



The Lighthouse

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How Can a Loving God Send War?

How could God send horrific wars on people in the Bible? This question has troubled Bible readers for thousands of years.

One answer is that God did not send these wars. He only allowed them. But that is not what the Bible says. The Bible says he sent the Assyrians to punish Judah (Isa. 10:5-7). He ordered the Israelites to slay the Canaanites (Deut. 9:1-3).

Another response is that God used a hyperbole when he told the Israelites to kill the men, women and children. This approach says God did not literally mean for the Israelites to do this. But that is not correct. First Samuel 15 shows that God meant it literally when He told Saul to slay the Amalekites.

Another reply is that the Bible is not true. Atheists, skeptics and even some who believe in God say a loving God could not have ordered these calamities. But the Bible proves that it is the inspired Word of God by its prophecies and many other evidences.

What many overlook is that the people who died in these wars brought the wrath of God on themselves. The land of Canaan

was filled with idolatry, human sacrifice, incest, homosexuality, bestiality and other evils (Lev. 18-20). It is true that they did not have the written law of Moses like the Jews. But they had the moral law of God written on their hearts by nature (Rom. 2:14-15). They knew these things were wrong.

The Jews could have avoided the suffering we read about in the Bible. Jeremiah pleaded with the Jews for forty years to repent. They stubbornly refused. That is why God poured out His wrath on them by sending the Babylonians into Judah to destroy it. And, as he assured the prophet Habakkuk, He eventually punished the punishers for their sins (Jer. 50-51).

But what about the innocent babies and children who died in the wars sent by God? We could ask the same thing about babies that died in the flood or in Sodom. It is tragic that the innocent suffer in this life for the sins of others. But God is the giver of life (Acts 17:25).

If He has the right to give life, then He has the right to end life. Only He can make that determination, and we must be content to submit to that fact.

--Kerry Duke, West End church of Christ, Livingston, TN

Welcome,

We are so glad you are here!

Please know

- We will not ask you to stand and then focus our attention on you.
- We do not expect you to give money when we take a collection from our church members, however any gifts will be graciously received.
- We partake of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day (Acts 20:7). You have the option of participating, or not, in the communion when it is served. Read 1 Cor. 11:23-29

- For those who have small children, the following options are available:
- Your child/children may stay in the auditorium with you. (We love children)
 - We have a staffed nursery for children 0 -2 years old during Sunday morning Worship.

Please tell us a little bit about you by filling out a Visitor form in the lobby OR scan the QR code to fill in electronically.

Hang around a bit after service & get to know us!

Thank you for being our guest and come back soon.



Our Mission

We take our stand on the Bible. Affirming it to be the complete, inspired, and authoritative Word of God.

We believe:

- there is one true and living God, creator of all things.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only One through whom people can be saved.
- We are saved through faith in Jesus Christ. It is not our own works, but God's power through the blood of Christ that saves us.
- The true church is the one found in the New Testament. Therefore, our effort and desire are to believe and do what the church did and taught.
- The New Testament teaches that a person encounters the saving blood of Christ at the point they are moved by faith to repent, confess Jesus as Lord, and be immersed in baptism for the remission of sins.
- Becoming a Christian embraces a commitment to spiritual growth in service, prayer, worship and giving.
- Our mission is to seek the spiritually lost and to share the good news of Jesus Christ

Month of February		Weekly	02/15/26	02/22/26
Presiding Shepherd		Baptismal Clothes	Julie Sills	Connor Honeycutt
		Building Monitors	Darrell Carroll	Jeff Deason
Darrell Johnson			Brad Fortson	Bert Putnal
Announcements		Sunday Morning	02/15/26	02/22/26
Jon Keller			Lead Singing	Mark Bargeloh
Lord's Table		Opening Prayer	Joe Eagle	Rusty Trent
Preside	Melvin Bennett	Scripture Reading	Connor Honeycutt	Trent Fortson
Servers – Table	Tom Whitaker Mike Sills	Closing Prayer	Mike McFalls	Ray Andrews
Servers – Sides	Connor Honeycutt Stone MacPhee	Greeters	Anita Gaines Pam Sams	Darrell Johnson Kelly Craddock
Ushers	Brad Fortson Jim Craddock		Shut Down Building	Darrell Carroll Tom Whitaker
AV Room – Sun AM	C Goldman R Andrews	Nursery Attendants	Brittany Honeycutt	Julie Sills
AV Room – Sun PM	C Simoneaux B Simoneaux	Sunday Evening	02/15/26	02/22/26
AV Room – Wed PM	M Bennett D Carroll	Lead Singing	Darrell Johnson	ALL (Joe Eagle)
Contributions	E Lawing R Bean J Deason	Opening Prayer	Ron Bean	Darrell Carroll
		Closing Prayer	Jeff Hall	Mike Sills
		Shut Down Building	Kirk Sams Brad Fortson	Bret Simoneaux Cameron Goldman
Food for Families	Annette Hall	Wednesday Evening	02/18/26	02/25/26
Please use the microphones when speaking in a public manner to ensure those with hearing impairments may hear the speaker.		Lead Singing	Joe Eagle	Olian Holladay
		Opening Prayer	Jeff Hall	John Rowden
		Closing Prayer	Tom Whitaker	Jon Keller
		Shut Down Building	Brad Fortson	Kirk Sams
		If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Mike Sills at 919 2733018		

Opportunities

The Lunch Crew

Tuesdays at 12-noon

February 17th

Parkway House

February 25th

Charros

March 3rd


Johnny's

March 10th

Mayflower

Chili Cook Off

All are invited to stay for lunch
Sunday, February 15th
Bring chili, a side, or a dessert.



Men's Breakfast


February 21 @ 8:30 AM
Gather for breakfast & devotional in the Fellowship Hall.
If you are able, stay for a "work day" immediately following.
Sign up in the FCR

Area-Wide Singing

@ Lake Norman
7 PM, Friday, February 27th

Ladies Retreat

2026 Bloom Retreat
April 17-19
Registration is open @
carolinabiblecamp.org/bloom

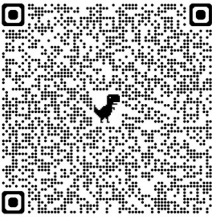



Carolina Bible Camp

Summer Camp
Registration is OPEN

carolinabiblecamp.org

Make plans now to join us for
Horizons 2026
July 5-10 @Freed-Hardeman Univ.



Registration is open.

REMINDER: Send bulletin announcements or updates to info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org.

God's Steps to Salvation

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hear the Gospel:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Romans 10:17Luke 11:28John 5:24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Believe the Gospel:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hebrews 11:6John 3:16John 3:36Romans 10:9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Repent of past Sins:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Acts 17:30Luke 5:31-32Acts 20:21
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Confess Faith in Jesus Christ:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Matthew 10:32Philippians 2:111 John 2:23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Be Baptized:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Acts 2:38Mark 16:16Romans 6:1-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Be Faithful:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hebrews 10:23Luke 16:10Hebrews 3:12-19

Minister

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Shepherds		Deacons	
Darrell Johnson	704.223.1871	Ron Bean	704.451.8421
Jon Keller	479.719.8268	Darrell Carroll	704.907.9028
Elliotte Lawing	704.785.8473	Jeff Deason	704.791.0243
Bret Simoneaux	704.254.5804	Brad Fortson	214.668.8218
		Jeff Hall	304.638.3474
		Mike Sills	919.273.3018

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study: 9:00AM

Ladies Bible Study: 9:00AM

Morning Worship: 10:00AM


Evening Worship: 6:00PM

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00PM

Monday - Friday

Online Devotional- with Kirk Sams



All services are streamed on the church Facebook Page and YouTube

Weekly Attendance		Weekly Contributions	
	02-01-26 02-08-26	Weekly Goal	\$5,990.00
Bible Class	-- 36	02-01-26	02-08-26
Sunday AM	-- 100		
Sunday PM	-- 40	\$-----	\$16,623.00
	02-04-26 02-11-26		
Wednesday	37 52		



PRAYER REQUESTS

“Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will in Christ Jesus.”

– 1 Thes. 5:16-18

Have a Prayer Request? Please send email to:
info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org

New Requests:

- Ray Beam** will have a PET scan Feb 17.
- Donna Bowden** (Kelly Craddock’s sister) will have a lumpectomy Feb 18.
- Tony Hill** (Tom Whitaker’s brother-in-law) is at home under palliative care.
- Shellie Long** (Bobbie Seabolt’s niece) is scheduled for surgery March 16, but must maintain her weight in the meantime.
- John Rowden** is undergoing tests regarding fluid retention around his ankles.
- Ponzella Stiltner** (Gabby Stiltner’s great grandmother) is recovering at home from hip surgery following her fall.

Updates/Continued Prayers:

- Pat Bost** continues radiation treatments.
- Ronald Bost** (Don Bost’s brother) is back in the hospital in Salisbury.
- Samuel Brockman** (Elliotte Lawing’s cousin) is receiving medication for pain management.
- Jessie Clowney** (Lorene’s husband) is struggling with blood pressure issues.
- Mitzi Crane** (Ron Bean’s sister), her husband, **Jay**, and daughter, **Lisa Brown** are struggling with serious health conditions and would appreciate prayers.
- Abby Dailey** is recovering from her procedure.
- Rhye Glaum** (the Bean’s great grandson) continues to need prayers as he recovers.
- Ronald Lancaster** (Butch Lancaster’s brother) has lung cancer. Prayers requested for the doctors to determine the best treatment plan.
- Karen Lovell** is in communication with the hospital in Virginia, UVA about pain in her lower back. She is consulting with a surgeon about further surgery to address the pain.
- Melina Markham** is experiencing many physical struggles.
- Tim Pinkston** is recovering well and adjusting to his medications.
- Pat Putnal’s** lung disorder is being monitored by doctors and treatments are being adjusted.
- Karen Rogers’ 2-year-old granddaughter, **Nevaiah**, has a blood disease and is awaiting further testing to determine the severity.
- Tim Shipman** (friend of the Johnsons) is battling cancer. Prayers are appreciated.



Please keep these people in your prayers & send cards as you are able
Addresses are on the bulletin board in the FCR or scan QR code.



SCAN ME

Long-term Healing Journey:

Ray Beam

Joseph Lee (Craddock’s son-in-law)
Jay Miller (Bobbie Seabolt’s brother)
Douglas Scruggs (Gary Scruggs’ brother)
Dale Winchester

Shellie Long (Bobbie Seabolt’s niece)
Karen Rogers (Janice Rogers’ daughter-in-law)
Lisa Winchester
Hurricane Helene survivors

Shut-ins:

Lil Burton | Anna Cleveland | Fran Wehe

Military:

Ricky Ardrey (Teresa Clowney’s son-in-law)
Aaron Deason
James Schriever (friend of Coopers)
Landon Bean (Grandson of R&B Bean)
Marquita Allen (Daughter of Ray Andrews)

Brian Mullins (Northview COC)
David Jones (Dan Payne’s nephew)
Cameron McAllister (C&B Lancaster’s nephew)
Dante Durant (friend of Yost & Edwards’ family)
Lawson Bean (Grandson of R&B Bean)



February Anniversaries

T&M Whitaker 26th



January/February Birthdays

Casey Lancaster	02/15
Gretchen Fortson	02/21
Anita Fricke	02/21
Jan Beam	02/22
Gabby Stiltner	02/25
Tobi Lancaster	02/26
Becky Lewis	02/27
Betsy Carroll	02/28