



# CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 24, 2019

## From One Extreme to Another

(Genesis 6-8; Jonah; Matthew 13:24-30)

I have moments when I believe I am taking God's word seriously when I think that only a handful (literally) will make it to heaven. Everyone has a heart that is corrupt, and even the good people keep in mind that there is something better ahead which motivates their goodness. It is an age-old philosophical riddle. And then I have moments when I think that everyone is going to make it. Anyone who has ever delivered a eulogy or preached a funeral or put a coffin in the ground knows that it is a big deal to condemn someone for eternity. Makes me glad the decision or responsibility is not mine to make.

On the one hand, the Bible is clear about things such as mercy and grace. On the other it is equally clear about judgment and punishment. We all know that it has to do with the heart and with our disposition toward God, but then there are stories to keep us on our toes.

There are some things about the stories of Noah and Jonah that stand out. Noah does exactly what God says – in fact that's all he does – and every living creature is destroyed. Noah's first recorded words are after the flood, "Cursed be Canaan." Jonah runs in the opposite direction because he knows (but it is not recorded until the end) God is merciful, and every living creature lives (even the beasts). Neither of them makes an excuse as do many of the prophets and neither of them try to dissuade God from destroying an entire population as did Abraham and Moses.

This brings me back to my vacillation between, "just wipe everything out and start over with the good people" – of which I am one – and "let's all just get along the best we can and let everybody in" – because I know I am not good enough. It would be a wonderful thing if we could just get rid of all the evil in the world and carry on happily ever after. But if I am reading my Bible correctly, even God understands, "the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." (Gen 8:21).

What we have is the opportunity to change just as the people of Nineveh did. We have the opportunity to grow up into Christ and to learn how to be full of grace and mercy and learn to forgive. In so doing we can teach others to do the same.

What we know from the story of Noah is that as long as the earth is spinning, God will not destroy us again with water. Not everyone will die. What we know from the story of Jonah is that God is patient and will accept any who repent, everyone has the chance to live. These are the extreme limits of God's wrath and his mercy.

In the meantime, we must learn to be disciples who live in a world full of weeds. If we take a lesson from the parable in Matthew it is that there will be a final harvest. There will be a separation. It is for us live fully aware of God's wrath while expressing God's mercy to those around us.

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Reading for March: Acts 17

# 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: We had a great weekend at Winterfest last week!**



**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, February 24, 2019

Congregational Reading: Isaiah 54:9-10

***O God, You Are My God  
Hallelujah Praise Jehovah  
I Stand In Awe***

***The Lord Is In His Holy Temple***

Prayer—Terry Hampton

***Highest Place***

Lord’s Supper

**Roger Matheny Tim Teel**

**P. Shoulders Kivil Brown**

**K. Ashby Buster Almon**

**Presiding: Tim Teel**

***Trust And Obey***

Contribution

Dismiss for Children’s Church

***God Moves In A Mysterious Way***

***God Put A Rainbow In The Cloud***

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:12-22 **Terry**

Prayer— Louis Stanley

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

***Covenant Of Love***

Benediction: ***The Grace***

### ALTERNATES:

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

**February:**

**R. Stubblefield**

**Dan Rust**

Prepare communion:

**Feb: Webb**

**March: Wilkerson**

***For the Record:***

***Last Sunday***

Bible Class: 76

Worship: 123

Contribution:

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Wednesday: 75

### February 24, 2019

Monitor: Jon Stubblefield

Nursery: Kenna Teel

Children’s Church: Stubblefield-

Sound Booth: Darin Swaidner

### Sunday, March 3, 2019

Prayer: Kivil Brown

Prayer: Quincy Stephenson

Scripture: Pete Shoulders

Monitor: Wayne Adams

Nursery: Krista Teel

Children’s Church:none

**Serving the Lord’s Table:**

**R. Stubblefield Dan Rust**

**G. Dillingham D. Swaidner**

**B. Kittinger James Allen**

**Presiding: R. Stubblefield**

Sound Booth—D. Stubblefield

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Service Topic: John 14:1-14 (Dan)



MY PEOPLE WILL LIVE IN PEACEFUL DWELLING PLACES.

ISAIAH 32:18, NIV

*We are having a **pounding** for Pam Wiggins and her son Jeremy!* They have recently moved into a new apartment and we want to welcome them to their new home! There will be a place in the foyer for you to bring a “pound” of pantry items (sugar, flour, paper towels, cleaners, etc.).



Grapevine Elementary Weekend Backpack Program: Any easy fix food like MacN Cheese, pop-top soups, spaghetti-ohs, single serving main meal items, etc. You may put items in the box by the office door.  
Thank you!

## Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Sean’s Class-Questions

Ronny’s Class-Jude

## Expecting Parents:

Angela & Brock Shoulders (girl)—March 1

Shannon & Boyd Barger—Aug 15

February 25—Taylor Malik

February 27—Lacey Swaidner

March 1—Kenzie Scott



## CALENDAR:

**March 4**—Ministry Mtg 7pm

**March 10**—Spring Forward!

**March 24**—Potluck and Meeting

**April 1-5**—Spring Break

**April 5-6**—Yard Sale

### 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

**Kayce Kern**, spot on leg to be removed March 5th.  
**Eric Polley**, recovering from heart attack.  
**Stan Mitchell**, friend of Landon M., passed away this week.  
**Sawyer Coomes**, born early, in NICU.  
**Kathy Lawrence**, several kidney stones.  
**Rodney Blanton**, tests at Vanderbilt, Feb 26.  
**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  
**Barry Newton**, Keith's cousin, cancer  
**Chip Stuart**, Kathy's BIL, cancer  
**Wayne Warszawa**, Parkinson's  
**Andrew Self**, hit by a car  
**Jakayla Acker**, lymphoma  
**Joan Owens**, brain tumor  
**Larry Jerome**, Wendy's father  
**Sally Malik**, lungs  
**Jonathan Walker**, Cumberland Hall  
**Virginia Barron**, Children's hospital  
**Allen Seibert**, chemo  
**Sandra Hawkins**, cancer  
**Amy Caulder**, brain cancer

**Kim Feltner**, Tim's sister  
**Rama Austin**, chemo  
**Marvin Gallagher**  
**Phil Keith**  
**George Teel**, cancer  
**Jon Riley**, lungs  
**Kevin Cline**, eye disease  
**Bruce Coleson**, MS  
**Ed Wallace**, liver transplant  
**Lowry Johnson**, 4m old, cancer  
**Connor Peebles**, back problems  
**Mike Burns**, cancer  
**Mark Toomes**, health  
**Tracy Thorp**, cancer  
**Buddy Jenkins**, Karen S. father  
**Jeff Travis**, health  
**Ronnie Lear**, COPD  
**Tracey Moore**, illness  
**Hannah Gates**, heart surgery  
**Sherry Mitchell**, cancer  
**Pam Wiggins**, cancer  
**Shelia Hampton**, headaches  
**Barbie Kern**, Carol's sister, cancer  
**Connie Armstrong**, cancer  
**Mark Martin**, mesothelioma  
**Andrea Kane**, cancer  
**Denise Hawkins**, lung cancer  
**Dan Evans**, cancer  
**Kathy Lawrence**  
**Bob Reis**, MS

#### Shut-Ins & Elderly:

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

#### **Elders:**

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#### Pennyrile Christian Counseling

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#### Deacons:

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