

### The Blessing of Rest

If one were to read through the pages of the Bible seeking an individual who had little or no rest in this life, he would likely agree with me that David was such an individual. From the time he was anointed as king until his death he had very little if any rest. David slew Goliath and from that moment Saul sought to kill him. When Saul and David entered the cities after the slaying the women were singing, "Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." (1 Samuel 18:6,7) From then until the death of Saul, David's life was continually sought. Even at Saul's death, David was living in Ziklag of the Philistines in order to escape the wrath of Saul.

During David's life as king, he enjoyed very little rest. David's sin with Bathsheba caused him much unrest. His adultery led him to murder Uriah. (2 Samuel 11) Nathan came telling David about the poor man with one little ewe lamb which he dearly loved. This lamb was taken by the rich man and slain, and upon hearing this, David said the rich man was worthy of death. To this Nathan replied, "Thou art the man." (2 Samuel 12:1-7) There was not any rest for David as he saw the child born to him and Bathsheba die.

David had unrest when his son Amnon raped his half-sister Tamar. (2 Samuel 13:1-18) Then David had unrest when Absalom his son killed Amnon for having defiled his sister. (2 Samuel 13:28, 29) Then Absalom, David's beloved son, had to live in exile for three years and when he was finally restored to his position as the king's son, he began to work to undermine the kingdom of his father by stealing the hearts of the people. (2 Samuel 15:6)

Absalom then rebelled against his father and sought to take the kingdom. In the midst of battle, Joab found Absalom defenseless and killed him. Some of the most touching words in scripture are those uttered by David when he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (2 Samuel 18:33)

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David numbered the people and for his sin saw seventy thousand of Israel die. (2 Samuel 24) Then even at David's death, his son Adonijah was seeking to usurp the throne from Solomon, the promised heir. (1 Kings 1)

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One of man's greatest needs in the world throughout all ages has been rest. Those who can find such rest certainly enjoy a great blessing. Those who cannot are in ceaseless torment. Men are seeking rest and that rest can be had. Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11: 28) One should note that Jesus promised rest to those who labor. Those who will not work in his vineyard should not expect to be granted rest. We must labor in HIS vineyard to be granted rest. Should we expect Jesus to grant us rest when we are laboring in his enemy's vineyard? Certainly not! Through obedience to His will we enter into HIS vineyard and we must then go to work.

Paul promised rest to those who were being persecuted or troubled when the Lord returns. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9) John promised that when we finally come to the end of our labors we will enjoy eternal rest with all those who die in the Lord. (Revelation 14:13)

We should ever guard ourselves to be certain that we do not come short of that rest. (Hebrews 4:1) What a great blessing awaits the people of God, when at the end of all our labor and toil we hear him say, "Enter my rest."

---Terry Joe Kee--

## NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

Remember in Prayer:

*Nicole Nelson* had tests last week and will see doctors in Memphis about a liver transplant soon.

*Nita Felts* had a blockage that prevented her having her pacemaker replaced, so that procedure is rescheduled in 2 weeks.

*Gretchen Pruitt* is receiving rehab in NEA, Room 5215.

*Louis Preston* was hospitalized in Batesville last week but is at home now improving.

*Mittie Stallings* is now in Encompass receiving rehab, Room 246.

Please check the bulletin boards for updates on Prayer Request Lists.

Please update us if needed.

Pray for those directly and indirectly affected by Covid-19, and please keep us updated.

*Jamie Holland Stacy Williams*

In Other News:

If you have pictures of your children from Bible classes earlier this summer that can be added to our bulletin boards, please send them to Martha Kee.

Bible classes for 2 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are postponed till further notice. You may find Bible lessons on *theleahjournal.com*. Let us know if you would like them printed.

Please check to see if any dishes on one of the tables in the foyer belongs to you.

Note: Due to uncertainties related to Covid, our annual Fish Fry at the Odens' will be cancelled this year.

### Those Privileged To Serve

August 30, 2020

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard  
Opening Prayer: Jerry Dodson  
Closing Prayer: Barry Roush  
Bible Reading: Mike Felts  
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

#### LORD'S TABLE

Presiding: Noah Flanrey  
Mitch Mosley Ben Johns  
Scott Pratt Jimmy Powell  
Logan Snyder Ryan Manley

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Nichols

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard  
Opening Prayer: Hal Baugh  
Closing Prayer: Kevin Roush  
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

September 9, 2020  
Song Leader: Ben Johns  
Opening Prayer: Stacy Eddleman  
Closing Prayer: Hillard Holcomb

#### DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

September 9, 2020  
Noah Flanrey

### NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK

Week Of

August 30, 2020

Sunday Bible Study	85
Sunday AM Worship	114
Sunday PM Worship	92
Wednesday Bible Study	91
Contribution	\$6354

**“He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die.”**

**Proverbs 19:16**

# The Friend of Truth

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“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

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## KeeNotes

It is hard to believe that we have entered into the final third of the year. In one sense it seems we have been forever in the year 2020, and in another it seems to have passed by so quickly. With all that has happened and daily reports coming through all the different news outlets, we have had a year to remember. But quickly this year is passing and a new one will be here soon.

We continue to reach out and try to stay in contact with our church family and encourage all those who are unable to be with us each week to know we are still here for them. Remember in your daily prayers all our brothers and sisters who are confined to their homes and unable to get out and attend. Give someone a call or send them a card just to let them know you are keeping them in your prayers.

We do rejoice this week as our sister, Pat Parker, was restored last Lord's Day. Pat came confessing her unfaithfulness and weakness and asking for the church to pray with her that she would be forgiven and be able to stand justified, whole and pure before God. We rejoiced with the angels of heaven to be a help to her and continue to keep our sister Pat in our daily prayers.

We have not been having Bible classes over the past few weeks due to a concern for our children and their safety. Whenever we have someone who has tested positive, we have tried to let everyone know and be aware. To this point we have been richly blessed not to have anyone we are aware of, among the brethren meeting here, who has been hospitalized. Keep all of our teachers, students and all those working in our public school systems in your prayers. Also do not forget to pray for those who are home-schooling their children (some for the first time). These times are trying, but we will survive them and we can even become stronger.

As some of you are aware our live streaming has not always gone perfectly. We have had several problems with it all. The elders are working to try and resolve all these problems and hopefully will very soon have this all corrected and running smoothly. The hope is that this can be a useful evangelistic tool for spreading the gospel in our community and beyond.

We are so glad to see you today! Welcome!

Visit Our Website: [greensbororoadchurchofchrist.com](http://greensbororoadchurchofchrist.com)

#### SHEPHERDS

Dan Nichols  
Randy Oden  
Jody Pickens

#### DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard  
Jerry Dodson  
Mike Felts  
Jason Garland  
Marshall Lands  
Mark Wooten

#### EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

#### MISSIONARIES

Michael Hughes  
Samrit Kammanee  
Arnold Kelley  
Guyana, South America  
Warren, PA

#### SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

#### What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Word of God  
Romans 10:17

Believe the Word of God  
John 8:24

Repent of your sins  
Luke 13:3

Confess your faith in Jesus  
as the Son of God  
Romans 10:9,10

Be Baptized for the  
remission of your sins  
Acts 2:38

Live faithfully  
Revelation 2:10

“Where there is no vision,  
the people perish...”  
Proverbs 29:18

God Give Us 2020 Vision  
in 2020