



CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 30, 2018

That Sounds About Right

(Luke 2:41-52; Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 148)

You know the stories, the ones that we tell on ourselves or on our friends and loved ones. They are usually a little (or a lot) humorous and demonstrate the character of the one we are roasting. Those that know the subject of the story might be thinking, "that sounds just like something they would do." Those that don't know them now have a better understanding of that person.

These stories can be told at any time, but they tend to cluster around major life events and rights of passage – graduations, weddings, anniversaries, funerals, and awards. They are told because they are consistent with who the person is and how we see them. Even when "making a little fun" of someone, the stories are told to honor them.

There are people that we know who live lives that are consistent. This is not the same thing as predictable. It means that they have what secular science says is intrinsic motivation. They are motivated by character or a set of rules (ethics) rather than by things that come from outside. In today's world these people are easy to spot. They do not make excuses. They tend to get less troubled by the craziness around them. They make decisions based upon what is right rather than what is convenient or easy.

If you know people like this and know what moves them, it is possible to know where they are likely to be and what they are likely to be doing. When you hear stories about them you know if they are true or not because it will either match their character or not. It is easier for these folks to have a life free from the constraints of what others think about them (because that is not their primary concern). It is easier for them to be what we might call "transparent" because they have nothing to hide. It is easier to trust them because we know that wherever they are and whatever they are doing it is generally for good.

Jesus was that way. He was consistent, but not predictable. Well, at least not predictable for a rabbi. He was around people that most teachers would avoid. He touched people that others shunned. He healed people that others pushed away. He had more concern for the welfare of others than himself. He forgave when others would have lashed out. He went to parties with saints (Pharisees) and sinners (tax-collectors). He redefined how a "son of God" should act.

We need not be too hard on his parents when he went missing for a few days, because they were still learning that Jesus' priorities were to be different than most young men. I can't help but think when Mary and Joseph were telling stories about Jesus and this one came up everyone would have said, "That's about right." What else would he have been doing. May we have the courage and faith to live consistent, transparent lives that will produce stories of faith and goodness.

Reading: Choose one and read it through – Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians.

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 not meet .

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

***Note from Landon:* Happy New Year!!**



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 30, 2018

Congregational Reading: Psalm 148

#3 Hallelujah Praise Jehovah

#23 Our God He Is Alive

Prayer—Brock Shoulders

All Who Are Thirsty

#77 Glorify Thy Name

Lord’s Supper

Byron Pruitt J. Stubblefield

Johnny Allen Larry Stone

Butch Blanton B. Shoulders

Presiding: Byron Pruitt

Contribution

No Children’s Church

Ancient Words

That’s Why We Praise Him

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:46-50 **Steve S.**

Prayer— Roger Matheny

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

#470 Victory In Jesus

Benediction: Colossians 3:12-14

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: 72

Worship: 153

Contribution:

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Wednesday: 65

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Monitor: Jeremy Duggin

Nursery:

Children’s Church: none

Sound Booth: D. Stubblefield

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Prayer: Kenneth Ashby

Prayer: Tim Teel

Scripture: Brock Shoulders

Monitor: Byron Pruitt

Nursery: Krista Teel

Children’s Church: Shoulders

Serving the Lord’s Table:
R. Dillingham James Rust

Q. Stephenson J. Scott
Danny Lutz Keith Tapp

Presiding: R. Dillingham

Sound Booth—Landon Duggin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Sunday Evening Service.



Congratulations to John Noffsinger who was baptized into Christ last Sunday morning! What a great Christmas present!


Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Sean's Class-Questions

Ronny's Class-1 John

Expecting Parents:

Angela & Brock Shoulders (girl)—March 8

January 1—Paulette Harris	
January 2—Gaye Matheny	
January 2—Joshua & Megan Scott	
January 5—Sean Nistrath	

CALENDAR:

Dec 30—No Potluck or Mtg

Jan 1—New Year's Day

Jan 7—Ministry Mtg 7pm

Jan 27—Potluck and Mtg

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

**Kevin Cline's eye problems are worsening.
Church in Kenya
Honduran brothers and sisters**

PRAISES: Jeff Travis, Mike Oates, Phil Keith, and Darren Brown are all doing better!

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 Langenright, Hodgkins
Aaron Reding, ALS
Mack Shearn
George Uteley, 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
J.B. Wagner's parents health
Connie Armstrong, cancer
Mark Martin, mesothelioma
Andrea Kane, cancer
Denise Hawkins, lung cancer
Phillip Caudill, heart
Dan Evans, cancer
Allen Seibert, cancer

Kim Feltner, Tim's sister
Rama Austin, cancer
Marvin Gallagher
Chip Stuart, Kathy BIL, cancer
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 Stirsmen, tumors
Kathy Terrell, Terry's sister, COPD
Hannah Gates, heart surgery
Sherry Mitchell, cancer
Pam Wiggins, cancer
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
Kathy Lawrence
Darren Brown
Tammy Mertens, 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