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Great Faith

| Luke 7:1-10

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# The Lighthouse

## *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:

- o Your child/children may stay in the auditorium with you. (We love children)
- o 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

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

**Thank you for being our guest and come back soon.**



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## Our Mission

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

We believe:

- o there is one true and living God, creator of all things.
- o Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only One through whom people can be saved.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o Becoming a Christian embraces a commitment to spiritual growth in service, prayer, worship and giving.
- o 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 |
| Darrell Johnson   | Building Monitors  | Darrell Carroll    | Jeff Deason      |
|                   | Announcements  | Brad Fortson       | Bert Putnal      |
| Jon Keller        | Sunday Morning   | 02/15/26           | 02/22/26         |
|                   | Lord's Table   |                    |                  |
| Preside           | Lead Singing   | Mark Bargeloh      | Olian Holladay   |
| Servers – Table   | Opening Prayer   | Joe Eagle          | Rusty Trent      |
|                   | Scripture Reading  | Connor Honeycutt   | Trent Fortson    |
| Servers – Sides   | Closing Prayer   | Mike McFalls       | Ray Andrews      |
| Ushers            | Greeters   | Anita Gaines       | Darrell Johnson  |
|                   |  | Pam Sams           | Kelly Craddock   |
| AV Room – Sun AM  | Shut Down Building   | Darrell Carroll    | Aaron Deason     |
|                   |  | Tom Whitaker       | Ron Bean         |
| AV Room – Sun PM  | Nursery Attendants   | Brittany Honeycutt | Julie Sills      |
|                   | Sunday Evening   | 02/15/26           | 02/22/26         |
| AV Room – Wed PM  | Lead Singing   | Darrell Johnson    | ALL (Joe Eagle)  |
|                   | Opening Prayer   | Ron Bean           | Darrell Carroll  |
| Contributions     | Closing Prayer   | Jeff Hall          | Mike Sills       |
|                   | Food for Families  | Annette Hall       |                  |
|                   | Please use the microphones when speaking in a public manner to ensure those with hearing impairments may hear the speaker. | Kirk Sams          | Bret Simoneaux   |
|                   |  | Brad Fortson       | Cameron Goldman  |
|                   | Shut Down Building   |                    |                  |
|                   | Wednesday Evening  | 02/18/26           | 02/25/26         |
|                   | 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<br>Mike Sills at 919 2733018                                       |                    |                  |

## Opportunities

### The Lunch Crew Tuesdays at 12-noon

February 17<sup>th</sup> Parkway House  
 February 25<sup>th</sup> Charros  
 March 3<sup>rd</sup> Johnny's  
 March 10<sup>th</sup> Mayflower

### Chili Cook Off

All are invited to stay for lunch



Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

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 27<sup>th</sup>

REMINDER: Send bulletin announcements or updates to [info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org](mailto:info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org).

### Ladies Retreat

#### 2026 Bloom Retreat

April 17-19

Registration is open @  
[carolinabiblecamp.org/bloom](http://carolinabiblecamp.org/bloom)



### Carolina Bible Camp

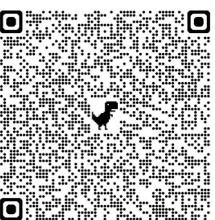
#### Summer Camp Registration is OPEN

[carolinabiblecamp.org](http://carolinabiblecamp.org)

Make plans now to join us for

#### Horizons 2026

July 5-10 @Freed-Hardeman Univ.



Registration is open.

## God's Steps to Salvation

#### • Hear the Gospel:

- Romans 10:17
- Luke 11:28
- John 5:24

#### • Confess Faith in Jesus Christ:

- Matthew 10:32
- Philippians 2:11
- 1 John 2:23

#### • Believe the Gospel:

- Hebrews 11:6
- John 3:16
- John 3:36
- Romans 10:9

#### • Repent of past Sins:

- Acts 17:30
- Luke 5:31-32
- Acts 20:21

#### • Be Faithful:

- Hebrews 10:23
- Luke 16:10
- Hebrews 3:12-19

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 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

#### Monday - Friday

#### Online Devotional-

with Kirk Sams

#### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00PM

All services are streamed on the church Facebook Page and YouTube



### Weekly Attendance

### Weekly Contributions

|             | 02-01-26        | 02-08-26        |  |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Bible Class | --              | 36              |  |
| Sunday AM   | --              | 100             |  |
| Sunday PM   | --              | 40              |  |
|             | <b>02-04-26</b> | <b>02-11-26</b> |  |
| Wednesday   | 37              | 52              |  |

**Weekly Goal \$5,990.00**

**02-01-26 02-08-26**

**\$----- \$16,623.00**



# 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](mailto: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.



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## Long-term Healing Journey:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Ray Beam                                | Shellie Long (Bobbie Seabolt's niece)         |
| Joseph Lee (Craddock's son-in-law)      | Karen Rogers (Janice Rogers' daughter-in-law) |
| Jay Miller (Bobbie Seabolt's brother)   | Lisa Winchester                               |
| Douglas Scruggs (Gary Scruggs' brother) | Hurricane Helene survivors                    |
| Dale Winchester                         |   |

## Shut-ins:

Lil Burton | Anna Cleveland | Fran Wehe

## Military:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Ricky Ardrey (Teresa Clowney's son-in-law) | Brian Mullins (Northview COC)                   |
| Aaron Deason                               | David Jones (Dan Payne's nephew)                |
| James Schriever (friend of Coopers)        | Cameron McAllister (C&B Lancaster's nephew)     |
| Landon Bean (Grandson of R&B Bean)         | Dante Durant (friend of Yost & Edwards' family) |
| Marquita Allen (Daughter of Ray Andrews)   | Lawson Bean (Grandson of R&B Bean)              |



## February Anniversaries

T&M Whitaker 26<sup>th</sup>



## 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 |