



CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 17, 2019

We Want A King!

(I Samuel 8:1-22)

It has long been established that people learn by repetition. It's how we learn to talk, read, do math, and play cards. Repetition builds memory in our minds, our muscles, our emotions, and our lives. We all know that children, especially young ones, truly enjoy watching the same videos or singing the same songs over and over and over. . . and. . . over.

The Bible works much the same way. We hear the same stories over and over. Sometimes we recognize it and sometimes it is a little harder. What can be truly instructional is when we see two very similar stories that have nearly everything in common but have a crucial difference. It is those differences that can teach us about God and his people.

By the time we get to I Samuel in the Bible we are beginning to learn that there is no God like the God of Israel. He is the God of a people, not a place. He is superior to the Gods of Mesopotamia, Canaan, Egypt, and every place in between. He is God who keeps his promises. He is a God that demands faithfulness and cannot be manipulated.

This brings us to the curious story in I Samuel 8. The elders of Israel want a king like the nations. The similarities with I Samuel 4 are remarkable. A faithful servant of Israel with corrupt sons prompts the elders of Israel to make a request of their spiritual leader. The request has to do with being led in battle and both requests lead to displeasure expressed by God.

Laying these stories side by side helps me understand a little better what is going on in this chapter that makes it sound like having a king is a bad thing. Judges makes an argument for the necessity of a king. The Psalms are full of positive references to the king, and on balance, Kings and Chronicles seem to be in favor of kings that follow God's commands.

It is that condition of following God's commands that is key. When Israel asked for a "king like the nations" it is possible that they were asking for a king to manipulate God into fighting their battles for them. If we read further ahead in Samuel, we learn that is what got Saul's kingship torn from him. It also explains one of the reasons that David was called "a king after God's heart." David found a resting place for the ark and he never used it to "go before him in battle." Even with all his faults, David did not try to manipulate God to his will.

This is yet another warning to God's people to be wary of calling on God to fight for a cause that does not belong to God. It is a striking lesson to learn that wanting God to go into your battles to fight for you is a rejection of God, but in this case that is what is happening.

The rest of the Old Testament will be Israel continuing to learn this lesson. It is the same lesson the disciples had to learn over and over again as they walked with Jesus. God is a God who will listen, he will hear his people. He will rescue, he will save, but he will not be drawn into our self-chosen battles to fight for us. We are his possession – not the other way around.

Read: 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:



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 (USA)

Worship Order

Order of Worship Sunday, March 17, 2019

Congregational Reading: Psalm 95:1-6
Great Are You Lord
Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down
Prayer—Landon Moore
10,000 Reasons
Hung Him On A Cross
Lord’s Supper
R. Stubblefield Dan Rust
G. Dillingham D. Swaidner
B. Kittinger James Allen
Presiding: R. Stubblefield
Contribution
Dismiss for Children’s Church
Come Unto Me
Teach Me Lord To Wait
Scripture Reading: I Sam. 8:1-7 **Terry**
Prayer— Kenneth Ashby
Lesson: Sean Niestrath
Take My Hand And Lead Me
Benediction: I Timothy 1:15-17

ALTERNATES:

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

March:

Terry Hampton
Kenneth Ashby

Prepare communion:

March: Wilkerson
April: Rust

For the Record:

Last Sunday

Bible Class: 80

Worship: 130

Contribution:

\$8005.00

Wednesday: 81

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Monitor: Kivil Brown
Nursery: Megan Scott
Children’s Church: Clark
Sound Booth: Parker Mathis

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Prayer: Tim Teel
Prayer: Jon Stubblefield
Scripture: Steve Stoltz
Monitor: Byron Pruitt
Nursery: Kenna Teel
Children’s Church:none

Serving the Lord’s Table:
R. Stubblefield Dan Rust
G. Dillingham D. Swaidner
B. Kittinger James Allen

Presiding: Dan Rust
Sound Booth—Jeremy Duggin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Service Topic: John 15:18-16:4 (Ronny)



We will have a **Special Contribution for West KY Youth Camp on Easter Sunday, April 21st.** It costs \$40,000 to build one cabin. The plan is to build 16 cabins, 8 girls' and 8 boys'. 4 have already been started on the girls' side! Pennyriple has been a long time supporter of WKYC. Let's continue the legacy for many generations to come!

Keep It Simple, Sisters! (K.I.S.S.)

A **Women's Brunch** has been planned for Saturday, April 13th, starting at 10am. Come join us for a time of fellowship and prayer. All ages welcome! Sign up on the bulletin board.

Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Sean's Class-Questions

Ronny's Class-Jude

Expecting Parents:

Shannon (Coker) & Boyd Barger—Aug 15

March 17—Landon Duggin

March 20—Glenda Shoulders

March 20—Eric Seesengood

March 20—Cady Curry

March 22—Butch & Melissa Blanton



CALENDAR:

March 24—Potluck and Meeting

April 1-5—Spring Break

April 5-6—Yard Sale

April 13—Women's Brunch 10am

April 21—Easter/Special Contribution

April 23—Lifeline Screening

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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PRAYER REQUESTS

Roberta Lynch, Sheila's mother, having heart issues.
James Rust will have a lung scan.
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 Warszona, Parkinson's
Andrew Self, hit by a car
Jakayla Acker, lymphoma
Connie Armstrong, cancer
Mark Martin, mesothelioma
Andrea Kane, cancer
Denise Hawkins, lung cancer
Dan Evans, cancer
Kathy Lawrence
Bob Reis, MS
Eric Polley, heart attack
Richard Grogan, Barbara S.
Brad Whitlegde, 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
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
Ray Duggin, chemo
Lance Pace, cancer

Shut-Ins & Elderly:

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

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Deacons:

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