



CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 2, 2018

Zion, Lovely Zion

(Isaiah 35:1-10)

When the writer of Hebrews had finished telling his audience about the importance of listening to Jesus and accepting the salvation offered, one of the images he called to mind was that of Zion restored. All through his sermon he compared the current believers with those who had gone through the wilderness and failed because of their lack of faith. In chapter eleven he “fleshes out” what faith is beginning with, “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen,” and then giving real historical examples of faith from Abel to Jesus.

They needed to hear this because they were suffering pressure or persecution which was causing them to turn back from their new-found faith in God through Christ. He reminds them that God’s people had always been through times of trial or discipline and they need not lose hope because training in righteousness plays a role in God’s will for this world and the one to come.

In Hebrews 12:12-13 we read, “Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather healed.”

Now look at Isaiah 35:3-4, “Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”

If one reads Hebrews 11-12 there will be themes that touch Isaiah 35 (and 34) a couple of times. The general message of chapters 34-35 in Isaiah is that God will make things right. The world will be turned upside down when he moves to enact his justice. I believe that God has already done this more than once in history and he will continue to do so. The problem we have is that we tend to think that humans (in the form of nations and politics) direct the course of history rather than God, so we blind ourselves from seeing his work.

God did bring Israel back to her homeland and Jerusalem was rebuilt, and people from everywhere poured into it, and there was peace. However, it did not last. But God intervened again, and again, until the event of the incarnation – the coming of Jesus. This solved the problem of sin and death, which is the one that needed to be solved.

It has not, however, solved the problem of injustice and evil in the world – yet. And so we can read of a restored Zion as having happened before Christ appeared, and again when he created his kingdom (the church), and again through history, and look forward to it happening again, until ultimately all that God promised is completed. By faith we live (or attempt to live) as though Zion is restored in a world that cannot see it. And by faith we believe that by doing so others will see and believe.

Reading for December: Matthew 1:18-2:23 (Birth narrative in Matthew)

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: As we move into this season of thanksgiving, let us be thankful for our students. Find time to tell our students that you love them and are thankful for their presence here at Pennyrile.



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, December 2, 2018

Congregational Reading: Isaiah 35:3-6

Paradise Valley
I'll Live in Glory

Prayer—Ronny Stubblefield
On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Why Did My Savior Come To Earth
Lord's Supper

Byron Pruitt J. Stubblefield
Johnny Allen Larry Stone
Butch Blanton B. Shoulders

Presiding: Byron Pruitt
Contribution

Dismiss for Children's Church

How Beautiful Heaven Must Be
Mansion Over the Hilltop

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:8-10 (**Pete**)

Prayer—David Stubblefield
Lesson: Sean Niestrath

When We All Get to Heaven
Benediction: Hebrews 12:12-14

ALTERNATES:

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

December:

Roger Dillingham
Quincy Stephenson

Prepare communion:

Dec: Wilma

Jan: Matheny

For the Record:

Last Sunday

Bible Class: 84

Worship: 154

Contribution:

\$4187.00

Wednesday: 71

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Monitor: Dan Rust
Nursery: Kenna Teel
Children's Church: Teel
Sound Booth: Tim Teel

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Prayer: Terry Hampton
Prayer: Louis Stanley
Scripture: Johnny Allen
Monitor: Kenneth Ashby
Nursery: Krista Teel
Children's Church: none

Serving the Lord's Table:
Byron Pruitt J. Stubblefield
Johnny Allen Larry Stone-
Butch Blanton B. Shoulders
Presiding: Jon Stubblefield
Sound Booth—Darin Swaidner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Service topic: John 8:12-30 (Ronny)



Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generosity!
The Potter Gift Lists are done.
The sibling group will receive
their gifts by Christmas.

Christmas Food Baskets

Sign up in the foyer!
Deadline is Wednesday,
December 12th.

A huge thank you to *Diana Adams*
for always making the front of our
building look great!
You are appreciated!



Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Sean's Class-Questions

Ronny's Class-1 John

Expecting Parents:

Whitney & Bryce Kittinger (girl)—December

Angela & Brock Shoulders (girl)—March 8

December 5—Alberta Rust

December 6—Mitchell Lutz

December 6—Stefan Niestrath

December 6—Gabriella Niestrath

December 7—Melissa Blanton

December 8—Colton Clark



CALENDAR:

Dec 3—Ministry Meeting 7pm

Dec 12—Christmas Basket Deadline

Dec 21—1st Day of Winter

Dec 25—Christmas Day

Dec 30—5th Sunday

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.

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Love. Grow. Serve.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Malinda Harth Rideout, Kathy Lawrence's cousin, passed away.
Dan Evans, prostate cancer.
Tammy Merten, thyroid cancer.
Jerry Nutt's daughter
Jackie Smith, bruised back.
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
Tammy Langeright, Hodgkins
Aaron Reding, ALS
Mack Shearn
George Utley, cancer
Audrey Davis, 4yr.old, leukemia
Tracey Moore, illness
Barry Newton, Keith's friend, cancer
Larry Crowder, lymphoma, Byron
Wayne Warszawa, Parkinson's
Jakayla Acker, lymphoma
Mike Oates, Natalie's father
J.B. Wagner's parents health
Connie Armstrong, cancer
Mark Martin, mesothelioma
Andrea Kane, cancer
Denise Hawkins, lung cancer
Allen Seibert, tests

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
Rodney Householder
Buddy Jenkins, Karen S. father
Jeff Travis, waiting on kidney
Ronnie Lear, COPD
Steve Stirsmann, tumors
Kathy Terrell, Terry's sister, COPD
Hannah Gates, heart surgery
Sherry Mitchell, cancer
Dennis Matheny
Helen Wyatt, Barbara S.
Barbie Kern, Carol's sister, cancer
Joan Owens, Landon's grandmother
Larry Jerome, Wendy's father
Sally Malik, lungs
Jonathan Walker, Cumberland Hall
Virginia Barron, Children's hospital
Pam Wiggins, cancer

Shut-Ins & Elderly:

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

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Deacons:

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