



# CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 9, 2018

## Coming Home

(Psalm 120-121)

Can you imagine a person who was in their eighties, who as a child, had walked in chains from Judea to Babylon now approaching the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem along with thousands of others? Some of them had been born in lands far away and had trouble understanding those who had stayed. Some of them had suffered through living in Judea and seeing the ruined city of Jerusalem regularly.

As they approached, they began to sing. They sang of what had happened to them – and why. They sang of being in a land far from home. They sang of praying and hoping and waiting. They sang in faith which was tinged with happiness for the rebuilt temple and sadness because its glory was not as the first one. But they sang because they were delivered, and God again dwelt among them.

They sang for those who had died before they saw this. They sang for those who had not yet been born. They sang for those who did not return but chose to stay in Babylon, or Egypt, or Carthage, or Spain.

Imagine this, the people of God coming from all corners of the earth, ascending the holy hill of Zion and singing. There was Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Zerubbabel. The two psalms we are reading this morning would have been sung. They are the first two of fifteen "Songs of Ascent." These are pilgrimage songs. They would have been sung by those who were approaching Jerusalem during festival times.

They would have focused the travelers on God, salvation, worship, and unity. They fall between that great Psalm about the word of God (Psalm 119) and two Psalms recounting the mighty deeds of God and his love for them (135-136).

Psalm 120 is a prayer of one who approaches God from living in a world full of trouble and war. It would have been a great relief to be among one's brothers and sisters after having lived amongst those who had no regard for God. It is a prayer for deliverance.

Psalm 121 is a prayer of thanks and blessing because of God's watchfulness and keeping of his people. This is an unusual Psalm because it is addressed to each individual worshipper. It is important to keep in mind the various contexts in which this Psalm would have been sung. It helps us to understand the idea of God "keeping your life."

Verse 7 says "The Lord will keep you from all evil," does not mean that we are in for a cushy life. There are too many battle images for this to be the case, "not let your foot be moved", "your shade on your right hand." We live as foreigners in a strange land and we look to God for help. We look to God to protect us and arm us well for the battle. We look to God to save us and to bring us home.

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Reading for December: Matthew 1:18 – 2:23

# 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: **Youth Lock-In, Dec 19th.** I hope during this

holiday season, when so much is about Jesus, you make being a part of the family here a priority. Not only do you benefit yourselves but others are blessed by you being here! May God continue to bless you and your family this Christmas!



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 9, 2018

Congregational Reading: Psalm 121:1-4

**Surround Us Lord**

**The Lord Has Been Mindful Of Me  
Had It Not Been The Lord Who Was...**

Prayer—Terry Hampton

**Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy**

Lord’s Supper

**Byron Pruitt J. Stubblefield**

**Johnny Allen Larry Stone**

**Butch Blanton B. Shoulders**

**Presiding: Jon Stubblefield**

Contribution

No Children’s Church

**Jesus Is Well And Alive Today**

**Oceans**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 122:6-9 **Johnny**

Prayer—Louis Stanley

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

**Still**

Benediction: Psalm 121:5-8

### 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: 67

Worship: 146

Contribution:

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Wednesday: 54

### December 9, 2018

Monitor: Kenneth Ashby

Nursery: Krista Teel

Children’s Church: none

Sound Booth: Darin Swaidner

### Sunday, December 16, 2018

Prayer: Terry Hampton

Prayer: Louis Stanley

Scripture: Terry Hampton

Monitor: Quincy Stephenson

Nursery: Betty Rust

Children’s Church: Duggin

**Serving the Lord’s Table:**

**Byron Pruitt J. Stubblefield**

**Johnny Allen Larry Stone-**

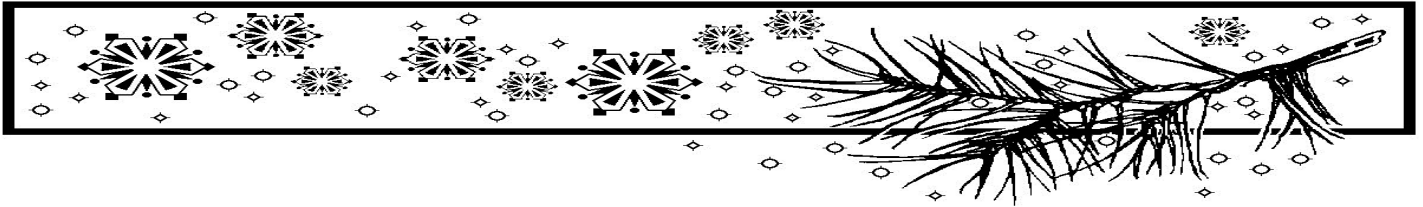
**Butch Blanton B. Shoulders**

**Presiding: Byron Pruitt**

Sound Booth—Parker Mathis

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Service topic: John 8:31-59 (Ronny)



## Kenyan Church Update:

Monica says, "We had a wonderful weekend fellowship. I was really blessed. Be blessed and pass our regards to the church members."

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Deadline to bring food for baskets and gifts for Potter Children is this Wednesday, December 12th.



## 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 11—Steve Stoltz	
December 11—Sydney Scisney	
December 12—Bryson Shoulders	
December 13—Terry Goodale	

## CALENDAR:

**Dec 12**—Christmas Basket Deadline

**Dec 19**—Youth Lock-In

**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.

#### Contact Us:

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**-Bulletin Deadline: Friday, 10 am**

#### Minister:

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#### Youth Minister:

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Diane Phillips**, Jeremy's mother, heart attack, stroke, cancer.  
**Betty Leggit**, in serious condition.  
Roger Matheny's brother, **Dennis**, passed away on Tuesday.  
**Darren Brown**, surgery this week.  
**The family of Lillie Brown**  
**Keith Tapp**, bilateral knee replacements tomorrow.  
**Church in Kenya**  
**Honduran brothers and sisters**

#### PRAISES:

**Betty Allen is doing well. Allen Seibert is recovering well.**

#### 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 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  
**Dan Evans**, 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  
**Rodney Householder**  
**Buddy Jenkins**, Karen S. father  
**Jeff Travis**, waiting on kidney  
**Ronnie Lear**, COPD  
**Steve Stirsman**, tumors  
**Kathy Terrell**, Terry's sister, COPD  
**Hannah Gates**, heart surgery  
**Sherry Mitchell**, cancer  
**Pam Wiggins**, cancer  
**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  
**Tammy Mertens**, cancer

#### Shut-Ins & Elderly:

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

#### Elders:

**Barry Webb**— 270-339-8429 barry.webb@ge.com  
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#### Pennyrile Christian Counseling

Elizabeth B. Webb, LMFT, LCSW  
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#### Deacons:

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