



CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 27, 2019

Guarding the Faithful Ones

(I Samuel 2;12-26)

If I were “a certain man of Ramathaimzophim”, I am not at all certain how I would feel about following through on my wife’s vow to send her first-born to Shiloh. Given the seriousness of breaking vows, I expect I would have not said a word, but would have been rather concerned about the situation into which I was placing a very young child.

In the midst of the chaos that was Israel a few generations after they entered the Promised Land, Hannah had the courage to pray for a child. Elkanah continued to go to the sanctuary at Shiloh every year to make sacrifices. The faith of these two is expressed in their actions. They put God first.

Contrast their behavior with that of those who were privileged to serve at Shiloh. Hophni and Phineas are portrayed as gluttons and bullies with uncontrolled appetites. They took a big fork and stuck it in whatever pan or kettle or cauldron or pot they could find. Beyond that they started taking the meat before the fat was burned off. They held their office in contempt of God and we learn later that Eli, their father, “look[ed] with a greedy eye at [God’s] sacrifices . . . and honor[ed] his sons above [God].”

It was into this environment that Hannah placed her beloved son as soon as he was weaned (four or five years old, perhaps). He wore a little linen ephod (apron) and every year she would make him a little robe and take it to him. She kept her word and lent him to the Lord to serve.

The opening chapters of I Samuel let us know that we are in for an epic story. There will be the rise and fall of many in Israel. The psalm of Hannah leaves no doubt that there are great changes about to take place. It is a difficult thing to place ourselves, or more so our children and loved ones in danger, and then express in faith that, “He will guard the feet of his faithful ones; but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might shall a man prevail.” (I Sam. 2:9).

I expect that if Samuel’s parents were around today, they would not be able to get away with such faith without being roundly judged and criticized by God’s people and perhaps charged with something by the state. In this story we have another example of just how different a life of faith may look to the world.

I have heard for years reasons not to take risks – they range from insurance liability to not putting oneself or one’s children in danger. Most of the time the risks were more imagined than real – but nevertheless the thought process is a little backward from Biblical thinking. Saying we believe that God will take care of us and acting as though we believe it can be vastly different things. May God give us the courage of Hannah and Elkanah and Samuel.

Read: II Samuel 22

Next Week: Galatians 1:11-24

WELCOME

We are glad you've joined us for worship today!

Please fill out the information sheet found in the maroon binder at the end of your pew.

*An attended **nursery** is provided during worship assembly.

***Communion**—We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord every Sunday (“first day of the week”) through a time of communion known as the Lord’s Supper. The “unleavened bread” represents His body and the “fruit of the vine” (cup of grape juice) represents His blood shed on the cross. As our guest, you are welcome to participate, though you are not required to do so.

***Giving**— We are challenged to be good stewards of God’s blessings by supporting the various ministries of the church through a weekly collection that is taken during our worship time. You are welcome to give, but please do not feel as though you must.



TONIGHT: We will meet at 6pm.

Wednesday: Auditorium 6:30pm, 6:45pm class

Note from Landon: Remember that worship and faith community exist as an essential asset to your spiritual health and growth!



**Ryan Hill-RI (Shoulders) Christopher Goodale-USMC
Cameron Hurst--USAF(Curry) Hans Niestrath-USNA
Sam Richey-USMC (Stoltz) Conner Wiseman, Fort Bragg (Moore)
Jason Rushing-Air Natl Guard (Hampton) Ty Naifeh (Afghanistan)**

Worship Order

Order of Worship Sunday, January 27, 2019

Congregational Reading: I Samuel 2:1b-3
***In The Name Of The Lord
I Exalt Thee***
Prayer—Terry Goodale
***Spirit Of The Living God
10,000 Angels***
Lord’s Supper
**R. Dillingham James Rust
Q. Stephenson Joshua Scott
Danny Lutz Keith Tapp**
Presiding: Q. Stephenson
Surround Us Lord
Contribution
Dismiss for Children’s Church
***A New Anointing
Oceans***
Scripture Reading: 1 Sam.2:18-21 (**Wayne**)
Prayer— Joshua Scott
Lesson: Sean Niestrath
How Can I Keep From Singing
Benediction: Psalm 28:8-9

ALTERNATES:

Please meet in case you are needed to serve as a sub for the Lord’s Supper

January:

Roger Matheny

Tim Teel

Prepare communion:

Jan: Matheny

Feb: Webb

For the Record:

Last Sunday

Bible Class: 15

Worship: 31

Contribution:

\$1555.00

Wednesday: 53

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Monitor: Pete Shoulders
Nursery: Kenna Teel
Children’s Church: Teel
Sound Booth: Tim Teel

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Prayer: Steve Stoltz
Prayer: Dan Rust
Scripture: Darin Swaidner
Monitor: Butch Blanton
Nursery: Krista Teel
Children’s Church: none

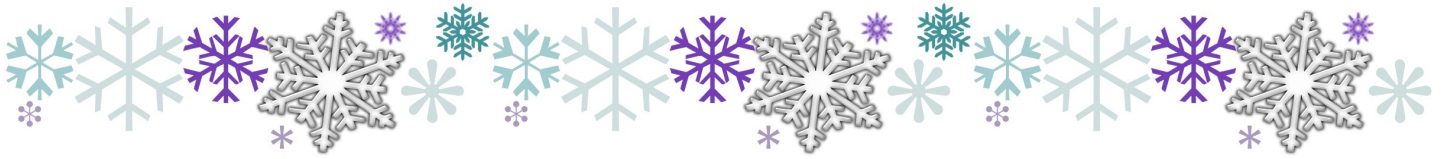
**Serving the Lord’s Table:
Roger Matheny Tim Teel
P. Shoulders Kivil Brown
K. Ashby Buster Almon**

Presiding: Roger Matheny

Sound Booth—Jeremy Duggin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Sunday PM Service



Twinkle Twinkle It's A Sprinkle!

BIG SIS HAS PLENTY TO SHARE
IT'S JUST A SPRINKLE TO SHOW WE CARE!
NOT MUCH IS NEEDED JUST THE BASICS WILL DO
LIKE DIAPERS, WIPES, GIFT CARDS, AND AN OUTFIT
OR TWO!

Join us for a baby sprinkle for Angela Shoulders

FEBRUARY 2ND AT 1:00 PM
HANSON BAPTIST CHURCH
130 SUNSET ROAD
HANSON, KY

Registered on Amazon

**Please stay for the
Potluck and
Congregational
Meeting
following services
this morning!**

Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Sean's Class-Questions

Ronny's Class-3 John

Expecting Parents:

Angela & Brock Shoulders (girl)—March 8

Shannon & Boyd Barger—Aug 15

January 27—Macey Scott

January 28—Debbie Malik

January 28—Dan & Betty Rust

January 31—Emily Duggin

January 31—Bruce Kittinger



CALENDAR:

Jan 27—Potluck & Mtg

Feb 15-17—WinterFest

March 4—Ministry Mtg 7pm

March 10—Spring Forward!

When we meet:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sunday P.M.

At the building 6 P.M.

Small Groups Sept—May: various times;
contact Sean Niestrath

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

Contact Us:

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Love. Grow. Serve.

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Hannah Gates' 2nd open heart surgery went well this week.
Church in Kenya
Honduran brothers and sisters**

Serious Illness/Injury:

Rita Frazier, lung cancer, Barbara's SIL
Bryce Alexander, leukemia
Michael Skultety, cancer, Jane
Mike Bright, health issues
Ruffin Chandler
Lynn Stevens, cancer
Keith Roberts, cancer, EJ
Betty & Kim Stanley
Makenzie Carson, L. Russell
Brady Cobb, intestinal problems
Barbara Lynch, Shelia
Charles Smallwood, Micki's father
Jonathan Allen, MS
Rodney Householder
Aaron Reding, ALS
Mack Shearn
George Utley, cancer
Audrey Davis, 4yr.old, leukemia
Tracey Moore, illness
Hannah Gates, heart surgery
Larry Crowder, lymphoma, Byron
Wayne Warszawa, Parkinson's
Jakayla Acker, lymphoma
Joan Owens, Landon's grandmother
Larry Jerome, Wendy's father
Sally Malik, lungs
Jonathan Walker, Cumberland Hall
Virginia Barron, Children's hospital
Darren Brown
Kathy Lawrence
Amy Caulder, brain cancer

Kim Feltner, Tim's sister
Rama Austin, cancer
Marvin Gallagher
Phil Keith
George Teel, cancer
Jon Riley, lungs
Kevin Cline, eye disease
Bruce Coleson, MS
Ed Wallace, liver transplant
Amanda Coomes, lung biopsy
Connor Peebles, back problems
Mike Burns, cancer
Mark Toomes, health
Tracy Thorp, cancer
Buddy Jenkins, Karen S. father
Jeff Travis, health
Ronnie Lear, COPD
Steve Stirsman, tumors
Barry Newton, Keith's cousin, cancer
Chip Stuart, Kathy's BIL, cancer
Sherry Mitchell, cancer
Pam Wiggins, cancer
Barbie Kern, Carol's sister, cancer
Connie Armstrong, cancer
Mark Martin, mesothelioma
Andrea Kane, cancer
Denise Hawkins, lung cancer
Dan Evans, cancer
Allen Seibert, chemo
Sandra Hawkins, cancer

Shut-Ins & Elderly:

Lee Townsend, Junie Peterson, Ewing Stubblefield, Anna Etta Brown,
Ruth Shoulders, Ann Alderson, Don Niestrath

Elders:

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Deacons:

Jeremy Duggin, James Rust, Joshua Scott
Brock Shoulders, Steve Stoltz, Darin Swaidner
Tim Teel, Randy Travis