



CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 31, 2019

Saul . . . You've Got to Be Kidding!

(I Samuel 9-10)

There is quite a difference in how we elect our Commander-in-Chief in a modern representative republic and the process by which Saul was chosen king in I Samuel. However, the responses to his selection sound rather familiar to us every four years or so, some men of valor whose heart God had touched went with him and some worthless fellows questioned his leadership and despised him.

Saul was a shocking choice for king. After all, he was one of the "left-handed" Benjaminites. He was skilled at fighting and capable of delivering Israel, but he was also unpredictable and prone to bad behavior – because he was of Benjamin. Names and places have more meaning in the Bible than we readily recognize. When the namesake of this tribe was born his mother called him, "Benoni" – son of my sorrow, but his father renamed him "Benjamin" – son of my right hand. That they were to be known as "being bound on the right side" drips with drama.

Then there is the history of the Benjaminites in the book of Judges, beginning with Ehud and concluding with the reprehensible incident at Gibeah and its repercussions. I doubt that it is a coincidence that it was at Gibeah that Saul suddenly changed to the extent that people were shocked at what they saw when he prophesied.

The end of I Samuel 10 makes a few things clear. First, God acknowledges that by giving them a king they are rejecting him as their king. Second, the king will be of God's choosing. Third, there resides within each king the possibility of good and of evil. Fourth, not everyone will be happy with the choice.

All of these play out in the rest of the history of Israel as they careen their way toward destruction and captivity. There will always be a faithful remnant that gets dragged along. There will be kings who do well and those who do ill – most do some of both.

If we think in terms of the story of God's people, the anointing of Saul and the history behind it go a long way toward explaining how they ended up being captive in Babylon. There is always the question of "how did we get here?" What is remarkable about the Bible is that it is a story told by people who are in captivity who do not blame anyone or anything else other than themselves.

There is open acknowledgment of their shortcomings. It is a story told that does not shy away from contradiction, conflict, or self-criticism. We learn of a God who makes concessions for the hardness of heart and allows an occasional "bad" leader to rescue or a "good" one to fail.

One comes away from such stories with hope. We learn of a God that does not quit on his people – even if they want him to do so. We learn of our need for forgiveness based on nothing else but our recognition that we need it.

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 31, 2019

Congregational Reading: Psalm 106:47-48

**Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing**

Prayer—Brock Shoulders

**Let Him Have His Way With Thee
Lord We Come Before Thee Now**

Lord’s Supper

**R. Stubblefield Dan Rust
G. Dillingham D. Swaidner**

**B. Kittinger James Allen
Presiding: R. Stubblefield**

Love, Love, Love, Love
Contribution

No Children’s Church

Living By Faith

Looking To Thee

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 10:17-24 **Dan**

Prayer— Larry Stone

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

Listen To Our Hearts
Benediction: **The Grace**

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: 65

Worship: 119

Contribution:

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Wednesday: 59

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Monitor: Terry Goodale

Nursery: Krista Teel

Children’s Church: none

Sound Booth: D. Stubblefield

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Prayer: Byron Pruitt

Prayer: Terry Goodale

Scripture: Brock Shoulders

Monitor: D. Stubblefield

Nursery: Betty Rust

Children’s Church:none

Serving the Lord’s Table:

K. Ashby T. Hampton

Tim Ashby Tim Scott

M. Wilkerson Titus Scott

Presiding: Kenneth Ashby

Sound Booth—Darin Swaidner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Service topic: John 16:5-33 (Dan)



Yard Sale Note:

Please keep large items and furniture until Wednesday, April 3rd. The deadline to bring anything is noon on Thursday, April 4th.

New Adult Classes starting next Sunday:

Sean—Auditorium Class, “Life After Exile” (Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther)
Quincy—Room 104, “Life of David”

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

April 3—Brenda Pruitt

April 3—Zach Pressley

April 5—Tim Teel

April 5—Cameron Seesengood

April 6—Quincy & Donna Stephenson



CALENDAR:

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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PRAYER REQUESTS

Landon's great uncle, **Marion Owens**, terminal cancer.
Tera Williamson's mother, friend of Bryson, having twins, lost one baby.
Hunter Mathis has the flu.

Honduran brothers and sisters
Watata CoC in Homa Bay, Kenya

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 Utle, 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
Sandra Hawkins, cancer
Amy Caulder, brain cancer
Ray Duggin, chemo
Lance Pace, cancer
Roberta Lynch, Shelia's mom

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
Kathy Lawrence
Bob Reis, MS
Eric Polley, heart attack
Richard Grogan, Barbara S.
Brad Whitledge, cancer
Margaret Church, (Gaye), heart

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