

## GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

**Hear the Gospel** (Rm 10:17) - Jesus, the Son of God was born of a virgin birth, lived a sinless life, died on a cross to bear our sins, was resurrected and is now Lord over all, and through His death and life man can be eternally saved through obedience of faith in Him.

**Believe the Gospel** (Jn 3:16; Heb. 11:6; Mk 16:16) Trust in God's promise to save you through Jesus.

**Repent** (Acts 2:38,3:19,17:30;Titus 2:11-12) Turn from a life of sin to living a life for God's glory.

**Confess Jesus as Lord** (Rm10:9-10; Acts 8:37) An outward expression of your faith & submission.

**Be Baptized [immersion]** (1 Peter 3:21) - In baptism you are buried with Christ, and raised up with Him (Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12). Your sins are washed away (Acts 22:16). At this moment you're **added to the church** (Acts 2:41), which is the BODY OF CHRIST (Ephesians 1:22-23) - the SAVED (Acts 2:47).

**Remain Faithful** (Rev. 2:10; Hebrews 10:23) Continue to be faithful at any cost and the promise of heaven is sure.

### THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

	<b>04-16-23 (AM)</b>	<b>04-23-23(AM)</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Art Wallis	Troy Wallis
<b>Song Leader</b>	Jason Thompson	Phil Legate
<b>Prayer Table</b>	Jacob Sorensen	Kim Sleege
	Steve Haugsted	Terry Tull
	Troy Wallis	Jacob Sorensen
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<b>Scripture Reading Speaker</b>	Jacob Sorensen	Tanner Wallis
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Matthew Brotherton	Matthew Brotherton
<b>Lord's Supper Prep</b>	Phil Legate	Jason Thompson
	Abby Riggs	Abby Riggs
	<b>04-16-23(PM)</b>	<b>04-23-23 (PM)</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	Doug Phillips	Art Wallis
<b>Wed. Song Leader</b>	(04/19) Doug P.	(04/26) Jason T.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

Ladies Bible Class Monday 4/17@ 7 pm here at the building.

Ladies Sewing group will meet on Thursday, April 20th at 9 am. Bring a lunch.

Ladies Night Out Thursday, April 20th @ 6:30 pm. See Jessica for more details.

Sunday, April 23rd is the next potluck Sunday and men's meeting to follow.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries **April**

- 4/1 Steve Haugsted
- 4/6 Deb Bell
- 4/11 Ben McGowan
- 4/17 Aaron Sleege
- 4/23 Doug Phillips
- 4/24 June McGowan
- 4/28 Jessica Thompson
- 4/29 Abby Riggs
- 4/10 Dennis & Donna Thompson



APRIL 16, 2023



# Center Point Road Church of Christ

WE ARE A FAMILY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO GLORIFY GOD, LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST, MINISTER TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS. ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO GROW IN FAITH AND IN HIS WORD SO WE MAY ENJOY ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIM.

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

#### SUNDAY

- 9:30A.M. BIBLE CLASS (ALL AGES)
- 10:30A.M. CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP
- 6:00P.M. EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE (ALL AVAILABLE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE AND YOUTUBE)

#### WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 P.M. BIBLE CLASS (ALSO AVAILABLE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE AND YOUTUBE)

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS AND HOPE YOU WILL STAY AFTER SERVICES SO WE CAN MEET YOU!!!

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## A Son Not Like His Father

*Kerry Duke*

"She is just like her mother." "He is exactly like his dad." It is amazing how much children favor their parents, especially when they become adults. They look like their parents. They talk and walk and sit like them. They respond with the same words, gestures and facial expressions. For good or bad, the Jewish proverb "Like mother, like daughter" (Ezekiel 16:44) is probably more true than we like to admit. We clearly see how others imitate their parents but fail to realize that we do the same. The influence of both mother and father is strong—so strong, in fact, that we can be tempted to think that it predetermines a child's destiny in this life and in the next. An old Bible story puts this in perspective.

The first king of Israel was a little man in a big man's body. Saul was rash and unreasonable. He was quick-tempered and vindictive. He was prideful, jealous and harsh. He did only the things God told him to do that he found useful and disregarded the rest. He had one standard for himself and a different set of rules for others. His own words describe him best: "I have played the fool and erred exceedingly" (1 Samuel 26:21). But even that confession was not clean. The prophet Samuel had warned him earlier when he disobeyed God and tried to justify himself, "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry" (1 Samuel 15:23). He would not listen to God and so God refused to hear him. In the end he consulted a witch and the next day committed suicide.

Jonathan was the son of this self-centered, self-willed man, but he was different from his father. That difference stood out in how they related to one who was a man after God's own heart—David. Saul envied David and was afraid of him; he "became David's enemy continually" (1 Samuel 18:29). But Jonathan was the best friend David ever had. "The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his old soul" (1 Samuel 18:1). That friendship almost cost him his life.

Jonathan protected David and his father was so furious that he had the audacity to accuse Jonathan of being just like his mother ("a perverse rebellious woman") and threw a spear at him to try to kill him (1 Samuel 20:30-34). When this happened, Jonathan "rose from the table in fierce anger." But he refused to become the bitter, unjust man his father was. He was loyal to Israel to the end in spite of his father the king and died in a fierce battle with the Philistines (1 Samuel 31).

Jonathan was like Hezekiah, Josiah and others in the Bible. He rose above his upbringing. How? There were other influences in his life, but the simple answer is that he chose to be better. His example is rare, but a true Christian is rare in the overall picture. Even in the worst homes everyone makes the choice to do good or evil. The Bible speaks of a wicked father who "begets a son who sees all the sins which his father has done, and considers but does not do likewise" (Ezekiel 18:14). If it happened then, it can happen today.

It is easy to lose hope in a world like ours. But we must be just and have faith. Don't be like Elijah when he thought he was the only one who cared about doing right (1 Kings 19). Don't be like Jonah who thought and even wanted the worst outcome (Jonah 4). We must not be naïve to family traits that cause trouble, but we must also not use the bad we have seen in families as a reason to stop trying. There are still exceptions to the rule like Jonathan.

## PRAYER LIST

- ◆ Gerry & Kathy Moser - Gerry's health
- ◆ Leonard Weber - Cancer treatment
- ◆ Steve Lewis - brother in law of Phil and Shelley Legate - Dementia/Alzheimer's
- ◆ Julie Davis - friend of Phil and Shelley from Fort Dodge - Lung cancer
- ◆ Marnetta Tillman - friend of the Haugsted's - health issues.
- ◆ Sharla Ashcraft - sister of Kayla Wallis - MS ; pain management
- ◆ Jessica Thompson - prayers for sooner consultation in Iowa City.
- ◆ Sorensen family - Tara's job search