

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

January 18, 2026

**Call to Worship:**

*Luke 24:44-48*

Austin Miller

**Song Leader:**

Dennis Blanton

**First Prayer:**

Michael Pittman

**Presentation/Lord's Table:**

Stanton See

**Servers:**

Walter Culbreth \*\*\* Dwight Mullett

**Speaker:**

Johnny Felker

**Prayer and Announcements:**

Larry Miller

**Usher:**

Ralph Brown

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**EVENING WORSHIP**

**Call to Worship**

*Mark 7: 9-13*

Michael Pittman

**Song Leader:**

Johnny Felker

**First Prayer:**

Dennis Blanton

**Speaker:**

Dwight Mullett

**Lord's Table:**

Doug Driver

**Closing Prayer & Announcements:**

Larry Miller

**Usher:**

Ralph Brown

**PRAYER LIST:**

I didn't hear from **Deborah Grigsby** this week.

**Fred and Elaine Duggin** were able to be at worship service last Sunday morning, but Elaine remains unsteady on her feet. Fred's heart doctor is urging him to reschedule his surgery.

I didn't speak with **Betty Dennis** this week.

**Polly Golden**, Delbra Crowell's aunt, has returned to her home and is receiving home care.

**Shula Whitt**, Sandy Scott's aunt, has returned home from the hospital, and is presently taking care of the wound dressing herself. She will be receiving in home care soon

**Kelly Smith**, Doug Driver's brother, is scheduled for a PET scan on January 29th.

**Dennis and Heather Blanton** have been ill for a few weeks now. Dennis said they are both still feeling weak and he remains very congested in his lungs.

**Steve Tomlinson** has let us know that he is dealing with some medical issues, specifically, urinary problems and an enlarged prostate. He has three doctor's appointments coming soon, and is hoping that with testing he will get a diagnosis. He asks for our prayers.

Some have asked for Tom Knighton's address. It is 84 Lester Ave. APT# 631, Trevecca Tower 2, Nashville, TN 37210. Stickers available in lobby.

\*\*\*\*\*The flower fund needs replenishing. Please see Janice Cary with your donations.\*\*\*\*\*

**Keep in Your Prayers:**

Susie Cannizzaro, Bonnie Pomfrett, Carolyn Lowder, Ronan Chatfield, James Patterson & Tom Knighton

**Birthdays This Week:**

**22nd:** Paul Culbreth

**ELDERS:** Johnny Felker & Doug Driver

**DEACONS:** Ralph Brown & Mark Claypool

# Perry Heights Weekly Bulletin

*"...let us consider how we may encourage one another"  
Heb. 10:24*

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## The Importance of Biblical Faith

David A. Cox

The Hebrew writer says, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). We see here the necessity of faith if we are going to please God. The value of faith cannot be over estimated. If we are concerned at all about pleasing God, faith is a basic foundational element upon which we must please Him. Since faith is so important to our pleasing God then we must ask, "Does everything man calls faith pleasing and acceptable to God?" The answer is simply, "no." In the world in which we live it is not uncommon for peoples' concept of faith to be just the idea of mental assent. This is the kind of faith that James was speaking of when he said, "Thou believeth there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble, but thou know, O vain men, that faith without works is dead" (James 2:19-20). Surely, all understand that the faith the devils had will not save, but what kind of faith will please God?

We learn two things about the kind of faith that pleases God in Hebrews 11:6: (1). "Must believe" this is a belief, (firm conviction... trust...assurance) that God exists. (2). "Diligently seek Him" the action of seeking after God. These two elements of faith may be emphasized in different verses, but they never contradict one another. So if we are going to have a faith that pleases God it will not be just faith in His existence, but a faith that motivates us to actively seek His will. Paul, in Romans 4, speaks of one that

**"in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB)**

## Preacher's Pen points

### The Incarnation of God #3 The Testimony of the Scriptures



*"You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me;..." (Jn. 5:39)*

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**The apostle John recorded these correspondences between the OT Scriptures and Jesus' life and ministry:**

His z\_\_\_\_\_ for the proper use of God's house (Jn. 2:17; cf. Ps. 69:9).

His h\_\_\_\_\_ and g\_\_\_\_\_ nature (Jn. 12:14-16; cf. Zech. 9:9)

His r\_\_\_\_\_ by the Jews (Jn. 12:37-38; cf. Isaiah 53:1)

His b\_\_\_\_\_ by a friend (Jn. 13:17-18; cf. Ps. 41:9)

His unjust c\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 15:25; cf. Ps. 69:4).

His cruel m\_\_\_\_\_ in crucifixion (Jn. 19:23-25, 28-30; cf. Ps. 22:15, 18)

His p\_\_\_\_\_ on the cross (Jn. 19:37; cf. Zech. 12:10; Ps. 22:16)

His sacrifice as a Passover l\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 19:36; cf. Ex. 12:46)

His r\_\_\_\_\_ from the dead (Jn. 2:19, 22; Cf. Ps. 16:10)

**Can it be accidental or coincidence that John observed so many correspondences between Jesus' life and the prophecies of OT Scripture? In the events of His life we can see that direct predictions of the Messiah's conduct were remarkably fulfilled. They are the Father's testimony that Jesus is the incarnation of God! Have you accepted His testimony?**

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had this kind of biblical, God-pleasing faith. His name was Abraham. God told Abraham that his descendants would become a great nation, that all nations of earth would be blessed through his family, and he would receive a promised land. Abraham by faith left his homeland and lived as a pilgrim and sojourner on this earth looking for the promised land. Abraham's faith is described as being strong, not weak and staggering. By his faith he was justified because his faith was not in just the fact that there is a God, but he diligently sought to do the will of God. In Hebrews 11, the writer reminds us of the faith of Abraham; doing what God told him to do, even if it might have seemed by human reasoning to be wrong. His faith was strong; he sought to do what the Lord wanted to be done.

As we have seen in these passages, Biblical faith involves both belief and action. Jesus taught this in the sermon on the mount, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of the Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23). It is quite clear that those Jesus told to depart had a belief (mental assent) in God, but it was not the Biblical faith that is required to please God. Jesus described this kind of faith that pleases God as the faith that does the Father's will or diligently seeks after Him. James also described the faith that pleases God and saves man as being an active, living, working faith and not just mental assent or "faith only" (James 2:14-24).

Let us be zealous to have the kind of faith that saves, which is the faith that comes from God's word (Romans 10:17). More than just a feeling or an impulse, but that which is done in accordance with a "thus saith the Lord." With that kind of faith we can rest assured that we have a faith that pleases God. Anything short of that will cause disappointment and grief (Matthew 7:22-23; 25:41-46).

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