PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING January 5, 2025

WELCOME: Kevin Blair
SONG LEADER: Rod Wilson
OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bell

LORD'S TABLE: Ron McInturff

Seth Fisher Tyler Blair Kevin Blair

CLOSING PRAYER: David Woody

GREETERS: Darren Dent & Glen Elliott

SUNDAY EVENING January 5, 2025

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
OPENING PRAYER: Gene Blair
LORD'S TABLE: Rick Camp
CLOSING PRAYER: Robert Hayes

WEDNESDAY EVENING January 8, 2025

SONG LEADER: Jeff Jones
PRAYER: Jim Bell
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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"AND THE STARS"

Although light came into existence on the first day (Gen. 1:3-5), it was not until the fourth day that God made the sun, moon, and stars (vss. 14-15). Moses summarizes the event, saying, "God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars" (Genesis 1:16, ESV). The last phrase is strikingly simple and worthy of closer attention.

God's creative design for the celestial lights, as revealed in the context, includes "signs... seasons...days and years" (vs. 14). But one is left with the impression that the greater emphasis centers around the "two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night..." (vs. 16). Perhaps, they are given greater focus because they are more directly connected to human affairs.

Simply put, stars are "celestial bodies visible at night from Earth as stationary, usually twinkling points of light" (American Heritage Dictionary). Aside from the Sun, our nearest star is nearly 25 trillion miles away. If we could travel at the speed of light, it would take over four years to reach the nearest star.

How long did Adam have to wait to see the stars? All indications point to the fact that the stars were already visible in the night skies over the Garden of Eden even before Adam made his appearance. This speaks powerfully for the apparent age of the universe at the time of creation. Adam was created fully grown, as was Eve. So also, in the world around them, trees were producing fruit and plants yielding seed after their kind (vss. 11-13). Air, land, and sea—creatures of all kinds were thriving on our planet by the sixth day of creation (vss. 20-25). If the earth was fully grown why not the universe? This explains why we can see the light of stars billions of miles away. Thus, in a moment of time and in a single spoken word, God created the stars and all the light transmitted from each star so that we might be immediately benefitted by its creation.

Far from being an afterthought, "and the stars" pushes our thoughts in a heavenly direction. With David, we humbly inquire, "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is man that You take thought of Him And the son of man that You care for him?" (Ps. 8:4). We are truly blessed.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Lou Dillard is home from the hospital after a health issue.

*Mike Seger is home after a fall and a stay in the hospital.

*Seth Fisher has requested prayers for Captain Hislop and his wife. His wife had a miscarriage while he was deployed overseas. He is back in the states for a funeral. *Our sympathy is extended to the family of Patsy Story. Her funeral and visitation were December 30th.

*Continue to keep Sandra Mobbs; Reba Warnock; Bob Gossett; Charlene Parish; Ginger Beene; Margaret Adams; Larry Ward; Charlene Parish's friend, Lou; Donna Beck; Jim Bell's friend, Hugh; Ginger Beene's friend, Marilyn; Nora Smith; Luther Cummings; Jason Elliott; Robin Linn's nephew, Steven; Patricia Clements' niece, Terrie; Gwen & Bobby Vaught and family; Dorothy Tatum; Patsy Story; Melba Sharp; Dave & Janet Rhyne; Shelly Carter's dad, Jack Horton; and Terri Massa in your prayers.

Placing Membership

We welcome the
Alsobrook Family to our family here:
Sean, Stephanie, Shelbi, and Kase.
Address: 100 Weston Circle
Greenbrier, AR 72058
Sean's cell: 979-549-1731
Stephanie's cell: 979-583-8120

Food Committee Leader Martha Bell 501-472-9515



December 29, 2024

SUNDAY CLASS:	67
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	91
SUNDAY PM:	46
WEDNESDAY (1st):	48
BUDGET:	\$4,600
OFFERING:	\$2,977

Pulpit Preview: January 5th



AM -- God's Missions for His Church

PM -- Called Out

BIRTHDAYS:

Jan. 5th - Jan. 18th

Parker Wilcox	1/06
Terri Canino	1/07
Kendra Fisher	1/10
Denver Stanford	1/12
Paisley Wilcox	1/15
Tom Steele	1/17

ANNIVERSARIES:

Darren & Shelly Dent	1/10 💐
Ron & Linda McInturff	1/13 🐧

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>JANUARY 7th</u> - The Senior Adult Ministry Class will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center. Johnathan House will be teaching on John 16. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway by putting your name and what you'll be bringing.

JANUARY 14th - Ladies Bible Class will meet at 10:30am in the Outreach Center.

<u>FEBRUARY 2nd</u> - MISSIONS' DAY: be praying and preparing for this first Sunday in February.

THANK YOU

*Charlene Parish wants to thank everyone for the calls and cards she has received.

*Helen Swindle thanks everyone for the flowers, prayers, and all the love shown during the loss of her sisterin-law, Dorothy Garvin.

*Go by the bulletin board in the hallway to see a card from a former member and thank you cards from some in the community.



BIBLE QUIZ: Matthew 5:1-12

- 1. True or False: Jesus was seated when He gave the "sermon on the mount."
- 2. The poor in spirit are blessed because the __ of __ is theirs.
- 3. Who will inherit the earth?
- 4. "Blessed are the merciful, For they shall ____."
- 5. "Rejoice and be __ glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the __ who were before you."

Answers to last week's quiz: Simon, Peter, Andrew; fishers, men; immediately, boat, father; synagogues, kingdom, disease; multitudes