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# The Lighthouse

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## Mirror Moments

Recently I was asked why God repeated his question to Elijah during the incident recorded for us in 1 Kings 19. Before I give you my answer (opinion), let me briefly set the context for you.

Elijah had just achieved great victories. He had confronted the prophets of Baal and challenged them to pray to their god and thus bring fire to a sacrifice (1 Kings 18:21). Elijah, of course, prayed to God and received fire from heaven (18:38). Rain also returned to the region in answer to his prayer (18:42; James 5:17, 18). However, shortly after the victories, Jezebel swore to kill Elijah. With amazement, we read the words, "Then he was afraid" (19:3). Let me just say this is not a condemnation of Elijah or a criticism of his faith. It is rather, a testimony to the evil and resourcefulness of Jezebel, as well as the power of exhaustion and discouragement on a servant of God.

Because of Jezebel's threat, Elijah headed south, as far away from Jezebel as he could get. After a long journey, and sustenance by God, Elijah came to Horeb (Sinai). At that time he came to a cave and stayed there. While there, God spoke to him: "What are you doing here Elijah?" Elijah answered by recounting the terrible circumstance of the previous years and concluded by saying he was the only faithful person/prophet left. God allowed Elijah to see several unusual events (wind damage, earthquake and fire). Then he heard a whisper. After that, God repeated his question:

"What are you doing here, Elijah?" (19:14-13). The man who was once empowered by God was actually running away from his enemy.

I believe God was asking the question, not for information, but so that Elijah could have a "mirror moment." In other words, God wanted Elijah to look deeply within himself and decide who he was going to be and what he was going to do. He could have given up or he could have decided to move forward and live for God. Thankfully, Elijah decided to move forward and live for God—and aren't we glad he did?

I also believe we all have mirror moments—times in our lives when deep introspection is called for—when we must decide to move forward and allow God to work with and through us, in spite of our fears and misgivings. I think some of those times are: high school graduation, college graduation, wedding day, first day of new job, birth of first child and retirement. There are others, but I think you get the point: These are the crossroads of our lives, and the direction we choose can make or break us. Far too many people are "walking past the mirror," taking little or no time to ask themselves, "What are you doing here?"

Well, it may not be one of those times mentioned above, but...what are YOU doing here?

--Lance Cordle, Calvert City Church of Christ, Calvert, KY

# 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.**



scan the QR code to fill in electronically.

## 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 May		Weekly	05/17/26	05/24/26
<b>Presiding Shepherd</b>			Connie Rowden	Lisa Winchester
Bret Simoneaux		<b>Baptismal Clothes</b>	Ron Bean	Jeff Deason
<b>Announcements</b>			Tom Whitaker	Ron Bean
Bret Simoneaux		<b>Building Monitors</b>		
<b>Lord's Table</b>		<b>Sunday Morning</b>	<b>05/17/26</b>	<b>05/24/26</b>
<b>Preside</b>	Ron Bean	<b>Lead Singing</b>	Joe Eagle	Cameron Goldman
<b>Servers – Table</b>	Connor Honeycutt Tom Whitaker	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Larry Gregory	John Lewis
<b>Servers – Sides</b>	Mike Sills Chris Shuping	<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Jeff Hall	Darrell Carroll
<b>Ushers</b>	Brad Fortson Jim Craddock	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Elliotte Lawing	Bret Simoneaux
<b>AV Room – Sun AM</b>	M Bennett B Fortson	<b>Greeters</b>	Jerry Hall Pat Putnal	Pam Sams Darrell Johnson
<b>AV Room – Sun PM</b>	C Simoneaux D Carroll	<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Stone MacPhee Tom Whitaker	Joe Eagle Ron Bean
<b>AV Room – Wed PM</b>	D Johnson C Goldman	<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Kim Deason	Teresa Clowney
<b>Contributions</b>	E Lawing C Simoneaux M Sills	<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>05/17/26</b>	<b>05 /24/26</b>
<b>Food for Families</b>	Gretchen Fortson	<b>Lead Singing</b>	Elliotte Lawing	Mark Bargeloh
<b>Please use the microphones when speaking in a public manner to ensure those with hearing impairments may hear the speaker.</b>		<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Jeff Hall	Tom Whitaker
		<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Brad Fortson	Joe Eagle
		<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Cameron Goldman Brad Fortson	Kirk Sams Jeff Deason
		<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	<b>05/20/26</b>	<b>05/27/26</b>
		<b>Lead Singing</b>	Elliotte Lawing	Joe Eagle
		<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Jeff Hall	Mike Sills
		<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Jon Keller	Darrell Carroll
		<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Brad Fortson	Cameron Goldman
<b>If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Mike Sills at 919.273.3018</b>				

## Opportunities

(FCR =Family Communications Room)

### The Lunch Crew Tuesdays at 12-noon

May 19<sup>th</sup> Parkway House  
 May 26<sup>th</sup> Charros  
 June 2<sup>nd</sup> Concord Family  
 June 9<sup>th</sup> Mayflower

### Congratulations Graduates!

#### Celebration Potluck, Today

Desire Bennett – High School  
 Abby Daily – Master’s Degree  
 Ashlyn Williams - Doctorate

### Area-Wide Singing

@ Archdale  
 7 PM, Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

### \*\*Calling All Ladies\*\*

Volunteers needed to organize/host Ladies’ fellowship activities in the fall. Please see the sheet in the FCR for available months and more info.



## Carolina Bible Camp

### Summer Camp Registration is OPEN

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

Make plans now to attend  
**Horizons 2026**  
 July 5-10 @Freed-Hardeman Univ.  
**Registration is open**

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

## God’s Steps to Salvation

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

### Minister

Kirk Sams 704.699.0902 | [kcocsams@aol.com](mailto:kcocsams@aol.com)

Shepherds		Deacons	
Darrell Johnson	704.223.1871	Ron Bean	704.451.8421
Jon Keller	479.719.8268	Darrell Carroll	704.907.9028
Elliott 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

#### 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	
	<b>05-03-26</b>	<b>05-10-26</b>	<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$5,990.00</b>
<b>Bible Class</b>	53	62	<b>05-03-26</b>	<b>05-10-26</b>
<b>Sunday AM</b>	99	115		
<b>Sunday PM</b>	40	38	\$7,921.26	\$6,749.00
	<b>05-06-26</b>	<b>05-13-26</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	71	58		



# 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:

- 🌿 **Freda Holladay** fell last week and has a dislocated right shoulder and multiple cuts and bruises. Prayers for total healing are appreciated.
- 🌿 **Christopher Yoders** (7 yr old great nephew of J&P Yoders) was riding his bike at home in Ohio and was struck and run over by a car. Prayers are requested.

## Updates/Continued Prayers:

- 🌿 **Freda Andrews** continues to recover as her ankle heals after a fall.
- 🌿 **Cane Anthony** (neighbor of the Sams household) continues his chemo treatments.
- 🌿 **Ronnie Bean** has been diagnosed with cancer on his esophagus and will meet with his physicians to discuss the best course of treatment.
- 🌿 **Barbara Beaver** is experiencing a lot of pain in her “good” shoulder.
- 🌿 **Jill Bodenheimer** (Gay Bolick’s daughter) is being treated for bladder cancer and is receiving chemo and radiation treatments.
- 🌿 **Ronald Bost** (Don Bost’s brother) is now at home. Prayers appreciated as he gains strength.
- 🌿 **Samuel Brockman** (Elliott Lawing’s cousin) is receiving medication for pain management.
- 🌿 **Sandy Brotherton** requests continued prayers.
- 🌿 **Kyle Glady** (friend of Kirk) had a defibrillator installed and is recovering at home.
- 🌿 **Susie Henson** (the Rogers’ neighbor) has been diagnosed with metastatic carcinoma of the brain. Treatment has not yet been determined.
- 🌿 **Tony Hill** (Tom Whitaker’s brother-in-law) is at home under palliative care.
- 🌿 **Steve and Peggy Lambert** (friends of Bob Damron) are both battling cancer.
- 🌿 **Carol Miller** (Bobbie Seabolt’s mother) is doing well at the Rehab Center and is improving.
- 🌿 Karen Rogers’ granddaughter, **Nevaiah**, has been diagnosed with sickle cell anemia. Doctors are optimistic regarding treatment.
- 🌿 **Sharon Taylor** (Flo Hoel’s daughter-in-law) is undergoing rehab following her strokes.
- 🌿 **Pat Walker** (Darrell Carroll’s sister) has been diagnosed with melanoma in her lymph nodes and will have a PET scan to determine further needs.
- 🌿 **Harrison Watson** requests prayers for effective medical treatment.
- 🌿 **Fran Wehe** is now at Autumn Care in Salisbury, Room 803.



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:

<b>Rhye Glaum</b> (Bean’s great grandson)	<b>Joseph Lee</b> (Craddock’s son-in-law)
<b>Ronald Lancaster</b> (Butch Lancaster’s brother)	<b>Shellie Long</b> (Bobbie Seabolt’s niece)
<b>Jay Miller</b> (Bobbie Seabolt’s brother)	<b>Karen Rogers</b> (Janice Rogers’ daughter-in-law)
<b>Douglas Scruggs</b> (Gary Scruggs’ brother)	<b>Lisa Winchester</b>
<b>Dale Winchester</b>	

## Shut-ins:

Lil Burton | Anna Cleveland | Fran Wehe

## Military:

<b>Ricky Ardrey</b> (Teresa Clowney’s son-in-law)	<b>Brian Mullins</b> (Northview COC)
<b>Aaron Deason</b>	<b>David Jones</b> (Dan Payne’s nephew)
<b>James Schriever</b> (friend of Coopers)	<b>Cameron McAllister</b> (C&B Lancaster’s nephew)
<b>Landon &amp; Lawson Bean</b> (grandsons of Beans)	<b>Dante Durant</b> (friend of Yost & Edwards’ family)
<b>Marquita Allen</b> (Daughter of Ray Andrews)	<b>Lee Henson</b> (friend of Rogers)



## May Anniversaries

R&D Howard	05/23
J&K Deason	05/25



## May Birthdays

Beth Bean	05/18
Brittany Honeycutt	05/21
Hyatt Deason	05/22
Dale Winchester	05/23
Christine Williams	05/25
Anita Gaines	05/29
Caroline Watson	05/30