



CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 23, 2018

Faith in the Middle of Unfaithfulness

(Hosea 2:1-23; 11:1-9)

I don't know about you, but there have been times when I felt like having to be faithful to God all the time – or else – is a little wearying. When I get in such moods, I second guess conversations. I replay what I could have or should have done or said. I worry that I was not a good enough representative of God and that he is disappointed in me. I am often like the father of the child whom Jesus healed when he cried out, "I believe, help my unbelief." (Mark 9:24).

As Christians, we bear the responsibility of carrying the name of Christ. There are expectations of attitude, behavior, and vocation. There is an expectation of doing good works which demonstrate the faith that we have. But Jesus did say that his yoke was easy and his burden light (Matthew 11:30). I take from this that life can be hard, but faith makes it livable.

When I think about faithfulness in the midst of unfaithfulness, I usually think about the church or individual Christians being the light on a hill. What I sometimes do not consider enough is the faithfulness of God. I know this because I often feel overwhelmed, cynical, and helpless.

The prophet Hosea reminds us of the unrelenting, unwavering, incorruptible, incomprehensible faith of God in the midst of unfaithfulness. God's faithfulness makes our faithfulness possible and, for me, this takes a lot of pressure off my inconsistent and inadequate faith. This doesn't diminish my responsibilities, if anything it makes them greater, but with less depending upon me.

This morning we are going to look at two poems in Hosea that demonstrate God's unfathomable love for his people. Hosea 2 is a poem that uses the husband-wife relationship and Hosea 11 uses that of parent-child. Both make abrupt turns from judgment and punishment to ridiculous love and forgiveness. In the first one we are not told of the thinking behind the turn – it just is – and it is glorious. In the second one we are given some indication of why.

Every generation has its best of times and worst of times. Every generation thinks the world is about to fall apart. Every generation sees something remarkable and unforgettable – those "I remember where I was when. . ." moments. It is important in those times to remember that we worship and serve a faithful God. In the middle of the worst of worst he is faithfully calling us to Him. Are we listening?

Matthew 25 is our reading for the month of September.

Next week: A lesson from Ephesians 6:1-4.

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 the Pruitt’s house at 6pm.

Wednesday: Auditorium 6:30pm, 6:45pm class

Note from Landon: Upcoming events: **RUSH @ FHU**– Sept 28 30, \$25. **Fall Retreat @ Crossville TN**-Oct 19-21 . **Celebration @ LBL**-Nov 2-4, \$40.



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 (Afghanistan)

Worship Order

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Congregational Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:2

Living By Faith

Faith Of Our Fathers

Prayer– D. Stubblefield

Highly Exalted

Lord’s Supper

Roger Matheny Tim Teel

Pete Shoulders Kivil Brown

K. Ashby Buster Almon

Presiding: Tim Teel

The Old Rugged Cross

Contribution

Dismiss for Children’s Church

Let Us Be Faithful

Scripture Reading: Hosea 11:5-9 (**Dan**)

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

Prayer– Louis Stanley

If You Say Go We Will Go

Benediction: Psalm 145:13-15

ALTERNATES:

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

September:

Dan Rust

Ronny Stubblefield

Prepare communion:

Sept: Ashby

Oct: Almon

For the Record:

Last Sunday

Bible Class: 73

Worship: 144

Contribution:

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Wednesday: 80

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Monitor: Terry Goodale

Nursery: Kenna Teel

Children’s Church: A. Shoulders

Sound Booth: Darin/Barry

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Prayer: Terry Hampton

Prayer: Barry Webb

Scripture: Steve Stoltz

Monitor: D. Stubblefield

Nursery: Krista Teel

Children’s Church: none

Serving the Lord’s Table:

Roger Matheny Tim Teel-

Pete Shoulders Kivil Brown

K. Ashby Buster Almon

Presiding: Roger Matheny

Sound Booth—Parker Mathis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Topic: John 2:1-25 (Quincy)



Diapers and wipes are being collected for the Blanton Family in the foyer. Baby Rodney will be here soon!



Grapevine Elementary Weekend Backpack Program: Any easy fix food like MacNChese, pop-top soups, spaghetti-ohs, single serving main meal items, etc. You may put items in the box by the office door. Thank you!

Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Sean's Class-Psalms/New Testament

Quincy's Class-1 Peter

Expecting Parents:

Melissa & Butch Blanton (boy)--October

Whitney & Bryce Kittinger (girl)—December

Angela & Brock Shoulders —March

Sept 23—Terry Hampton

Sept 25—Mariah Blanton

Sept 27—Shirley Dean

Sept 28—Danielle Almon



CALENDAR:

Sept 23—Youth to Pruitt's

Sept 28-30—Rush @ Freed

Sept 30—5th Sunday Potluck

Oct 15—Lifeline Screening

Oct 19-21—Youth Fall Retreat

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

Shirley Dean's family as they lost her mother, **Joan Atwell**.
Matt McGuyer's family at the loss of his grandmother, **Ernestine Blanchard**.
Remember **Stefan** as he transitions to life in Texas.

PRAISE: Two new brothers at the church in Kenya!

Serious Illness/Injury:

Rita Frazier, lung cancer, Barbara's SIL
Scott Nutt, cancer, Gaye's son
Michael Skultety, cancer, Jane
Mike Bright, health issues
Ruffin Chandler
Lynn Stevens, cancer
Keith Roberts, cancer, EJ
Betty & Kim Stanley
Makenzie Carson, L. Russell
Melinda Brown, Pete's niece
Barbara Lynch, Shelia
Charles Smallwood, Micki's father
Jonathan Allen, MS
Tammy Langenright, Hodgkins
Aaron Reding, ALS
Mack Shearn
Wayne Edwards, stroke
Ronnie Lear, COPD
Steve Stirsman, tumors
Barry Newton, Keith's friend, cancer
Larry Crowder, lymphoma, Byron
Wayne Warszawa, Parkinson's
Jakayla Acker, lymphoma
Mike Oates, Natalie's father
J.B. Wagner's parents health
Connie Armstrong, cancer
Janetta Brown
Sally Malik, lungs
Jonathan Walker, Cumberland Hall
Kevin Cline, eye disease
Connor Peebles, severe back problems

Kim Feltner, Tim's sister
Bryce Alexander, leukemia
Marvin Gallagher
Phil Keith
George Teel, cancer
Jon Riley, lungs
Danny Belcher, heart
Bruce Coleson, MS
Ed Wallace, liver transplant
Brady Cobb, intestinal problems
Judy Harrison, heart attack
Mike Burns, cancer
Mark Toomes, health
Rodney Householder
Buddy Jenkins, Karen S. father
Jeff Travis, waiting on kidney
George Utley, cancer
Audrey Davis, 4yr.old, leukemia
Tracey Moore, illness
Hannah Gates, heart surgery
Sherry Mitchell, cancer
Dennis Matheny
Helen Wyatt, Barbara S.
Barbie Kern, Carol's sister, cancer
Joan Owens, Landon's grandmother
Larry Jerome, Wendy's father
Mark Martin, mesothelioma
Andrea Kane, cancer
Denise Hawkins, lung cancer
Kathy Terrell, Terry's sister, COPD

Shut-Ins & Elderly:

Lee Townsend, Junie Peterson, Ewing Stubblefield, Anna Etta Brown,
Ruth Shoulders, Ann Alderson, Don Niestrath

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Deacons:

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