



CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 24, 2019

Rooted in God

(Jeremiah 1:4-10; 20:7-18)

There is nothing like empire, prosperity, and the power of positive thinking to upend a message of countercultural, prophetic, and challenging faith. Let me be clear – I am one who believes that any population who keeps faith with God will generally be better off than those who do not. Science even demonstrates that people who are faithful in marriage, faithful to a religion, are prayerful and generous live longer and are happier than those who do not. You may immediately think of exceptions, but that is what they are – exceptions.

It is also true that one of the great crises of my faith was when I began to realize that Christians (or at least churchgoers) are not necessarily any better off than those who are not. I do not mean in the realm of morality – that is a topic for another time. I mean that everything that happens to unbelievers befalls those who believe as well – natural disasters, illness, birth defects, financial setbacks, injustice, and war. Long ago I stopped promising that “everything will be ok,” unless I am speaking of events that happen after we pass from this life to the next.

Jeremiah was surrounded by prophets who proclaimed peace and victory when there was none to be had. Hananiah claimed to be speaking for God when he promised that God would return all the treasure that Nebuchadnezzar had taken. He claimed that Babylon would be broken. Jeremiah said that God’s people would be under the yoke of Babylon. He went further and said that any nation that rebels against Babylon and doesn’t serve them would be punished with sword, famine, and pestilence. I know whom I would rather believe. The only problem was that Jeremiah told the truth and Hananiah was dead a few months later.

Jeremiah was forced into exile in Egypt because he was a truth-teller. He also gave Judah and Jerusalem hope and a way to survive the absolute catastrophe that was rained down upon them by God using Nebuchadnezzar as his sledgehammer. And we know that Jeremiah got no joy out of delivering his message. Several of his prayers/complaints are recorded for us, and we can see his torment. Lamentations is full of tears and of faith in God through the most difficult of times.

While I do not see national catastrophe for the United States on the same scale as hit Jerusalem there are certainly Christians in other parts of the world who have survived the destruction of their societies. I do see the constant threat of laws turning in such a way as to make living a life of faith in God ever more difficult. I do see various Christian groups continuing to say that everything will be fine – when we do not know that. I do hear, on a more personal level, that we as Christians should expect better outcomes than those who are not, which begs the question the Accuser asked, “Does Job fear God for nought?”

Jeremiah was chosen by God to be faithful and tell the truth. By any measure today we would count him as mad. Our life and our faith are rooted in God – no matter what. God give us discernment. God give us courage. God give us the right words.

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: Continue reading in 1 John and Acts as we walk through them in Sunday and Wednesday class!



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 24, 2019

Congregational Reading: Jer. 17:5-8

In The Name Of The Lord

God Is So Good

Prayer—Tim Teel

O Sacred Head

Come To The Table

Lord's Supper

R. Stubblefield Dan Rust

G. Dillingham D. Swaidner

B. Kittinger James Allen

Presiding: Dan Rust

Contribution

No Children's Church

Give Thanks

If You Say Go

Scripture Reading: Jer. 1:4-10 **Steve**

Prayer— Jon Stubblefield

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

Benediction: **The Steadfast Love of the Lord** (Lamentations 3:22-24)

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: 84

Worship: 138

Contribution:

\$4680.95

Wednesday: 69

March 24, 2019

Monitor: Byron Pruitt

Nursery: Kenna Teel

Children's Church: none

Sound Booth: Jeremy Duggin

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Prayer: Brock Shoulders

Prayer: Larry Stone

Scripture: Dan Rust

Monitor: Terry Goodale

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: R. Stubblefield

Sound Booth—D. Stubblefield

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Sunday PM Service tonight.



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-Moses

Expecting Parents:

Shannon (Coker) & Boyd Barger—Aug 15

March 26—Bert Pressley

March 28—Olivia Swaidner



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.

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Love. Grow. Serve.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember the Charles Gant family.

Margaret Church, Gaye's sister, heart procedure April 11.
Nelda Young, Keitha's grandmother, fell and broke several bones.
In Evansville Hospital.

Honduran brothers and sisters

UPDATES:

Shelia Hampton is doing much better!
Eric Curry recovering well after emergency surgery.
Church in Kenya—7 baptisms!!

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
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 Whitledge, 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
Roberta Lynch, Shelia's mom

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