

Order of Worship

Song: #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Call to Worship

Song: #869 We're Marching to Zion

Song: #332 Lead Me to Calvary

The Lord's Supper

Song: #552 Have Thine Own Way

Offering

Song: #549 There Is Sunshine in My Soul

Scripture Reading
I Samuel 14

Sermon
"Son of Saul"

Song: #417 Where He Leads I'll Follow

Family Time

Song: #628 Will You Not Tell It Today?

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the fellowship hall immediately after our worship service this morning.

Join Us Again on Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

Grow in the love of God and His truth with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Sunday Evening Sermon: "Book of Proverbs" Proverbs 1:10-19 with Archie R. Green

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: "Discipleship" with Jim Bishop

You may access Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Worship Service, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom through our website.

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For The Record

Sunday Morning (Live)	101	Sunday Morning Bible Study	60
Sunday Evening Worship	30	Wed. Morning Bible Study	9
Wed. Evening Bible Study	42	Contribution Average 2023	N/A

Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship—6:30 p.m.	Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving,
whether by many or by few."

1 Samuel 14:6

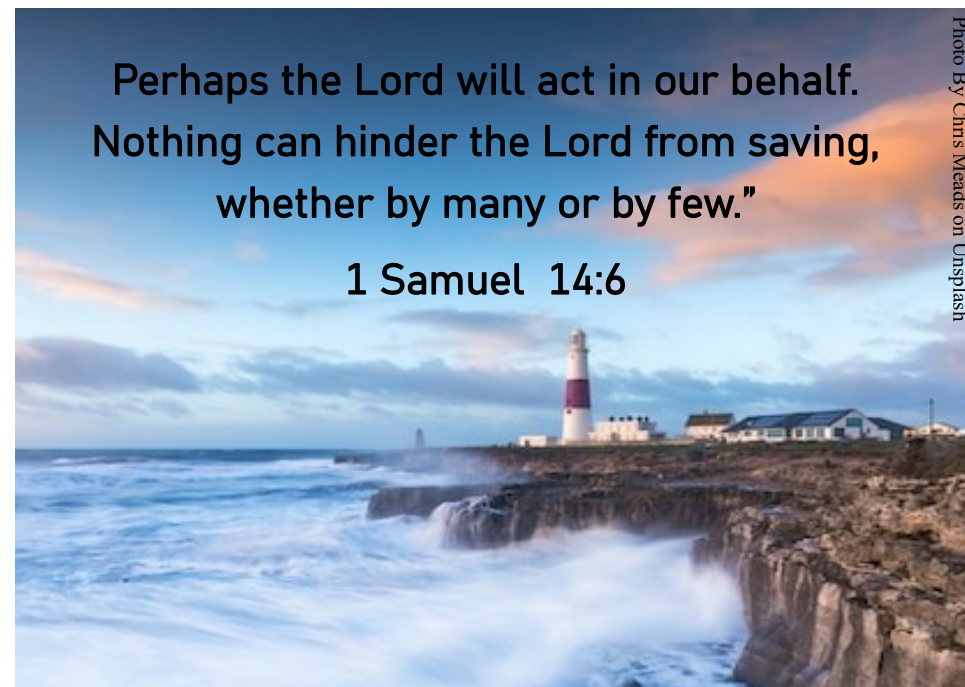


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We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like Jesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

"1 Samuel 13-14, By Many or By Few "

We see a dramatic contrast between the faith of Saul and the faith of Jonathan. Saul is pictured as one who loses faith in God when the odds are stacked against him. Saul sees that it is acceptable to break the command of the Lord when it looks like hope is lost. Saul thinks that he can act differently when times are difficult. Faith does not disobey God. Disobedience means that we do not trust what God has said for us.

Meanwhile, Jonathan knows that if the Lord is with him then he does not need an army with swords. It can just be two people and we can win because God is on our side. Please think about what Jonathan is doing. We were told the numbers that the Philistines have 30,000 chariots, 6000 horsemen, and countless soldiers. Yet Jonathan knows he can win if God is with him.

What makes the difference in the faith of Saul and Jonathan? The account makes clear the differences. Saul is operating by what he sees and is not asking God. Faith falters when it makes decision by sight. Faith falters when it fails to ask God. Saul does not look for the command of the Lord. Saul does not ask what the Lord wills. A priest has to remind him that we need to ask God first. But then Saul does not even wait for the answer and reacts.

Jonathan is completely different. Jonathan does not operate by what he sees and that is truly seen when he takes his armor bearer to go up against the Philistines. Why does he think he can do this? He says that it may be that the Lord will work for us (14:6). Not only this, but when Jonathan and his armor bearer get in position, they again seek the will of the Lord before proceeding. Jonathan depends on prayer and waits for the Lord's answer. Saul does not wait for the Lord but acts by what he sees.

We need to think about what this is teaching. In crisis, what is our default: depend on what we see or depend on faith, praying to God who can be with us and help us? It is so easy to depend on what we see when the crisis strikes. But our hopelessness and helplessness are when we are to look to God to rise up and deliver. Israel failed because they would not do this. They would not look to God but looked to their own weaknesses. We need to be brought low so that we will look to God to save us. Do not look at your obstacle or your crisis. Look to God who is greater than your obstacle and your crisis. Look to him in faith. Look to him in prayer. **"It may be that the Lord will work for us, for nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few" (14:6).**

- Brent Kercheville -(extracted)
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Church Family News

Care Bag Ministry—There's still time to donate a small gift for our shut-ins and members who have been unable to return to worship with us. Care bags are on the table in the fellowship room and labeled with individual names. Please make your donation by Sunday, July 23rd. See Cindy Harris for more information.

Craft Day—Crafters are invited to bring a craft project and supplies, as well as a bag lunch, and meet at noon on Monday at Betty Benson's house at 182 Cutspring Arch, Williamsburg, VA 23185, for fellowship and fun. Contact Pat Little for more information.

Ready Set Move VBS 2023—Williamsburg Church of Christ Youth Vacation Bible School is on Saturday, August 5, 2023, from 11 am - 3 pm, for school-age children up to age 12. Scripturally-based lessons, arts & crafts, group activities, outdoor fun, and more! Registration is available via website and social media. Volunteers can sign up on the sign-up sheet on the board or see Chris and Angie Boykin.

Area-Wide Acapella Singing—We are hosting an area-wide acapella singing at the building on Saturday, August 19th, from 5 pm to 7 pm. Join us as local congregations come together to sing praises to the Lord.

Family Potluck—Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 6, at noon, and join us for our monthly family potluck. Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy the opportunity to fellowship together.

Happy Birthday

Zander Waller 7/1, Andrea Boisseau 7/3, Jordyn Gary 7/5, Connie Broady 7/9, Becky Kemptom 7/9, Sharon Moss 7/15, Kay Himes 7/17, Billy Kempton 7/17, Tiffany Powers 7/19, Elaine Scrivner 7/20, Lawrence White III 7/23, Mario Manfre 7/22, Aiden Waller 7/25, Tracy Hundley 7/27, Monica Pitre 7/27

Wedding Anniversaries

Jack & Nancy Gilliam 7/1, George & Pearle Johnson 7/6, Lawrence & Kisa White 7/16, Jeff & Kathy Shy 7/24,

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Jennifer Christol - health
Sharon Moss - pneumonia
Anthony Ricks - continued improvement
Anthony & Toya Ricks - safe travels
Brian Waterhouse - health
Lena Stone - scheduled for surgery 8/2
Ken Moran - prostate cancer
Levi Abbott - CHKD
Margaret Rose - cancer
K.P. Pressey - chemo & radiation

Long Term Concerns:

Taylor Myers - health issues
Regina Clark - MS
Keith Bucknam - severe spinal pain
Juanita Bailey - health
Boisseau family - health
India Johnson - health
Amy Girimont - health
Cheryl Brown - health
Abbott Family

Shut-ins

Regina Clark
Adassa Duncan

Family & Friends:

Ann Greer's sister-in-law, **Vickie McCord** - spot on lung
The Knights' friends, Carl and Sherry McDonald & their son, **Gary** - health
Betsy Davis' sister, Cathy - grieving the loss of her husband
Ezekiel Lee's aunt Lucille - stroke
Cara Patrick's son - that he might join his family here in the United States