

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

September 25, 2016

WELCOME: Brian Drewry
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Wolff
LORD'S TABLE: Eric McNulty
Matthew Dent
ASSIST: Albert Hall
Don Barnett
Clayton Dent
Marty Leonard
CLOSING PRAYER: Shannon Whitley
GREETERS: Kevin & Annie Blair
Tim & Laura Blake
CARDS: Tate Stacks
Jonathan Rawls
VISITOR GIFT/ Stephanie Barkley
HOSTESSES: Anne Janski
SCRIPTURE READER: Zac Gordey
Psalms 111:7-10

SUNDAY EVENING

September 25, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Tom Barkley
LORD'S TABLE: Rick Camp
Mike Brewer
CLOSING PRAYER: Greg Bradford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

September 28, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett
OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturff
DEVOTIONAL: Robert Hayes
CLOSING PRAYER: Jackie Horton

***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
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PATIENCE

Patience is at once both a noun and a verb. In addition to being a prominent Christian virtue, it is also something we do. We *have patience*—that is, we *put up with* a person or a trying situation. Patience is as important as any personality trait so far as providing an indicator of future success. Though better translated *endurance* in Hebrews 10:36, *patience* is the word selected by the translators of the King James Version to describe our most urgent need of the Hebrew brethren. Though tempted to forsake Christ in the face of opposition, they needed patience so that, after they had “done the will of God, [they] might receive the promise.” Similarly, James told his readers to allow “patience (endurance) have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing” (Jas. 1:4).

Patience is a virtue that applies to many areas of life. In his book, Heart Diseases and Their Cure, Wendell Winkler lists nine areas of life in which patience is needed. These include: patience with ourselves (Lk. 21:9); patience in the home; patience in soul-winning (2 Tim. 4:2); patience when persecuted (Matt. 5:10-12); patience in trial (Jas. 1:2-4); patience in regard to church growth (1 Cor. 3:6); patience as we wait for the Lord's coming (Rom. 8:25); patience in prayer (Psa. 40:1); and patience with others in general (Eph. 4:2). We would do well to consider how we might better implement patience in each of these important areas of our lives.

Patience is a much-admired virtue. We praise the patience of Job. The inspired writer assumes that his readers have heard of his patience and have seen that, in the end, the Lord extended to him great compassion and mercy (Jas. 5:11). Too many among us are caught up with the quick-fix—the easy path to the development of complex virtues and life-changing habits. Like other virtues, patience comes at a cost—sometimes the development of patience requires inconvenience and suffering. But we must faithfully pay the price, trusting in the Lord for strength, so that we might enjoy the benefit later on.

Someone has well stated that “The best guarantee of tomorrow is to patiently prepare today.” This is why children need a good education. This is why athletes train. This is why Christians patiently endure temptation and trial. It is because there is something better waiting beyond this life—something that requires preparation. We are best prepared by trusting in God and making Him our trust no matter what may come our way in this life.

--Glen Elliott--

