



# CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 14, 2019

## So . . . Is This OK or Not?

(I Samuel 12)

There are a few features of society about which the Bible can make us feel ambivalent – meaning are they ok or not. Cities, government (monarchy in particular), and money are just three of them.

As for cities, we learn in Genesis that it is none other than the descendants of Cain that built the first ones. We see that when people got together on the plains of Shinar to build a tower that God confused their languages and scattered them. All kinds of bad stuff happened in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. They were places one did not want to be found outside after dark. They were places of idolatrous practices.

On the other hand, they were given as an inheritance for the Levites and acted as places of justice (cities of refuge). It is Jerusalem, the holy city, that came to represent God's presence among his people and heaven is described as the New Jerusalem. Cities were the centers of religion, culture, and commerce in the Roman empire, which the disciples used to great advantage.

Money, or more generally, wealth, is seen on the one hand as evidence of taking advantage of the poor and on the other as evidence of blessing from God. The prophets consistently condemned the wealthy for their treatment of the disadvantaged. Then there is the origin story of king David in Ruth, where Boaz (a man of means) is seen to be generous as commanded by the law.

And there is the topic at hand today – should we have a king or not? Ecclesiastes tells us that “in all, a king is an advantage to a land with cultivated fields.” (5:8). However, it is clear from our study in I Samuel so far, that Israel asking for a king was a failure on their part.

There are many things today that fall into this category of ambivalence: Artificial intelligence, social media (pretty sure media has always been social), genetic manipulation, algorithms, entertainment industry. These are things that evoke different responses from us from all-in to rejection to apathy. The Bible does not directly address any of these things, but it does not prevent us from rightly having moral and theological responses.

I Samuel 12 can give us some hints about what our response should be. It is quite simple, and we all know the answers. Some of it is given to us by God – “if both you and your king who reigns over you will follow the Lord your God, it will be well.” (12:14). Some of it from Samuel's response, “The Lord will not cast away his people . . . far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; and I will instruct you in the good and right way.” (12:23-24).

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Read: Three sections of Psalm 119

Next week: Psalm 51 – He is Risen!

# 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: **Sign up sheets for summer events coming soon!**



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, April 14, 2019

Congregational Reading: Psalm 34:7-10

**Holy, Holy, Holy  
Awesome Power  
The Name of God**

Prayer—Joshua Scott

**Arms Of Love**

Lord's Supper

**K. Ashby T. Hampton**

**Tim Ashby Tim Scott**

**M. Wilkerson Titus Scott**

**Presiding: Terry Hampton**

Contribution

No Children's Church

**Glory To God Forever**

Scripture Reading: I Sam. 12:20-23 **Kivil**

Prayer— Steve Stoltz

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

**Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

Benediction: **The Grace**

### ALTERNATES:

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

### April:

**J. Stubblefield**

**Byron Pruitt**

Prepare communion:

**April: Rust**

**May: Adams**

### For the Record:

**Last Sunday**

Bible Class: 70

Worship: 112

Contribution:

\$5097.00

Wednesday: 59

### April 14, 2019

Monitor: Pete Shoulders

Nursery: Krista Teel

Children's Church: none

Sound Booth: Tim Teel

### Sunday, April 21, 2019

Prayer: Eric Seesengood

Prayer: Ronny Stubblefield

Scripture: Wayne Adams

Monitor: Jon Stubblefield

Nursery: Kenna Teel

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—Parker Mathis

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Service topic: John 18:28-40 (Ronny)



We will have a **Special Contribution for West KY Youth Camp on Easter Sunday, April 21st.** Pennyrile has been a long time supporter of WKYC. Let's continue the legacy for many generations to come!

*Thank you so much for another successful yard sale, Pennyrile! The donations, the purchases, the hours of hard work, and the fellowship all make for an experience this church family uses to reach others and remind ourselves who we are. We have many repeat customers from this 15 year project. Some of whom tell us how they look forward to this sale, feel welcome here, and enjoy our company. Our total now is \$6500 for Honduras. Other local groups receiving help from this sale are: Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army Homeless Shelter, Hopkins Co. Jail, Common Garments, Humane Society, Merle Mahr Cancer Center, Door of Hope, Hopkins County Sheriff's Office. **Thank you very much!!***

## Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Sean's Class-Life After Exile  
Quincy's Class-Life of David

## Expecting Parents:

Shannon (Coker) & Boyd Barger—Aug 15 (girl)

April 15—Larry Keith  
April 15—Kivil Brown  
April 18—Sarah Scott  
April 19—Carol Warszona  
April 20—Wayne Adams



## CALENDAR:

April 21—Easter/Special Contr.  
April 23—Lifeline Screening  
May 6—Ministry Meeting  
May 19—Senior Sunday

## 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

Micki's uncle, **Gary Lacy**, is waiting on a liver transplant.  
**Praise:** Lourdes' tests came back negative. No cancer!

### 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 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**  
**Sandra Hawkins**, cancer  
**Amy Caulder**, brain cancer  
**Ray Duggin**, chemo  
**Lance Pace**, cancer  
**Margaret Church**, (Gaye), heart  
**Eric Curry**

**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.  
**Roberta Lynch**, Shelia's mom  
**Marion Owens**, terminal cx

#### 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

Elizabeth B. Webb, LMFT, LCSW  
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### Deacons:

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