



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Family Matters

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### Speakers for Today

Sunday AM  
Tony Boyd

Sunday PM  
Scott Watson

### CHOICE OR DESTINY?

The scripture describes the day of judgment as a time when God will pronounce where each of us will reside for eternity--Heaven or Hell. Is our eternal destination a result of choice (the result of choices we have made and their consequences), or destiny (inevitable necessity or divine decree)? The heart of this question is simple: do we have control of our eternal destiny or is it completely in the hands of God? Two recorded events in the Bible will help answer this question.

The first event is found in **Genesis 3**. In this narrative, God established law (or a rule of conduct) and left the choice of obedience or disobedience in the hands of Adam and Eve. It is true that they were tempted by the serpent. It is also true that they were not fully aware of the consequences of their actions. The result however, was that they chose to ignore God's law and follow the advice of the serpent. They were then barred from the tree of life, and passed on the consequence of physical death to all their children, as well as the consequence of spiritual death to all that disobey the will of God. These two had a choice. Death was the result of choice, not destiny.

The second event is found in **Acts 5**, where Ananias and Saphira lied to the Holy Spirit concerning the proceeds from the sale of their land. Peter's question: **Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. (Acts 5:4)**, shows that they acted out of their personal choice. They controlled the money as well as their own destiny. Their instant death by the hand of God was the consequence of their choice.

The clear teaching of the Scripture is that each individual has the free will choice to determine their destiny. The prophets are quoted by the early Christians: **And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Acts 2:21)**, clearly showing that man's destiny determined by his choice. Peter states that: **The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)** The point seems to be clear: God wants everyone to go to Heaven (and doesn't want anyone to go to Hell), but he leaves the choice up to each individual. To do otherwise would be cruel and unmerciful.

Where are you headed in Eternity? Heaven or Hell are the choices. Won't you make the choice now to go to Heaven?

Tony W. Boyd

### Worship Times

#### Sunday

Bible Study: 9:00 am  
Worship: 10:00 am  
Evening: 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

### For the Record

Bible Class: 108  
Sunday AM: 189  
Sunday PM: 112  
Wednesday PM: 92  
Contribution: \$4681  
Budget: \$4100

### Think on This...

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

**Proverbs 31:28-29**

### Celebrating This Week...

#### Birthdays

Kenny Simmons: 05.15  
Asa Campbell: 05.16  
Newt Gilliland: 05.16  
Kathy Green: 05.16

#### Anniversaries

Todd & Jenny Newman: 05.16  
Chris & Claudine Pugh: 05.17

## Serving This Week

**Announcements:** Larry Dowdy  
**Greeters:** Gary Miller/Donna Cox  
**Ushers:** Mike Green/Ron Fehr  
**PowerPoint:** Greg Dowdy  
**Lead Singing:** Todd Newman  
**Head Lord's Table:** Phil Singleton  
**Scripture:** Lance Kluesner  
**Prayers:**  
**AM:** Randy Seabaugh/Doug Lester  
**PM:** Eric Craft/Kevin Bolen

**Wednesday Singing:** Dylan Seabaugh  
**Wednesday Devo:** Jim McClellan  
**Wednesday Prayer:** Joe Kight

**Elder Chair:** Allen Hedge  
**Communion to Shut-Ins:** Gary Ridenour

## Daily Bible Reading

**May 12:** 2 Chronicles 34-36  
**May 13:** Ezra 1-3  
**May 14:** Ezra 4-6  
**May 15:** Ezra 7-10  
**May 16:** Nehemiah 1-3  
**May 17:** Nehemiah 4-6  
**May 18:** Nehemiah 7-9

## Continuing Prayer Needs

Tom Allen	Brian Mitchell
Richard Baker	Jerry Mitchell
June Black	Gary & Jane Mungle
Lee Roy Brown	Carolyn Neese
Thelma Brown	Vivian Petty
Myrtie Crews	Jim Pickett
Sharon Davidson	Stan Pierce
Maxine Davis	Eevee Pugh
Bill Dillman	Kevin Pugh
John Dobbins	Patricia Risenhoover
Margaret Dowdy	Ron Risenhoover
Ray & Marilyn Duffey	Barbara Rushing
Kelly & Trudy Garland	Lena Schweain
Kenny & Sharon Giesler	Helen Seabaugh
Wayne Graham	Susan Seabaugh
Dwayne Griffin	Juanita Shelton
Carolyn Hann	Steve Simmons
Jack Huskey	Sarah Singleton
Sonny Huskey	Faye Stinnett
Francis & Diana Ivanovich	Gelena Stoffregen
Peter Ivanovich	Quentin Tarpley
Al Jackson	Harry Thele
Laura Jenkins	Molly Thomas
Betty Jones	Susan Tomsu
Robin & Tina Jones	Carolyn Trentham
Dorothy Loyd	Mike Turnbow
	John Ward

## Youth News

- **May 27: Annual End-of-School Cookout & Cornhole Tournament** at 3pm at Todd & Jenny Newman's home.

## Remember in Your Prayers

- **Eevee Pugh** had surgery on Wednesday to repair a birth defect and improve kidney function. The surgery went well and Eevee is recovering. They were hoping to return home on Friday evening.
- **Faye Stinnett** will have an ablation on her back on Wednesday. This procedure may cause some increased short-term pain, but is expected to give nearly complete relief after healing.
- **Marilyn Duffey** has a hiatal hernia in her chest that will require surgery on May 22.
- **Lisa Bryan**, Troy and Teri's sister-in-law, has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and two masses on her brain. She will have brain surgery to remove to remove the masses and then begin chemo and/or radiation. Please pray for the entire family.
- Scott & Kim Spraggs' sister-in-law, **Kim Spraggs**, was recently diagnosed with early stages of breast cancer.

## News & Notes

- The elders have asked that we come together to help a family in need. This family is beginning new and attempting to set up housekeeping on their own. They are in need of basically all furniture and household necessities. Please see Barb Clark or Betty Jones in regards to household items and let Joy Kaye Watson know if you have furniture or larger items to donate.
- Gift bags are available on the table outside the office for you to bring in gifts and/or cards for our NINE high school seniors: **Caleb Garland** (Advance), **Blake Gilliland** (Saxony), **Kallie Henson** (homeschool), **Nate Kaminskas** (Jackson), **Lance Kluesner** (Jackson), **Brent Schafer** (homeschool), **Justin Singleton** (Jackson), **Mitchel Thompson** (Jackson), and **Peyton Watson** (Jackson). Gift bags will be distributed at the potluck lunch on May 19.
- The second **BYC Work Day** of the year will be held on **Saturday, May 18** beginning at 9:00am and going into the afternoon. Lunch will be provided. Please consider volunteering to help!
- Our next fellowship meal is set for **May 19** following morning services. We will honor our graduating seniors at this time. Please make plans to join us for this meal and time of celebration. Team #3 (Clark, Lowery, Newman) will handle set-up and clean-up.
- The recipients of this year's **Curtis James Scholarship** will be announced on **Sunday, May 19**. Students receiving this scholarship will be attending a Christian college in the fall and we are pleased to be able to help them reach their academic goals through this scholarship program.

## Celebrate:

- **June 1: Open House** for **Peyton Watson's** graduation
- **June 2: Open House** from 2-5 pm in the fellowship room to celebrate **Brent Schafer's** graduation

