



# CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 19, 2020

## Enough of Empty Words

(Jeremiah 14:1-15:4; Ezekiel 13:1-14:23)

Jeremiah and Ezekiel had similar problems. They were asked by God to deliver a message of doom in a time when every other prophet was delivering a message of “everything will be just fine.” One message required accepting responsibility for the mess that society was in and the other simply defended the status quo. One message seemed impossible to believe and the other was what everyone wanted to believe. And there we have the forever dilemma of those called to deliver a message of repentance in a time of prosperity. It is also the dilemma for those who dare call into account everyone’s role in creating or exacerbating a time of social crisis.

Judah and Jerusalem were in trouble and Jeremiah and Ezekiel told them so. Jeremiah witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem and may have fled to Egypt. Ezekiel ended up with the exiles in Babylon. They both endured abuse when they told the truth to those around them. They were also the ones who spoke about God still being in control and a coming day of restoration (especially Ezekiel).

It was the prophets who saw Judah and Jerusalem through the tumultuous time between the destruction of the northern kingdom and the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem – a period of roughly 200 years. That time was punctuated with catastrophic events which were predicted by prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, and periods of great rejoicing which were overseen by the likes of Ezra, Nehemiah, Zechariah, Zephaniah, and Malachi.

All through these times there were people spewing all sorts of nonsense. Declaring “Peace, when there was not peace.” Or later declaring disaster when God had intended good. The false prophets always had things backwards because they could only speak what those around them wanted to hear.

We are in a world full of empty words today. Some are declaring “an existential threat” to the church or to the nation. Others are declaring “everything is fine, and we are going to get through stronger than ever.” I predict that most have no idea what they are talking about. Clichés such as “preaching to the choir” or “pot calling the kettle black” come to mind.

What is needed today are more words of repentance, responsibility, and humility. Ezekiel was asked to do some rather strange things to act out what was happening to Jerusalem. There is a sense in which we are called to do the same. People will see us – they see how we act and respond. They hear the things we say and how we say them. The important thing is to do our best to take our cues from God and his word rather than from all the noise around us. I know this is impossible, but that does not mean that we do not try.

Being ready to repent of wrong or offense will help us keep our ears open. Being people who take responsibility for our actions and decisions will save us from empty words. Having humility will make us less defensive and more likely to speak in tones that will be heard and move people toward faith.

# 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 7pm on Sunday nights the youth group is doing an online Bible study through video chat. This week we are looking at verses 19 through 27 of James chapter 1 and talking about the importance of listening and doing.

—At 5pm on Wednesday night the guys are doing an online Bible study about finding God during the highs and lows of life. At 7:30pm on Wednesday night Kenna is doing an online Bible study with the girls based on the book **Grace is Greater** by Kyle Idleman.

—The youth group is doing games through video chat every Friday at 1pm.



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

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

## Worship Order

### Order of Worship Sunday, July 19, 2020

Congreg. Reading: Hosea 10:12  
**Majesty**  
**Come Thou Mighty God**  
Prayer—Barry Webb  
**Holy Ground—Beatty**  
**Holy Ground—Davis**  
Scripture: Ezekiel 14:12-16 **Pete**  
Prayer—Eric Seesengood  
No Children’s Church  
Lesson: Sean Nistrath  
**I Am Resolved**  
**I Gave My Life for Thee**  
Lord’s Supper  
**Presiding:** Roger Matheny  
Prayer for Contribution  
Benediction: I Corinthians 16:13-14

### ALTERNATES:

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

**July:**

**Dan Rust**

### Prepare communion:

**July:**

### July 19, 2020

Monitor: Butch Blanton  
Nursery: none  
Children’s Church: none  
Sound Booth: Duggin

### Sunday, July 26, 2020

Prayer: Byron Pruitt  
Prayer: Terry Goodale  
Scripture: Johnny Allen  
Monitor: Jeremy Duggin  
Nursery: none

Children’s Church: none  
**Serving the Lord’s Table:**  
**Presiding: R. Stubblefield**  
Sound Booth—Parker Mathis

### *For the Record:*

#### **Last Sunday**

Bible Class: 0

Worship: 89

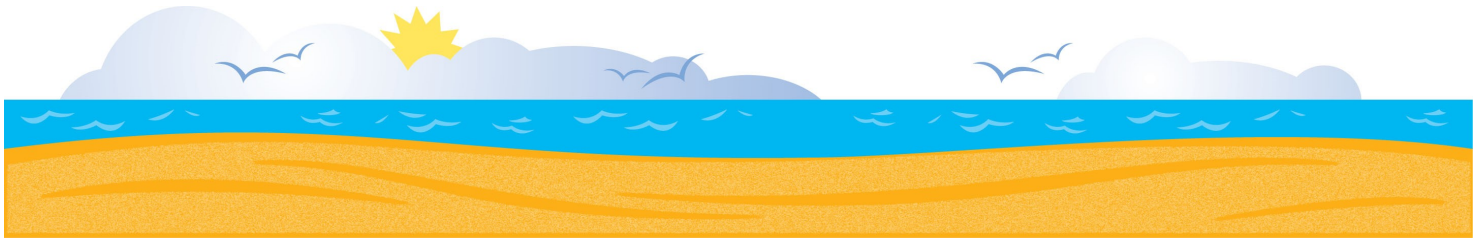
Contribution:

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Wednesday: 29

No Sunday PM Services

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Potter Children’s Home needs:**

- Pudding Cups
- Kitchen Trash Bags
- Bread & Butter Pickles
- Heavy Duty Plastic Forks
- Canned Black Beans

**Due: August 2nd**

If you’ve not already been contacted about updating your photo/info in the church directory and would like to do so (it’s FOUR years old!) please let Kellie know.

**Shut-Ins & Elderly:**

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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A WEDDING  
RECEPTION FOR**

**JON AND KENNA STUBBLEFIELD,**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 6PM,  
AT THE TEEL ’ S HOUSE.**

**A MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 1ST BY TEXTING**

**EITHER JON ( 270-635-1029)**

**OR KENNA ( 270-205-2654) .**

**Expecting Parents:**

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

July 20—Darin Swaidner

July 24—Jacob Scott



- August 2—Potter Pickup
- August 5—SS: Jamey Boone
- August 12—SS: Stan Colley
- August 26—1st Day of School

## 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:

Office: 9:00a-1:00p M-F  
Phone: 270-825-0304  
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Madisonville, KY 42431

**-Bulletin Deadline: Friday, 10 am**

### Minister:

Sean Niestrath  
269-352-9134  
niestrath@juno.com

### Missionaries:

**Paulo Mirabelli**  
Via Pacchiarotti, 52  
00139 ROMA-ITALIA

**Marvin Rivera, Honduras**  
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**Love. Grow. Serve.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

—Continue to remember **Debbie Edens** after the loss of her husband.

**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**  
**Ruffin Chandler**  
**Keith Roberts**, cancer, EJ  
**Bruce Coleson**, MS  
**Ed Wallace**, liver transplant  
**Barbara Lynch**, Shelia  
**Jonathan Allen**, MS  
**Tracy Thorp**, cancer  
**Mack Shearn**  
**George Utley**, cancer  
**Hannah Gates**, heart surgery  
**Wayne Warszawa**, Parkinson's  
**Barbie Kern**, Carol's sister, cancer  
**Mark Martin**, mesothelioma  
**Kathy Lawrence**  
**Bob Reis**, MS  
**Diana Adams**  
**Dustin Ray**, cancer  
**Aliyah Copeland**, Palmer's gd  
**Bill Long**, cancer, Goodale  
**Paul Stone**, Larry's brother  
**Terry Rhye**, Bruce's brother, back  
**Dave Webb**, very ill  
**Shelia Hampton**  
**Heather Moore**, K. Lawrence

**Kim Feltner**, Tim's sister  
**Michael Skultety**, cancer, Jane  
**Mike Bright**, health issues  
**George Teel**, cancer  
**Betty & Kim Stanley**  
**Makenzie Carson**, L. Russell  
**Brady Cobb**, intestinal problems  
**Charles Smallwood**, Micki's father  
**Rodney Householder**  
**Aaron Reding**, ALS  
**Jeff Travis**, health  
**Ronnie Lear**, COPD  
**Sherry Mitchell**, cancer  
**Pam Wiggins**, cancer  
**Connie Armstrong**, cancer  
**Andrea Kane**, cancer  
**Sandra Hawkins**, cancer  
**Richard Grogan**, Barbara S.  
**Linda Turner**, cancer  
**Chesley Castleberry**, cancer, EJ  
**Monica Seke**, liver, Kenya  
**Samantha Morris**, cancer, Stanleys  
**Lisa Russell**, blindness  
**Mark Scott**, C.Chillcut's brother  
**Lana Fisher**, lymphoma D.Warszona  
**Martha Thomas**, stroke, T. Hampton  
**Micki Clark**, cancer

### Elders:

**Barry Webb**— 270-339-8429 barry.webb@ge.com  
**Dan Rust**— 812-746-5635 dbrust@bellsouth.net  
**Byron Pruitt**— 270-841-7518 brpruitt65@gmail.com  
**Ronny Stubblefield**— 270-635-5360  
ronnystubblefield59@yahoo.com  
**Sean Niestrath**— 269-352-9134 sean.niestrath@outlook.com

### Pennyrile Christian Counseling

Elizabeth B. Webb, LMFT, LCSW  
To make an appointment, call 270-825-8746.

### Deacons:

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