

Those To Serve

Sunday, September 14, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Johnny Knabe

Closing: Ray England

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Randy Harris

Closing: Jim Bangs

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Singing: Randy Harris

Devotional: Johnny Knabe

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, September 7, 2025

AM 44 PM 31

[Average for the Year]

AM [48] PM [31]

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

37 *[Average for the Year]* [33]

Contribution:

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Actual \$ 2,353.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 85,341.00

[Average] \$ 2,370.58

[+/- Budget] \$ (147.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (4,659.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

Finding Courage in Difficult Times and Situations

Joshua 1:1-9

Moses, God's chosen deliverer from Israel's Egyptian bondage, had died. As the children of Israel stood just across from the Promised Land on the East side of the Jordan River, God spoke to them through their new leader Joshua, the son of Nun. What were God's words to them as He spoke during these difficult times? Three times in our text, God through Joshua told them to have courage (v. 6, 7, 9). Courage was God's answer during this difficult time, and it is still God's answer today when we face difficult times and situations.

The word courage appears 27 times in 22 verses in the New King James translation. Twenty-five of these times are found in the Old Testament, where the word *courage* means to show oneself strong, to be quick or alert, to grow firm and in a high degree of intensity. Nelson's Bible Dictionary defines

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Plan of Salvation

Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

Believe

Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

Sermons for September 14, 2025

A.M.—Finding Courage in Difficult Times and Situations

P.M.—Biblical Teachings About Courage

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:00

Sunday PM Worship: 5:00

Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM

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courage as “the strength of purpose that enables one to withstand fear or difficulty. Physical courage is based on moral courage—a reliance on the presence and power of God and a commitment to His commandments.” This was the kind of courage Israel was going to need when they crossed over the Jordan River. In our lives in difficult situations, we must have this kind of courage.

A closer look also needs to be taken at what was occurring during this time. As noted, Moses the prophet, mediator, counselor, and leader of Israel was dead. (Read Moses’ “obituary” in Deuteronomy 34:10-12.) The Israelites had not known any other leader except Moses for at least forty years. Can you imagine how the people felt when such a great leader died? Could they have been imagining what type of leader Joshua would make? Truly, it was during an uncertain time that God told them to have courage. Next, think of the uncertainty they faced with the place they would call their new home. All those who came out of Egypt except Joshua and Caleb and their families had perished in the wilderness during the 40 years they wandered because of what they saw in Canaan instead of seeing the hand of the almighty God. Do we not face similar things such as death, change, and other things that bring uncertainty in our lives?

They needed courage and so do we. God told them to be strong and of good courage as He led them (v. 6). Courage is needed by us today. This courage was to couple with complete obedience to God’s will no matter what they faced and that courage and obedience would lead to prosperity (v. 7). Where did this courage come from? Perhaps verse 8 gives a clue when God told them to meditate as they kept the word of God in their mouth. They were told they would be blessed and their way made prosperous. God’s people have the same promise today. Lastly, we see where courage is commanded in verse 9 where God says: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Do we obey God’s command to be strong and have courage when we face the uncertainties and difficulties of life?

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Nancy Duncan** is struggling with her health. She will be going to Boston soon to finalize the date for her kidney transplant. **Eunice Mize**’s cataract surgery went well. **Lavon Rogers** is back home. **David Goodin**, Dwayne Millikin’s brother-in-law, has prostate cancer. The doctors have said there is nothing else they can do for him.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Robert Barber, Jerry Bowen, David Elms, Kenny Fitzhugh (Frances Foster’s brother), Manda McGough, Dwayne Millikin, Julia Philips, Jennifer Sexton (cancer), Shelia Smithee, Glenda Verkler (cancer), and David White

Visitation Meeting: This month’s visitation meeting will be today after the evening service.

Nursing Home Service: The service at Mountain Meadows will be next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Children's Home Shopping List: Cooking Spray

Thank You: Thank you to all those who helped with Ladies’ Day and helped to prepare for it!

Gospel Meeting and Homecoming: Our Gospel Meeting and Homecoming will be on October 3-5. Tony Pulliam will be speaking to us during our meeting. There are invitation letters on the table in the back. Once your letters are ready, and you have addressed the envelopes, you can put them in the basket on the table. Stamps will be put on the envelopes, and they will be mailed.

Romanian Children: If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

Area Events:

- Lynn church of Christ Gospel Meeting—September 18-21 with speaker Jason Rollo
- Charlotte church of Christ Ladies’ Day—September 27 at 9:30 a.m. with speaker Linda K. Haynes
- Paragould Children’s Home Homecoming and Open House—September 27 at 10:30 a.m.