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.

**TODAY:** 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!

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**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: 1 Samuel 10:17-24  
Dan

Prayer—Larry Stone

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

*Listen To Our Hearts*

Benediction: The Grace

**Worship Order**

**March 31, 2019**

Monitor: Terry Goodale  
Nursery: Krista Teel  
Children’s Church: none  
Sound Booth: D. Stubblefield

**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: $4212.80

Wednesday: 59

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**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

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**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

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)
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

CALENDAR:
April 5-6—Yard Sale
April 13—Women’s Brunch 10am
April 21—Easter/Special Contribution
April 23—Lifeline Screening

April 3—Brenda Pruitt
April 3—Zach Pressley
April 5—Tim Teel
April 5—Cameron Seesengood
April 6—Quincy & Donna Stephenson
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 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
- 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