

**When We meet:**

*Sunday:*

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

*Wednesday:*

Bible Study 6:30pm

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know how we can help.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today!!- No** Children's Church

**Tonight!!- Singing @ Oak Ridge Senior Living, 3pm**

**Tomorrow!! - Women's Prayer Group, 10am**

- Contact *Elizabeth Webb* for location

**July 23rd - Summer Series**

- *Bryce Kittinger Speaking*

**July 27th— PM Church Potluck, Fellowship Hall**

- *Singing Class, 4:30, Adult Classroom*

(all events happening at the building unless otherwise noted.)



**July 26— Holiday World Trip**

Contact **Jon**— 270-635-1029 or  
**Jared**— 270-841-8542 for more  
info.

**Today!! - Darin Swaidner**

**July 26— Wayne & Dianna  
Adams**

## Sermon Notes

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# Church of Christ

July 20, 2025

## The Return of the King

(Luke 19:11-27)

From Odysseus' Odyssey to The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, to Star Wars and Star Trek, to Shrek, the world is full of stories about a rightful heir to a throne returning after a long absence. What they find are interlopers who have taken over or regents who do not want to give up power. There are new systems in place and people who like things the way they are. They resist through conspiracy and violence to prevent the king returning. They know that when the rightful heir is back in place things will change. Justice will be served and those responsible for the injustice will be judged. That judgment comes in the form of death or exile.

At the time when Jesus was passing through Jericho to go up to Jerusalem, he would have passed by (or very near to) the palace of Archelaus. He was the brother of the more well-known Antipas, who was in Jerusalem. Each of them had been given part of their father's, Herod the Great, kingdom. They had been to Rome to petition the emperor for their positions (as their father had done). Archelaus was not popular. A group of Jews also appealed to Caesar to prevent him from giving the position to Archelaus. It failed.

Josephus, a mostly reliable historical source, noted that when Archelaus returned there was violence, and old scores were settled. It is hard to imagine Jesus telling the parable of the pounds (minas, about three months' wages) without the people connecting it to their recent history.

The difference in Archelaus and Jesus is emphasized by the story of Zacchaeus before this parable and the praises he received entering Jerusalem after. This gives this parable an added punch.

What adds to this is the violent language at the end of the parable when judgment is announced by the retuning king. "But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them before me." (Luke 19:27). This is the language of the prophets. It is easy for us to forget that salvation from oppression means that the oppressor must change. If they do not change – judgment.

Jesus, the king, was about to enter Jerusalem and be rejected by the political leaders and many religious leaders as well. This gives this parable an eschatological (end times) flavor. It means that it is a call for us to be faithful as we wait. The king, who will not be welcomed by some, will return and put things right. If we know that the king is capable of judgment, it should motivate us to use what he has given us and do what he asks of us.

We are currently in a time that does not like judgment. We do not talk about sin or sinners – we talk about bigots, fascists, and nazis. Everyone does what is right in their own eyes and does not want to be told by the King of the Universe, or anyone else, what to do or how to act. This parable is a reminder that Jesus came to seek and save the lost – but there is a return that will mean it is too late. One will either be looking forward to His return or not.

# WELCOME TO church



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Psalm 50: 1-5

*We're Marching to Zion*

*In Need*

Prayer— Steve Stoltz

*You Say*

*Ivory Palaces*

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Terry Hampton

Serving: LS: Roger Matheny

Larry Stone      Keith Tapp

David Stubblefield      Landon Duggin

*A Charge To Keep I Have*

Contribution

*Stepping in the Light*

Scripture: Luke 19: 11-15 Kenneth A

Prayer— Bryson Shoulders

Lesson—Sean Nistrath

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Benediction: Psalm 85: 8-11

*The Grace*

## TODAY—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Mark Wilkerson

Monitor: Kellie Duggin

Children's Church: none

Sound Booth: Josh Lupo

## NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Prayers: Brock Shoulders/Jared Jones

Scripture: Ezra Bridgman

Monitor: Buster Almon

Children's Church: Webb

Sound booth: Tim Teel

Presiding LS: Terry Hampton

Serving LS: Roger Matheny

Larry Stone      Keith Tapp

David Stubblefield      Landon Duggin

**Alternates for July:**

Quincy Stephenson      Jon Stubblefield

**Communion Prep:** Lupos

## For the Record

**Last Sunday:**

Bible Class— 63

Worship— 107

Contribution—\$6,717.00

Wednesday—0



## Announcements:

- **Cathy Saley-** Meal Train emailed out. Starts July 23rd

Here is the Link: <https://mealtrain.com/v2rwo6>

- **Holiday World Trip: Saturday, July 26th, Everyone Welcome!!**
  - \$40/Person, Ages 3 and under free, checks payable to Pennyriple COC
  - Leaving from Church at 8:30 am      - Contact Jon or Jared by July 23rd
- **Bulletin Board:**      -Mind Matters— August 7th
  - Karen Wilkerson's temporary address      - Wyatt Brown Update
  - Potter Children's Home, Fall Festival— Sept 20th

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## Deacons:

Brock Shoulders,

Buster Almon,

Darin Swaidner,

David Stubblefield,

Jeremy Duggin,

Steve Stoltz,

Tim Teel,

Zach Pressley

**Cathy Saley**, recovering from shoulder surgery

**Daniel Davis**, back issues, surgery July 24th

**Rebecca Nistrath**, recovering from surgery

**Matt**, friend of Saley family, has heart cancer, started chemo

**Karen Wilkerson**, admitted to Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital for physical therapy

**Cecili**, Potter Children's Home, Had surgery for congenital heart defect

**PRAYER**  
list

## Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Dexter & Kathy Black, Suzette Mooney, Del Brock, Sherry Rushing, Jami Unland, Jim Miller, Sister Josephine, Barbara Lynch, Lisa Dunlap, Wyatt Brown, Hanna Gates, Christy Estrada, Curt Frederick, Skyler Ipock, Dennis Warszona, Juana Belgrave, Benson Holmes, Margaret Church, Jama Doc

**Sunday 6pm, The Chosen**