



CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 28, 2019

A Flexible, Faithful, Unchanging God

(I Samuel 15)

By the time we get this far in the book of I Samuel we are accustomed to the challenges that Israel faced in moving from a band of affiliated tribes to a united nation under God. There were years of faithfulness and years of idolatry. There were victories and defeats, which were followed by pleading for deliverance. There was the rejection of God as king and the allowance for Israel to have a king.

Now we come to another challenge – the king that was chosen, by God?, has not obeyed and has been rejected. There is a special challenge we face when we read I Samuel 15 which forces us to consider God's relationship with people, his creation, and his knowledge and our freedom.

Look at this, "I repent that I have made Saul king; for he has turned back from following me." (vs. 11). "And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or repent; for he is not a man, that he should repent." (vs. 29). "And the Lord repented that he had made Saul king over Israel" (vs. 35b). This is from the RSV. The NIV has the word "regret" in verses 11 and 35 and "change his mind" in vs. 29, but the challenge remains concerning the nature of God and his relationship to man.

One of the things that we can certainly learn from this text and a few others is that humanity's abuse of God-given freedom is the cause of all sorts of trouble for us – and apparently for God as well. Then there is the challenge that we have in trying to explain why God does what he does when we misbehave – given that on at least two occasions he relented from his decision to utterly blot us out.

It seems to work like this. God creates. God tells us that if we do not obey him it will lead to our death. God gives us a choice. We choose ourselves. God does not kill us. We then say God is inconsistent because we are still around to say so.

I do not want to get too far in the weeds here, but I can't help but think we must at least try to explain or understand God's repentance (or the fact that he doesn't) in this chapter. It has to do with Saul's disobedience and God's faithfulness. This is not the first time that God has in some fashion shared power with humans and the humans failed. What did happen in every case – so far – is that we learned something about ourselves. We learned that we are incapable of consistent faithfulness and therefore God must take another step toward us.

God's will be done for us and in spite of us and along with us.

Read for May: Luke 6

Next Week: Galatians 3:1-5

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: **West TN Work Camp is June 1-6.
Deadline to sign up is May 15.**



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 28, 2019

Congregational Reading: Hosea 6:1-3;6

Magnificat

Mansions Over the Hilltop

Prayer—Landon Moore

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone

Lord’s Supper

K. Ashby T. Hampton

Tim Ashby Tim Scott

M. Wilkerson Titus Scott

Presiding: Terry Hampton

My Jesus I Love Thee

Contribution

My Latest Sun Is Sinking Fast

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Scripture Reading: I Sam. 15:17-23 **Mark-**

Prayer —Wayne Adams

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

More About Jesus

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: Duggin

For the Record:

Last Sunday

Bible Class: 80

Worship: 167

Contribution:

\$2200.00

Wednesday: 68

April 28, 2019

Monitor: Butch Blanton

Nursery: Betty Rust

Children’s Church: none

Sound Booth: Landon Duggin

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Prayer: David Stubblefield

Prayer: Terry Hampton

Scripture: Darin Swaidner

Monitor: Quincy Stephenson

Nursery: Kenna Teel

Children’s Church: none

Serving the Lord’s Table:

Byron Pruitt J. Stubblefield

Johnny Allen Larry Stone-

Butch Blanton B. Shoulders

Presiding: Byron Pruitt

Sound Booth—Landon Duggin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Service topic: John 19:16-27 (Quincy)



Update from Kenya (from Monica):

“How are you and the church at large? We are fine and only trying to help our new members build their faith. We are really enjoying bible studies. Help us pray that God will help our new members to acquire bibles written in our language to help them read farther after our church studies. We are teaching three brothers to be baptized soon. I will send you the photos.” *Monica*

Congratulations to Vivian Collins, Paulette Harris’ granddaughter, who was baptized into Christ last Sunday!
Welcome to the family.

INCLUDING LAST SUNDAY’S SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION,
PENNYRILE CHURCH HAS RAISED JUST OVER
\$20,000 FOR WESTERN KY YOUTH CAMP!!

Sunday Morning Class Schedule

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

Expecting Parents:

Shannon (Coker) & Boyd Barger—Aug 9 (girl)

April 28—Gage Dillingham

April 29—Judy Gallagher

April 29—Mike Dean

May 1—Aubrie McGuyer

May 1—Carson Clark

May 2—Nyles Tapp

May 4—Terry & Shelia Hampton



CALENDAR:

May 6—Ministry Meeting

May 12—Mother’s Day

May 19—Senior Sunday /Potluck

May 27—Memorial Day

June 1-6—West TN Work Camp

June 5—Ed Gallagher

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

Margaret Church, Gaye's sister, heart surgery last Thursday.

Lance Pace, has both Hodgkins' Lymphoma and Non-Hodgkins', have to find the right treatment.

Roberta Lynch, Shelia's mother, pacemaker on May 3rd.

Gene, church's neighbor, stage 4 cancer.

**Honduran brothers and sisters
Watata CoC in Homa Bay, Kenya**

Serious Illness/Injury:

Rita Frazier, lung cancer, Barbara's SIL

Bryce Alexander, leukemia

Marvin Gallagher

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

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

Kim Feltner, Tim's sister

Michael Skultety, cancer, Jane

Eric Curry

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

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

Shut-Ins & Elderly:

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Deacons:

Jeremy Duggin, James Rust, Joshua Scott

Brock Shoulders, Steve Stoltz, Darin Swaidner

Tim Teel, Randy Travis