



### ***Let's Keep Praying For***

- Jen as she recovers from surgery
- Ruby's great-nephew Shaun, radiation results
- The people of Ukraine & other war-torn areas
- Betty
- Dale and Marion's health
- Brian as he struggles with health issues
- Cancer patients: Anne, Tim F, Chad's cousins Grace & Harold, Laura Lynn, Patti-Anne
- Chad's parents Marilyn and Roy. Health issues

Use this space to note an idea from the sermon that you would like to remember:

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Email [kingstonchurchofchrist@yahoo.com](mailto:kingstonchurchofchrist@yahoo.com) for zoom link to Bible study at 7:00 pm Wednesdays.

July 17, 2022

### ***“Quote” of the week***

"God's promises are like the stars: the darker the night, the brighter they shine."

—David Nicholas

### ***Scheduled to Serve:***

	Today	Jul 24	Jul 31
Chair	Art	Chad	Art
Preaching	Chad	Art	Chad

**Contributions:** send to [churchcollege@yahoo.com](mailto:churchcollege@yahoo.com) or leave in box in foyer.

**Key to the Kingdom** – Fridays 8:30 am on Vision TV

**Bulletin:** If you have news you would like to see shared in the bulletin, please get it to Art by Thursday noon ([kingstonchurchofchrist@yahoo.com](mailto:kingstonchurchofchrist@yahoo.com) or 613-876-4605).

***Visitors, Welcome to our gathering! Join us in worship and fellowship.***

Please join us in worshipping God as we sing, pray and read the Bible. We also share communion each Sunday remembering the sacrifice of Jesus who gave himself to die for our sins. If you wish to partake with us, you are free to do so.

We hold the Bible to be God's inspired message for us and hold it in highest esteem.

If a question comes to mind, please ask it. We will try to help you find answers from God. Please let us know of any way we can serve you.

## A Compassionate God

In the Bible, we are first introduced to the prophet Jonah in 2 Kings 14:25. "He [King of Israel Jeroboam II] was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea, in accordance with the word of the Lord, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hepher." Here we see him proclaiming the word of the Lord. The Lord desired to save Israel from their suffering in spite of their evil (2 Kings 14:26,27). In this account, we find no evidence of Jonah being unwilling or hesitant at all to do as God wished.

In the Book of Jonah, the Lord has a different job for His prophet. He commands Jonah to go and tell the Assyrian people in their capital of Ninevah to repent or be destroyed (Jonah 1:1,2). Instead, Jonah boards a ship going in the opposite direction. Famously he is tossed overboard and swallowed by a great fish provided by the Lord (Jonah 1:3-17). Jonah prays to God and, after three days, is spat out upon the land (Jonah 2). He does what God wants, and Ninevah repents (Jonah 3).

Why did Jonah not want to do what God wanted in this instance? Because Jonah knew that God was a "gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity" (Jonah 4:2). Jonah didn't want God to forgive the people of Ninevah. He wanted God to destroy them, because the Assyrians were wicked. They were undeserving of mercy because of the crimes they had committed against Israel. They had it coming, and Jonah was unwilling to participate in their salvation.

The remainder of Jonah chapter four consists of God attempting to get Jonah to see people through His eyes: "...should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?" (Jonah 4:11).

The book ends without us finding out if Jonah learned the lesson, but we have an opportunity to avoid the mistake that

## News & Notes

Happy Belated Anniversary to Brian and Kathy (8).

### August Anniversaries:

Dale and Marion 1

Chad and Robyn 26

### August Birthday's

Joan 8, Brian 11, Meagan 25, Dale 26.

**Food Cupboard:** Donations are always welcome. Usage seems to be picking up slowly.

**James E. Jones** sends his greetings to the congregation here. He was the minister of the Watertown NY congregation from 1969-72. During that time, he held a Gospel Meeting and taught some classes here.

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Jonah made. Do we see all people as people to be saved as God does? Do we see them as people He gave His only Son for? Do we see some of them as unworthy of saving?

~ Joshua Pettigrew

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