

Winnsboro Church of Christ

May 25, 2017

Prayer Requests For:

Belong, Believe, Become

School is out. Summer is here. Vacations and ministry projects begin. It is always a rush to get everything done each summer that you plan. Make sure you do not leave God out of your summer plans. It is easy to do, to think, well, the Lord understands . . .



Perhaps you saw the post by Wes McAdams (Radical Christianity) this week about the passage from Matthew 18:20 – “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” His point is well made. That passage is the concluding verse in the Lord’s instruction about confronting a person who is in sin or one who has offended you. Jesus said to take two or three with you to help establish the truth and resolve the conflict. Then, Jesus said, when you do that, take these with you to resolve a problem, He will also be with you. Remember to worship with the saints during the summer, wherever you are.

Winnsboro is planning a cooperative effort with Feed My Starving Children in September. This ministry ships meals to areas of the world where people are starving, such as Somalia. The food is purchased in bulk and packaged in individual meals. Our goal for Winnsboro is to prepare 100,000 meals to be shipped to Africa. We will need 300 to 400 volunteers to work in this ministry. To reach that number of volunteers, we will need every able member of this church to give several hours, along with many more from our community. I know we can do this. God’s desire to care for the “least of these” will be fulfilled. People will have the opportunity for ministry. Persons from our community will be in our building and we will have the opportunity to touch them with God’s love and grace.

Thanks to Tiffany Gambrel for the service she gave in Kenya recently. Many of you saw and heard her presentation Wednesday evening. God has worked through her and others of the Winnsboro Church to show His compassion and love. God will continue to work through this church and her members as we teach and train, as we feed and care, as we love and minister.

Gerald Elliott

Eppie Elmore - Hospitalized with pneumonia.
Sandy Grimes - Back problems
Thomasine Talbert - Continues to recover.
Carl Talbert - Has shingles.
Don Nowell - Continues to recover.
Lois Rudsell - Remains in the hospital.
Bobbie McCarley - Doing much better

Continue to Pray

Jim Hampton	Scott Richey
Amy Harper	Bobby McDowell
Ina Strickland	Carl Grimes
Elsie Prescott	Eppie Elmore
Emery Brown	B. D. McCarley
Eddy McCarley	Joyce Azlin

Those in Nursing Facilities/Homebound

Bessie Cason	Bob Willis
Hesta Mae LaRue	Shirley Parker
Troy Holmes	Grace Lewis

Attendance:

Sunday:

Bible Class:	98
AM Worship:	144
PM Worship	53

Wednesday: 88

Contribution: \$5,509.00

Budget: \$5,200.00

Over/Under: \$309.00

YTD: \$1,335.00

*The Samaritan Fund is available for any benevolent need that you identify.

Sermons This Sunday

May 28 A.M.	God Bless America Psalm 33: 1-22
May 28 P.M.	Youth Led Worship

GOD BLESS AMERICA

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, . . .” (Psalm 33:12).

Sometimes we will hear that the United States is a “Christian nation.” Others will disagree, saying that maybe it once was, but not anymore. While there are more people in the US who claim Christianity as their “faith”, that number is decreasing each year. It seems a bit ironic, when the large majority of Americans not only professed to being Christians but also assembled to worship, there wasn’t that much said about being a “Christian nation.” We just were.

Irving Berlin came to the US as a young son of Russian immigrants in 1893. In 1918, while serving in the US Army, he wrote God Bless America. The song did not gain popularity for 20 years. In 1938, he revised the lyrics and published it again with Kate Smith performing it. This was during the rise of Hitler in Germany. There was a great sense of patriotism at the time. The song became the signature song for Kate Smith and she sang it, with America singing along with her on radio and television.

After the horrors of September 11, 2001, the nation sought God for comfort and strength. During that time, God Bless America was sung during the “seventh inning stretch” of major league baseball games. That singing has become a new baseball tradition. In the seats, some baseball fans will sing along, showing what seems to be true devotion to their nation and a sense of the prayer to God that they are singing. Also, in the seats, some baseball fans seem more concerned with their beer and hotdogs than singing a prayer to the Lord.

Scripture says, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, . . .” (Psalm 33:12). For a nation to truly be blessed however, God must truly be their Lord. Just saying the words is insufficient. Calling the United States a Christian nation does not make it so. We will be a Christian nation when we are a nation of Christians. Scripture also says, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people” (Proverbs 14:34).

Gerald Elliott

Upcoming Events

- **May 26 - LIFT**
- **May 30 - TNT Texas Ranger Game**
Leave at 4:30 PM
- **June 4 - Deer Run Sunday**
- **June 6 - TNT Minute-to-Win-It**
- **June 8 - Thursday Service Project**

Summer Auditorium Class
June 7 - Amazing Grace ... Alan Blair

Help Needed

Saturday, June 3rd at 1PM, volunteers are needed to come to the kitchen to help wrap chicken to be cooked for Deer Run Sunday. Please come help, as it will take lots of hands!

There are several roasters missing from the kitchen. If you have borrowed one, please return it ASAP. We will need it on Deer Run Sunday.

PRAYER AND PETITION

“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up (Luke 18:1).” To persist in prayer and not give up does not mean endless repetition or painfully long prayer sessions. Always praying means keeping our requests constantly before God as we live for him day by day, believing He will answer. When we live by faith, we are not to give up. God may delay answering in our minds, but his delays always have good reasons. As we persist in prayer we grow in character, faith, and hope.

The parable of the persistent widow in Luke 18 tells us great characteristics about God. God is everything that the judge in the parable is not. The judge in the parable is described as one who had no regard for the people over whom he ruled. Yet, the judge ultimately granted the request of the persistent widow.

The message of the parable is actually this: if an unholy, unprincipled judge will grant the request of a poor widow that he doesn't even know, what will a merciful and compassionate God do for those who are His own children if they just ask?

God will not give us just anything we request because sometimes we ask with selfish motives or we ask for something that would not be good for us. “When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures (James 4:3).” But God is always ready to bless us with what we need, as any good father would. Paul writes in Philippians, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God (Philippians 4:6).” So let's not live beneath our privileges. God wants us to have everything that is good for us.

So go ahead. Ask.

In Him,
Kade Cox

NEWS AND REMINDERS

Online registration is open for Camp Bandina. Go to campbandina.org and click on Register Now. Camp Bandina is July 9-15. The Winnsboro Church provides scholarships for campers who need financial assistance to attend. Camper transportation is provided by the church, leaving early Sunday morning (July 9) and returning Saturday evening (July 15).

New Sisters
We rejoice with Sasha Henson and Melody Robertson because of their decision to be baptized on Sunday!

Gospel Meeting
Emory Church of Christ
May 28-31 with John Ratliff
903-473-2658

Worship Schedule Change
On First Sundays the evening worship will be after Fellowship Lunch at 1 PM. No Service at 6 PM.

Please pick up a
Good Samaritan Jar!

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Elders

Eric Gambrel
Jerry Hallman
David Howton
Roger Young

Minister

Gerald Elliott

Youth Minister

Kade Cox

Deacons

Brian Hunt
Marcus Keith
Greg Mills
Chris Robertson
David Ward
Kraig Yarbrough

Secretary

Mary Hunt

VBS June 26-30



Serving This Week

*Winnsboro
Church Of Christ
Invites you to join us!*

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Simple Supper 5:45 p.m.
Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

Song Leader

Tex Willis

Opening Prayer:

Mike Avery

Communion Leader:
Serving:

Carlton Stringer
Chris Robertson
Caleb Ward
Jared Yarbrough
Bobby Willis

Scripture Reading:

Terry Oertwig

Sermon :

Gerald Elliott

Closing Thoughts & Prayer:

Roger Young

Media Control:

Marcus Keith

Nursery:

Julie Morrison

Greeter:

Chris & Melody Robertson
Eric & Pam Gambrel

Visitor Cards:

Aeden/Landon/Isaiah