

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

September 24, 2017

WELCOME: Brian Drewry  
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent  
LORD'S TABLE: Mike Brewer  
Phillip Short  
ASSIST: Patrick Rawls  
Clayton Dent  
Tom Barkley  
Jarrod DeValle  
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Davidson  
GREETERS: Shannon & Jennifer Whitley  
Merrell & Patsy Story  
CARDS: Miguel Montenegro, Jr  
Nick DeValle  
VISITOR GIFT/ LINDA HARNES  
HOSTESSES: Annie Blair  
SCRIPTURE READER: Luke Lewis  
Hebrews 10:35-36

### SUNDAY EVENING

September 24, 2017

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff  
OPENING PRAYER: Michael Gilbow  
LORD'S TABLE: Matthew Dent  
Eli Leonard  
CLOSING PRAYER: Shannon Whitley

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

September 27, 2017

SONG LEADER: Brian Drewry  
OPENING PRAYER: Albert Hall  
DEVOTIONAL: Robert Hayes  
CLOSING PRAYER: Tom Barkley

***\*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:

Mike Brewer 501-472-7692  
(youth, devos - Wednesday & nursing home)

Michael Cole 815-622-1874  
(benevolence, pantry)

Jarrod DeValle 501-470-8710  
(education & teachers)

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

#### Ministers:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999

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## GOODNESS AND GREATNESS

It is amazing how much the Bible has to say about respecting legitimate authority. In reference to paying taxes, Jesus says, "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's" (Mt. 22:21). In his letter to the Romans, Paul says, "Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves...Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake" (Rm. 13:1-2, 5). In writing to Titus, Paul reminds us "to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed" (Tit. 3:1). In fact, we have a responsibility to pray for ruling authorities (1 Tim. 2:2). Thus, Christians are expected to be law-abiding citizens.

We enjoy great privileges in our nation. Among these is the right to vote--a right for which many in other nations yearn. But, as we vote, we must not forget that character matters. We must consider what issues are most important to us and vote for men and women who accurately reflect those values. Solomon says that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

If one person has the right to disobey the law, then everyone should have the same right. If we have the right to disobey one law, then we should have the right to disobey other laws. Furthermore, if I can disregard the laws of the land, then why can't everyone do the same. Anarchy is the logical result of failure to respect the laws of the land. The only time we have a right to disobey a law is when that law conflicts the law of God. In such an instance, we stand on level ground with Peter who addressed to the high court of the Jews, saying, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). We have the right to work lawfully within the system to bring about change. We do not have the right to engage in lawless behavior.

But, neither individual politicians or the government as a whole has to ability to make our nation great. It is the people who make our nation great. If we expect leaders of integrity and character, we must be people of integrity and character. If we want our nation to be good, then we must be good. Long ago, when French philosopher, Alexis de Tocqueville, traveled to America in search of its greatness. After his visit, he concluded, "America is great because America is good, and when she ceases to be good, she will cease to be great." And, so it is, we cannot be good without respect for and submission to legitimate authority.

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUPS:

Care Group 1 (Lewis) -  
Sunday, October 15th after  
morning services in the Lewis'  
home - Italian theme

Care Group 4 (Elliott) -  
Sunday, September 24th after  
morning services in the  
fellowship room - finger foods

Care Group 5 (Yeager) -  
Sunday, October 15th after  
morning services in the fellowship  
room see sign-up sheet - potluck

## Ladies Preparing Communion Trays

Sept. 24th - Linda Black  
October 1st - Annie Blair  
October 8th - Laura Blake

## OUR RECORD

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| SUNDAY CLASS:     | 167      |
| SUNDAY WORSHIP:   | 208      |
| SUNDAY PM:        | 95       |
| WEDNESDAY (20th): | 144      |
| BUDGET:           | \$5,400  |
| OFFERING:         | \$4,992  |
| YTD average:      | \$5,306  |
| YTD ahead/behind: | -\$3,554 |

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Our sympathy goes out to the Trafanstedt family in the passing of Virginia. Her funeral was here Tuesday.

\*Heather Mahan has requested prayers for her dad, Tim Jumper. He has been diagnosed with basal cell carcinoma.

\*Terri Shoemaker, a friend of the Yeager's, fell and broke her arm and leg. She will need surgery.

\*Continue to keep Verple Baker; Bryan Gossett; Jim Sutterfield; Joe Dillard; and Charles Reynolds in your prayers.

\***Pick up an extended list of those in need of our prayers on the table in the foyer. Some names have been moved to this list.**



## BIRTHDAYS

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Anna Lewis         | 9/25 |
| Cassidy Barley     | 9/25 |
| Mary (Camp) Meyers | 9/25 |
| Joyce Hines        | 9/26 |
| Ron McInturff      | 9/26 |
| Verple Baker       | 9/26 |
| Rachel Dixon       | 9/27 |

## ANNIVERSARYS

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| John & Ann Bowie | 9/30 |
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## **"Christians Can Be Confident About Creation"**

**Seminar with Dr. Jeff Miller  
September 29 - October 1st**

### Seminar Sessions:

**I. The Evidence Points to God  
Friday, Sept 29th, 6:00-7:15pm**

**II. Which God Exists?  
Friday, 7:30-8:30pm**

**III. The Biblical Creation Model I  
Saturday, Sept 30th, 9:15-10:30am**

**IV. The Biblical Creation Model II  
Saturday, 10:45am-12:00pm**

**- LUNCH PROVIDED -**

**V. Is Creation Scientific?  
Saturday, 1:30-2:45pm**

**VI. Is Creation Scientifically  
Defensible?**

**Sunday, Oct 1st, 9:30-10:20am**

**VII. Why Become a Christian?  
Sunday, Oct 1st, 10:30-11:30am**

**\*\*CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK\*\***

**after morning services -  
followed by a 1pm service**

**OCTOBER 8th!**

for  
CASSI  
GILBOW **BABY** at 3:30 in the  
SHOWER fellowship  
room

## REMEMBER

*The last Sunday of EACH month we have a 1:00pm service instead of a 5pm service. When the last Sunday is a fifth Sunday we have a congregational potluck then the 1pm service. This is the schedule for the rest of 2017:*

**September 24th: 1:00pm**

**Oct. 29th: 1pm & potluck**

**November 26th: 1:00pm**

**Dec. 31st: 1pm & potluck**

## BAPTISM

*We rejoice at Jazzy Henley's decision to become a Christian last Sunday morning. Let's encourage Jazzy in her walk with the Lord.*

## VISITOR BAGS

for October 1st  
Donna Allensworth & Anna Wolff



## **FOOD COMMITTEE for September**

*Please contact:*  
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