home from UAMS on Thursday. She will not need chemo--only to be test every three months for 2 years, then every 6 months for 3 years.

\*Alisa Stephens' is home recovering from sinus surgery. She now has bronchitis and is on a new antibiotic. Her husband's surgery has been put off for a couple of weeks because he has bronchitis as well.

\*Continue to pray for Angie Gordey as she recovers from surgery.

\*Please keep Fern Chism, Nell Lee, Mack Hankins, Steve Harrel, Brittany Irby, Bob Gossett, and the Banks family in your prayers.

\*Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer.

## Pantry items for SEPTEMBER: canned soup, canned fruit

									
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>									
	Miranda Woody	9/22							
	Love Hines	9/23							
	Cassidy Barley	9/25							
	Mary Camp	9/25							
	Joyce Hines	9/26							
	Ron McInturff	9/26							
	Verple Baker	9/26							
	Isaac Hulse	9/27							
	Rachel Dixon	9/27							
									

## GOSPEL MEETING

OCTOBER 5-8

with Ken Burton  
from Mountain Home

**Sunday Bible Class (9:30 am)**  
Preliminaries to Worship

**Sunday Worship (10:30 am)**  
"Thou Shalt Worship the Lord Thy God"

**\*POTLUCK AFTER  
MORNING SERVICES\***

**Sunday PM Worship (1:00 pm)**  
The Supreme Motive for Worship

**Monday (7 pm)**  
The Call for Change in Worship

**Tuesday (7 pm)**  
The Abiding Principle of True Worship

**Wednesday (7 pm)**  
Distinctive Features of NT Worship

## LADIES RETREAT

Sky Harbor Resort  
Lampe, MO  
Sept 26-28



Details & sign up sheet on the ladies  
table. Please see Jan Biggs or  
Donna Allensworth with questions.

## FOOD COMMITTEE for SEPTEMBER

Please contact:  
Dona Dixon & Love Hines  
680-6209 730-3995



## It's Not Illegal if You Don't Get Caught

This is a saying that my grandpa said to me as a young child, and to my mother's dismay I still remember it. Is that actually true though? One of the biggest lies we tell ourselves is whatever we do in secret by ourselves doesn't hurt anyone or affect my life in anyway. For example, when we drive 55 in a 45 and no police officer pulls us over we believe we got away with it. Does that stop the thrill of driving faster than we are allowed by law? For most of us, I'm comfortable in saying no. So we do it again and again, until one day a police officer finally does catch us and we receive a speeding ticket. Did the fact that we didn't get caught most of the time make it less illegal than when we did get caught? Of course not, but we still push the law till we get hit hard with it. What about our faith? In my young life, I have come to fully believe that whatever you do in secret or think you got away with will reveal itself, either by getting caught or by your own actions. Jesus warned the Pharisees in Matthew 23:25-28 that their behavior outside the public eye made them unrighteous in the eyes of God, while seeming righteous to man. Hebrews 4:13 tells us that NOTHING we do is kept from the eyes of God and that we will have to give an account for our actions. The idea "it's not illegal if you don't get caught" doesn't apply to God, so we must constantly be on guard for our own souls and strive to stay in the will of God so that we may maintain the salvation we have through Jesus.  
-Brett McGohan

## VISITOR BAGS

September 21st  
Nita Sadler & Dana Short

