



# CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 7, 2020

## How to Unscramble an Egg

(Ecclesiastes 1:12-15; John 1:19-29)

I recall one of the first Bible classes I sat in taught by a divorced person. We were visiting and it so happened that it was his first day to teach. It was a rather large congregation so not everyone knew his story. Looking back, I find it interesting that he felt the need to explain himself and give people who may not know his story an easier way to leave the class. I do not remember all that he said. I do remember that no one left the class.

During the class, again referring to his divorce, he said, "Once the egg is scrambled, it's scrambled, you just have to eat it the way it is." This is the rather unsettling observation that Solomon makes as he begins his discussion of looking for meaning in our own efforts. He says, "What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be made up." "You just have to eat it scrambled." It is in the same vein as the Bruce Hornsby song, "That's just the way it is."

The first chapter of the Gospel of John introduces us to the story of how to unscramble the egg. It stands in sharp contrast to the message we get in Ecclesiastes. To be fair, "the preacher" in Ecclesiastes is speaking of human effort to find meaning. The Gospel of John would likely agree with that but introduces us to the creator of the universe in human form.

In our text today we have the testimony of John the Baptist. The declaration of his mission negates the truth of Solomon's declaration. When asked who he was he said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." Whatever is crooked and lacking can be made straight and whole by "the way of the Lord."

John preached this and the coming of the Messiah. When he saw Jesus, he said of him, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" We read in Hebrews that faith through all sorts of scrambled situations can strengthen us and straighten us out. (Heb. 12:12-13).

It is vitally important for us to recognize the way things are. It is equally important to recognize our role in it. That does not mean that we must stay there or live according to those rules. Just as John looked at the Lamb of God and encouraged his followers to go to him, so should we.

We should expect a group of people who each have their own "scrambledness" to deal with to have different concerns and different passions (the good kind). If Jesus is the center of what straightens that which is crooked and makes up for that which is lacking, then we are all moving toward him from different starting points.

In doing this we can visualize keeping Jesus in our view all the while seeing others who are doing the same thing. This is an incredibly encouraging and powerful image. People who are so different, sometimes to the point of dislike or hate are moving toward Jesus and in the meantime moving toward each other. Keep moving toward our Savior.

# 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.



— At 7 PM on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights the youth group is doing an online Bible study through video chat.

- This week we are starting a series on the parables of Jesus. On Sunday, we are studying the parable of the Good Samaritan. On Wednesday, we are studying the parable of the Sower.
- The youth group is doing games through video chat every Friday.



Ryan Hill-RI (Shoulders)  
Cameron Hurst--USAF(Curry)  
Sam Richey-USMC (Stoltz)  
Derek Brothers, (Partlow)

Christopher Goodale-USMC  
Hans Niestrath-USNA  
Jason Rushing--Air Natl Guard  
(Hampton)

## Worship Order

### Order of Worship Sunday, June 7, 2020

Cong. Reading: John 1:26-29  
**Sing Hallelujah To The Lord**  
*Blessed Assurance*  
 Prayer—Roger Matheny  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
*He Is Able To Deliver Thee*  
 Scripture: Ecc. 1:12-15 **Brock**  
 Prayer—Ronny Stubblefield  
 No Children’s Church  
 Lesson: Sean Niestrath  
**What Shall It Be**  
 Time of Sharing  
**Lamb Of God**  
 Lord’s Supper  
**Presiding:** Roger Dillingham  
*Senior Slideshow/Bible presentation*  
 Benediction  
 Contribution as we exit.

### ALTERNATES:

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

### May:

**Roger Dillingham**

**Tim Teel**

### Prepare communion:

### June:

### *For the Record:*

### **Last Sunday**

Bible Class: 0  
 Worship: 71  
 Contribution: \$  
 Wednesday: 0

### June 7, 2020

Monitor: Q. Stephenson  
 Nursery: none  
 Children’s Church: none  
 Sound Booth: D. Stubblefield

### Sunday, June 14, 2020

Prayer: Joshua Scott  
 Prayer: Kivil Brown  
 Scripture: Dan Rust  
 Monitor: D. Stubblefield  
 Nursery: none  
 Children’s Church: none  
**Serving the Lord’s Table:**  
**Presiding: Tim Teel**  
 Sound Booth—Jeremy/Zach

No Sunday PM Services

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Congratulations, Karson, Tyler, and Haley!!  
Your church family is so proud of you!**

**Starting THIS week—**

### **Summer Series Schedule:**

June 10—Bob Palmer  
June 17—John Riley  
June 24—Chip Palmer  
July 1—Ed Gallagher  
July 8—Charlie Bazzell  
July 15—Jimmy Bunch  
July 29—Bryce Kittinger  
August 5—Jamey Boone  
August 12—Stan Colley

#### **Shut-Ins & Elderly:**

Anna Etta Brown, Ruth Shoulders,  
Ann Alderson, Don & Judy Niestrath, Sandy Pilon



#### **Expecting Parents:**

Maggie & Rusty Stallins—**GIRL**—Oct 14

June 9—Dianne Goodale

June 12—Barry & Elizabeth Webb

June 12—Bruce & Julianna Rhye

*Celebrating  
-WITH-  
you*

#### **CALENDAR:**

June 7—Senior Sunday

June 13—Jacob & Maddie's Wedding

June 20—1st Day of Summer

June 21—Father's Day

**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**

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

**Serious Illness/Injury:**

**Rita Frazier**, lung cancer, Barbara's SIL  
**Bryce Alexander**, leukemia  
**Marvin Gallagher**  
**Phil Keith**  
**George Teel**, cancer  
**Keith Roberts**, cancer, EJ  
**Bruce Coleson**, MS  
**Ed Wallace**, liver transplant  
**Lowry Johnson**, 4m old, cancer  
**Cliff Duncan**, cancer  
**Charles Smallwood**, Micki's father  
**Rodney Householder**  
**Aaron Reding**, ALS  
**Jeff Travis**, health  
**Ronnie Lear**, COPD  
**Tracey Moore**, illness  
**Sherry Mitchell**, cancer  
**Pam Wiggins**, cancer  
**Barbie Kern**, Carol's sister, cancer  
**Mark Martin**, mesothelioma  
**Dan Evans**  
**Sandra Hawkins**, cancer  
**Amy Caulder**, brain cancer  
**Diana Adams**  
**Linda Turner**, cancer  
**Chesley Castleberry**, cancer, EJ  
**Aliyah Copeland**, Palmer's gd  
**Bill Long**, cancer, Goodale  
**Rosetta Jenkins**, cancer, T.Brown  
**Lisa Russell**, blindness

**Kim Feltner**, Tim's sister  
**Michael Skultety**, cancer, Jane  
**Mike Bright**, health issues  
**Ruffin Chandler**  
**Jon Riley**, lungs  
**Betty & Kim Stanley**  
**Makenzie Carson**, L. Russell  
**Brady Cobb**, intestinal problems  
**Roberta Lynch**, Shelia's mom  
**Barbara Lynch**, Shelia  
**Jonathan Allen**, MS  
**Tracy Thorp**, cancer  
**Mack Shearn**  
**George Utley**, cancer  
**Audrey Davis**, 4yr.old, leukemia  
**Hannah Gates**, heart surgery  
**Wayne Warszona**, Parkinson's  
**Jakayla Acker**, lymphoma  
**Connie Armstrong**, cancer  
**Andrea Kane**, cancer  
**Kathy Lawrence**  
**Bob Reis**, MS  
**Richard Grogan**, Barbara S.  
**Karen Kittinger**, cancer  
**Dustin Ray**, cancer  
**Tracey Durham**  
**Monica Seke**, liver, Kenya  
**Samantha Morris**, cancer, Stanleys  
**Paul Stone**, Larry's brother  
**Terry Rhye**, Bruce's brother, back

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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