PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING July 7, 2024

WELCOME: Kevin Blair
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell
LORD'S TABLE: Gene Blair

Darren Dent Austin Ford

Cayden Leonard

CLOSING PRAYER: David Woody
GREETERS: Darren Dent & Glen Elliott

SUNDAY EVENING July 7, 2024

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Mike Seger
LORD'S TABLE: Ron McInturff
CLOSING PRAYER: Tyler Blair

WEDNESDAY EVENING July 10, 2024

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
PRAYER: Gene Blair
DEVOTIONAL: Kevin Blair

*Please contact Jackie Horton, 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 STUDY 7:00 p.m.

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS:

SENIOR MINISTRY CLASS 10:30 a.m.

2nd & 4th TUESDAYS:

LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:30 a.m.

2nd Thursday of each month: PANTRY OPEN from noon - 1:30 p.m.

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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 (Heb. 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 (Heb. 9:28), we join in the sentiments of the apostle John who prayed, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Laynie Baker is home from Children's Hospital and doing much better.

*Patricia Clements niece, Terrie, has tongue cancer. She had surgery Monday and will have radiation treatments.

*Helen Swindle's sister, Sharion, has spots on her liver and is waiting for a biopsy at this time.

*Continue to keep Larry Ward; Curtis Terry; Dorothy Yeager; Lou Dillard; Mike Seger; Bob Gossett; Luther Cummings; Jason Elliott; Robin Linn's nephew, Steven; Jim Bell's friend, Linda; Kathy Camp's mother; Nora Smith; Bobby Vaught; Margaret Adams; Melba Sharp; Terrie Wilcox; Dorothy Yeager's niece, Marcine Owens; Dave & Janet Rhyne; Shelly Carter's dad, Jack Horton, and friend, Jenna Daughtry; and Terri Massa in your prayers.



for Laynie Baker July 14th at 3pm in the Outreach Center.



Food Committee Leader Martha Bell

501-472-9515

June 30, 2024

SUNDAY CLASS: 75
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 123
SUNDAY PM: 39
WEDNESDAY (3rd): 59
BUDGET: \$4,600

OFFERING: \$4,000

PREPARE COMMUNION:

July 7th Jennifer Dunn July 14th Kendra Fisher



Pulpit Preview:

July 7thAM -- Love Is Patient



PM -- Spiritually Challenged (2)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY 7th - Promotion Sunday. Class divisions will be above the door.

<u>JULY 7th-10th</u> - Area-Wide Gospel Gathering at 7pm each evening at the Robinson and Center congregation.

JULY 13th - Men's Breakfast at 8am - be sure to signup on the bulletin board.

JULY 14th - Diapers & Wipes Shower for Laynie Baker at 3pm.

<u>JULY 16th</u> - The Senior Adult Ministry class will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Outreach Center. Jeff Jones will be the speaker. There will be no potluck.

**No Tuesday Ladies Bible Class during the month of July.



God's Unchanging Love as Expressed in the Prophets

2023 Wednesday Night Summer Series

July 10th - His Love in the Figure of a Shepherd (Isaiah 40:10-11) Mickey Burleson (Morrilton, AR)

July 17th - His Love in the Figure of a Mother (Isaiah 49:14-16; 66:12-13) Garret Akin

July 24th - Vacation Bible School