

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING

February 4, 2018

WELCOME: Darren Dent  
SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Derek Gilmer  
LORD'S TABLE: Phillip Short  
Shannon Whitley  
ASSIST: Merrell Whitley  
Jerry Garrett  
Jeremy Thomason  
Eric McNulty  
CLOSING PRAYER: Tom Barkley  
GREETERS: Robert & Jenni Hayes  
Ron & Linda McInturff  
CARDS: Ethan Gilmer  
Caden Mahan  
VISITOR GIFT/ DONNA ALLENSWORTH  
HOSTESSES: Anna Wolff  
SCRIPTURE READER: Eli Leonard  
Psalm 28:6-7

### SUNDAY EVENING

February 4, 2018

SONG LEADER: Don Barnett  
OPENING PRAYER: Robert Hayes  
LORD'S TABLE: Kevin Blair  
Tyler Blair  
CLOSING PRAYER: Gene Blair

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

February 7, 2018

SONG LEADER: Mike Wolff  
OPENING PRAYER: Don Barnett  
DEVOTIONAL: Kevin Blair  
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.  
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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## CONNECTIONS

As we were singing last Sunday morning, I was particularly drawn to a phrase in a song written by Charles Gabriel entitled, "Only a Step." As we sang this old familiar hymn, I was struck by a feeling of *Deja vu*--that I was missing an important connection to the past. At the end of the third verse, just before the chorus, are the words: "Jesus, I come to Thee." The author carefully uses these words to highlight the tragedy of waiting too long to acknowledge our need for the Savior. I jotted myself a reminder to give this matter further consideration.

Later in the day, when I was rummaging through the files in my mind, I discovered a connection to another favorite song of my younger years entitled, "Out of My Bondage." In this powerful invitation hymn by W.T. Sleeper are the repetitive phrases: "Jesus, I come" and "Jesus, I come to Thee." Anyone familiar with the song knows just how important these phrases are to the overall impact of the song.

When I decided to Google these familiar songs on my computer, I discovered that "Out of My Bondage" was published in 1887, four years before "Only a Step." Since Charles Gabriel was so immersed in singing, having written 7 to 8 thousand songs as well as having conducted many singing schools, it made me wonder if he had been influenced by the earlier song as he wrote "Jesus, I come to Thee." Probably not. But, if someone living 127 years later can make a meaningful connection between these songs, perhaps, there is lasting value in making important connections to the past.

God appears to have designed the human brain to make such connections and, in having done so, has blessed us in a powerful way. Consider how this relates to partaking of the Lord's Supper. (1 Cor. 11:23-24). Consider how this relates to avoiding the mistakes of by-gone generations (1 Cor. 10:11-12). Consider how this relates to appreciating the substance of what we have in Christ as compared to the shadows of the Old Covenant (Hb. 10:12).

But, most importantly, consider how this relates to a meaningful study of God's word. Slowly, over a long period of time, we develop greater and greater familiarity with precious treasures contained in God's word. Years later, in reading a particular passage, we are struck with a feeling of *Deja vu*--a feeling that we are missing an important connection to the past. Sure enough, with a little digging, we uncover a precious treasure buried deeply in the heart--perhaps, even a Bible story we learned long ago as a child. Study God's word with careful reflection and thank God for faithful, dedicated Bible class teachers who fill the hearts of their students with precious truths from God's word! Tell me again why you are not making Sunday School a priority for your children.

--Glen Elliott--

## CARE GROUPS:

If you are interested in being in a care group (even if you were in one last year), 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

**PANTRY ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY**  
canned pasta & ramen noodles

### OUR RECORD JANUARY 28, 2017

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| SUNDAY CLASS:     | 133     |
| SUNDAY WORSHIP:   | 173     |
| SUNDAY PM:        | 100     |
| WEDNESDAY (31st): | 110     |
| BUDGET:           | \$5,400 |
| OFFERING:         | \$5,057 |
| YTD average:      | \$5,300 |
| YTD ahead/behind: | -\$399  |

# NEWS & NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Our sympathy goes out to Judy Moody in the passing of her brother, Bill Bradley.  
 \*Dorsey Traw, the missionary we help support in Thailand, has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and will likely be returning to the states sometime this year.  
 \*Stephanie Phillips is having tests run on her throat.  
 \*Kathy Jo Hardin had surgery on Wednesday, and was able to go home that day.  
 \*Lavonne Duncan had eye surgery on Thursday.  
 \*Continue to keep Peggy Braden; Jason Elliott; Herb Tatum's sister, Colleen Byrd; Junior Adams; Mike Wolff's mother, Doris; Laura Blake's mother, Barbara McManus; Jim Sutterfield; Verple Baker; Joe Dillard, and Terri Shoemaker in your prayers.

## BIRTHDAYS

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Hattie Rainey  | 2/4 |
| Marilyn Watson | 2/6 |
| Lou Dillard    | 2/7 |
| Darren Dent    | 2/7 |
| Dave Rhyne     | 2/7 |
| Anne Steele    | 2/9 |

## ANNIVERSARYS

-none-

We received a thank you card from the Reynolds' family - please see it on the bulletin board in the hallway

We will miss the Henley's - they will be moving soon. Please stop by the bulletin board and see the letter they wrote to us.

## MEN'S POTLUCK BREAKFAST

February 17th at 8am in the fellowship room - sign up on the bulletin board and put what you will be bringing beside your name

## Area Wide Youth Fellowship

February 11th at Liberty van will leave at 4:30

## SECRET PALS

NAMES WILL BE DRAWN FEBRUARY 4th

## MISSIONS DAY

February 4th

Some of the missionaries that we help support will be here to speak this day. The goal amount this year is \$20,000 above our weekly budget. 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

February 4th - Ruth Garrett  
 February 11th - Cassi Gilbow  
 February 18th - Cari Gilmer  
 February 25th - Angie Gordey

## VISITOR BAGS

for February 11th  
 Linda McInturff & Becky Gossett

## FOOD COMMITTEE

for February

Please contact:  
 Laura Blake 269-6522  
 Donna Allensworth 454-0595