

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

January 14, 2018

WELCOME: Brian Drewry  
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell  
LORD'S TABLE: Teddy Lewis  
Mike Wolff  
ASSIST: Jerry Garrett  
Tyler Blair  
Randy Gordey  
Luke Lewis  
CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Bradford  
GREETERS: Mike & Kristie Brewer  
Michael & Susan Cole  
CARDS: Nick DeValle  
Austin Gilbow  
VISITOR GIFT/ Nita Sadler  
HOSTESSES: Dana Short  
SCRIPTURE READER: Brandon Beck  
Psalm 25:4-5

### SUNDAY EVENING

January 14, 2018

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Lovell  
LORD'S TABLE: Mike Brewer  
Garrett Brewer  
CLOSING PRAYER: Jarrod DeValle

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

January 21, 2018

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Blair  
DEVOTIONAL: Derek Gilmer  
CLOSING PRAYER: Tyler Blair

***\*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 for Wednesday & nursing home)

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

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

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

#### Ministers:

Glen Elliott 501-314-9999

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## BE PATIENT

There is a tree called the Chinese Bamboo Tree which does not demonstrate any appreciable growth for its first four years. Then, in the fifth year, it will shoot up some 50 to 90 feet into the air. This amazing illustration from the natural world shows the value of patience. Sometimes progress seems unbearably slow. We might be close to giving up. But, then, just as our hope is fading, our eyes are opened afresh to the wonderful power of God to keep His promises!

There were those about whom Peter wrote in his second epistle who were mocking God's word, saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" (2 Pet. 3:3). They contended that all things continued as they had from the beginning--that God had never interjected Himself into the affairs of man. Peter reminded them of the cataclysmic events which occurred in the days of Noah when God destroyed the world of the ungodly by means of a world-wide flood. It is in that context that Peter describes the patience of God, saying, "But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:8-9). The patience of God is intended to lead us to repentance. Just because the present universe remains even after all these centuries is no indication of a lack of resolve on His part. God will keep His promise. The "day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up" (2 Pet. 3:10). Because He will come suddenly and without warning, we should "regard the patience of the Lord as salvation" (vs. 15).

God said, "My word which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it" (Is. 55:11). God never lies (Hb. 6:18). We can rest assured in the promise of Christ's return. James used the illustration of a farmer waiting for the produce of the soil as an example of our need to be patient, saying, "strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near" (Jas. 5:8). We should not expect that an infinite, eternal God should be constrained to operate on our time-table. While we eagerly await His return (Hb. 9:28), we join in the sentiments of the apostle John who prayed, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUPS:

*If you are interested in being in a care group, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway during the month of January - if you would like to be a care group leader check the box beside where you sign your name*

### Address Change:

Alisa Gaither  
283 Green Valley Dr  
Greenbrier, AR 72058

### OUR RECORD

JANUARY 7, 2017

SUNDAY CLASS:	133
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	179
SUNDAY PM:	70
WEDNESDAY (10th):	104
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$4,645
YTD average:	\$4,645
YTD ahead/behind:	-\$755

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- \*Charles Reynolds is now in hospice care.
- \*Brian Messer, Verple Baker's grandson, is in hospice care.
- \*Terri Massa, Peggy Braden's daughter, is going back to Kentucky for doctor appointments.
- \*Muza, the wife of Vladimir, is in ICU in the hospital in Searcy. An address for her is on the bulletin board if you'd like to send a card.
- \*Tiffany Hillman's client, Ms. Franklin, has pneumonia and sepsis. Keep Miguel's family in prayer with the passing of his great aunt.
- \*Nikki King, daughter of Jim and Martha, as she recovers from back surgery.
- \*Michael Cole as he heals from shoulder surgery.

Area Gospel Singing  
at Oppelo  
January 20th at 6pm

### BIRTHDAYS

Kinsey Bradford	1/17
Tom Steele	1/17
Peggy Braden	1/19

### ANNIVERSARYS

-none-

## THANK YOU CARDS:

*Please see the thank you cards on the bulletin board from James Burkett and Mike Wolff*

## MEMBERSHIP

Melba Sharp came forward Sunday seeking to place membership:  
54 Mountain Drive #14  
Greenbrier, AR 72058  
501-607-2049

## LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

January 28th we'll have our regular morning services with a 1pm service - no 5pm service no potluck

*To be almost saved is to be totally lost*

## MISSIONS DAY

February 4th  
Some of the missionaries that we help support will be here to speak this day. We will have our regular morning services followed by a potluck. There will be a 1pm service with no 5pm service. Be prayerfully considering your giving on this day.

## Ladies Preparing Communion Trays

January 14th - Bea Eichmann  
January 21st - Colleen Elliott  
January 28th - Debbie Freeman  
February 4th - Ruth Garrett  
February 11th - Cassi Gilbow

## VISITOR BAGS

for January 21st  
Stephanie Barkley & Shelly Dent



## FOOD COMMITTEE for January

Please contact:  
Kathy Camp 472-7943  
Shelly Dent 339-8105

