

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

September 4, 2016

WELCOME: Brian Drewry  
SONG LEADER: Jim Sutterfield  
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair  
LORD'S TABLE: Kevin Barley  
Teddy Lewis  
ASSIST: Pete Hines  
Zac Gordey  
Spencer Cromwell  
Shannon Whitley  
CLOSING PRAYER: Marty Leonard  
GREETERS: Mike & Anna Wolff  
David & Beverly Woody  
CARDS: Austin Gilbow  
Preston Riela  
VISITOR GIFT/ Tiffany Hillman  
HOSTESSES: Dorothy Yeager  
SCRIPTURE READER: Matthew Dent  
1 John 5:4

### SUNDAY EVENING

September 4, 2016

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Darren Dent  
LORD'S TABLE: Michael Gilbow  
Eric McNulty  
CLOSING PRAYER: Cayden Leonard

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

September 7, 2016

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff  
OPENING PRAYER: Ron McInturff  
DEVOTIONAL: Michael Cole  
CLOSING PRAYER: Eric McNulty

***\*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

Church Office: 501-679-3647

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### SPIRITUAL INSENSITIVITY

*Congenital Analgia* is a condition afflicting children that makes them insensitive to pain. Heart-breaking are the stories of children who injure themselves, but because they feel no pain, are unaware of serious injuries. One family reported that their children had bitten off the tips of their fingers and tongues, burned their hands, cut themselves, and broken their bones.

While I am sure there are times when we all would like to forgo the experience of pain; it does serve a useful purpose. Pain tells us that something needs attention—that we need to quit doing what it is that we are doing. Pain forces us to rest and heal. Ignoring pain frequently results in greater injury. Imagine how it would be to have no feeling—no pain. Paralyzed some time earlier in a bus accident, a friend was wearing a new bandage on his foot. What happened? He had placed his foot on a hot surface but, because he could feel no pain, his foot had been severely burned.

What lesson is there in this for us? There is a state of spiritual analgia produced by persistent sin. Paul describes some who had become spiritually callous and had lost their ability to feel remorse (Eph. 4:19). Such is the condition of many who have given themselves over to sin. The author of the book of Hebrews spoke of a time when it becomes “impossible to renew them to repentance” (Heb. 6:6). Paul warned Timothy of those who, “by means of the hypocrisy of liars”, had “seared their own conscience as with a branding iron...” (1 Tim. 4:2). I have a younger sister who, when she was very young, laid a hot iron upon her hand. She let out a scream. She felt pain. Fortunately, her cry was heard and she received the help she needed.

Unfortunately, there are many who ignore the cry of the guilty conscience. The pain of remorse is squelched and hardness of heart begins to set in. When this process is repeated over and over again, the conscience is silenced or its voice becomes so faint as to be hardly noticeable. Continuing in sin is like burning our hearts with a hot branding iron. Consider what sin does to your heart. The tragedy of spiritual analgia is infinitely more tragic than the tragedy of congenital analgia. Physical illness is but for a season—confined to this life. Spiritual analgia is a progressive disease leading to spiritual death, the results of which will be felt forever. While some have tried hard to become callous and insensitive, there will be no such insensitivity in eternal torment. There the pain will be intense and everlasting along with the memory of what might have been had they chosen a different course in life. We must not make the same mistake. Instead, we must faithfully educate our conscience according to the word of God so that we will avoid those things which lead to eternal misery.

--Glen Elliott--

**CARE GROUPS:**

**Care group 3 (McInturff) -**  
 Sunday, September 18th after evening services in the fellowship room spaghetti dinner - see signup

**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

**NEWS & NOTES**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

\*Keep Rance Rainey, Hattie's husband, in your prayers.  
 \*Please continue to keep all the ones who've lost loved ones recently in your prayers.  
 \*Continue to keep Bryan Gossett; Steve Lucas; and Dianna Bane in your prayers.  
 \*Remember our shut-ins including Jeanne Haithcote, who is in the Greenbrier Nursing Home, & Mack Hankins, who is at home.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**PROMOTION SUNDAY**  
 is September 4th - all students will move up to the next grade in their classes on this Sunday

**TRAINING UP A CHILD**  
 class will begin Wednesday, September 7th. This class is for mothers of children ages 0-12. Please signup on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
 Ladies Fall Retreat  
 October 28 - 30  
 more details to come



Emotions are the dynamic gauges of what we value. When we feel an emotion regarding something, we are making a statement of its value. Emotions reveal desires. So joy shows we just received something we value. Disgust is the opposite. Sadness can show we've lost something we want. Anger shows we perceive a threat to something we want. Fear is a similar reaction. Emotions are the colorful expression of our hearts desire.

God designed our hearts to desire what he desires. We were made to find joy in what he finds joy in, be disgusted by what he's disgusted by, be saddened by what grieves him, be angered by what angers him, and fear the things he identifies as threatening. In other words, our desires—and the emotions expressed by them—are pleasing God as they imitate his.

The main hindrance is that our hearts are inclined to find joy in what he hates, to be disgusted by what he says is good, to be fearful of what he says brings life. Our emotions are corrupted by our fallen condition. And we need the redemption of Jesus Christ, the only one who managed his emotions perfectly to the glory of God by valuing what God valued. Just read Matthew 26:36-46 for a stirring description of Jesus' emotional obedience.

-Spencer Cromwell

**AREA WIDE SINGING & FELLOWSHIP**

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

**There are several dishes on the ladies table - please stop by and see if any of them are yours**

**OUR RECORD**

**AUGUST 28, 2016**

<b>SUNDAY CLASS:</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP:</b>	<b>203</b>
<b>SUNDAY PM:</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY (31st):</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$5,400</b>
<b>OFFERING:</b>	<b>\$5,128</b>
<b>YTD average:</b>	<b>\$5,728</b>
<b>YTD ahead/behind:</b>	<b>\$10,868</b>

BIRTHDAYS		
	Greg Bradford	9/6
	Gene Baker	9/6
	Matthew Dent	9/8
ANNIVERSARYS		
	Bill & Pat Davidson	9/4
	Jim & Floyma Sutterfield	9/4
	Jackie & Lynda Horton	9/5
	Sam & Ivana Selby	9/7
	Gene & Sandra Blair	9/9

**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*



**VISITOR BAGS**

for September 11th  
 Dana Short & Nita Sadler



**FOOD COMMITTEE for September**

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

