

Majority Rule? By Glen Elliott

Many seem content to rely on the results of popular opinion polls. Admittedly, we get a certain feeling of comfort in knowing that most people agree with us on certain issues. But that is often a false and misguided comfort. Change agents freely cite such sources when doing so bolsters their case. But the results of such polls are often skewed because questions are asked in such a way as to solicit the desired response. We have been programmed to believe that the majority rules, even in matters of morality.

What does the Bible say about the subject? Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me" (John 14:6). Christ was very exclusive in His claims. Similarly, Peter says, "There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Christianity is clearly an exclusive religion.

Near the end of His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). Before allowing the majority to set your path in life, remember that most people will be lost. Why? Because they are unwilling to subject themselves to the authority of Christ. Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

We must follow God's word as our guide in religious faith and practice. While popular opinion polls may tell us what people think; the Bible tells us what God requires. Remember, we will stand before God and not men on the Day of Judgment.

**CHRIST,
THE WAY,
THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE.
JOHN 14:6**

Brushy church of Christ
774 Hwy 48 South
Centerville TN 37033



The Brushy Beacon

"Open up Your Heart & Door in 2024"

August 18, 2024

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:00
Sunday Morning Service	10:00
Sunday Evening Service	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

The church of Christ at Brushy

Elders	Deacons
Ricky Atkinson	Paul Johnston Terry Banks
James Atkinson	Kevin Johnston Justin Atkinson
Tony Duncan	Caleb Truett
Preacher: Kevin Johnston	

PSALM 96 by Dan Jenkins

We do not always know the circumstances about what was happening when the psalmist took his pen to let us see what a man after God's own heart was dealing with. Such is not the case of Psalm 96. The historical setting of that psalm is found in 1 Chronicles chapter sixteen. King David had defeated the Jebusites who occupied Jerusalem and had prepared a place in that city to place the ark of the covenant in the tent/tabernacle he had erected there. As the ark was brought, a host of Jewish worshipers assembled. The divine record describes it in these words. "So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God... On that day David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the Lord" (1 Chron. 16:1, 7). What was the heart of David like as he worshiped God? Look at this psalm, and then be determined to let your heart be like this man as you come to worship Him.

David urged the people to "Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wonderful works" (16:9). While you focus on Him, He is focused on you. Sing praises to Him. "Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who see the Lord" (16:10). Let your soul commune within and glorify His name as you sing.

"Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face evermore" (16:11). Perhaps the words of Paul explain this best. "You were raised with Christ, seek those things above where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above" (Col. 3:1-2). You are in His presence so devote your entire being to the glorification and adoration of Him.

"Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth... Remember His covenant forever" (16:12, 15). That covenant He made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob finds its final fulfillment in you! As you worship, remember all that He has done so that you can come before Him to worship.

"Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations" (16:23-24). Our adoration of Him does not end when the final prayer is prayed. Our faith has been fortified and we leave the assembly, but there is more. In several church buildings I have seen a sign saying, "Enter to Worship," but there was another sign posted as you left the building, "Leave to Serve." The blessing and joy of worship must be shared with the world. God help us to worship Him like David did!



Family News & Notes

Planning Session We will plan for September – January today, August 18, at 5 P.M. We will meet in the auditorium. Please be thinking of ideas and activities that we can do to grow spiritually and bring others to Christ. If you can't attend give your ideas to Kevin or one of the elders.

TEAM 3 – Compassion Card Group You will need to sign cards TODAY. Please go to the Ladies Classroom following the morning worship service. It will not take you long. Please see Justin & Emily if you have questions. *James, Kim, Tate Annis Patricia Bowman Tammy & CJ Glenda Keith and Nancy Maelynn David and Crystal Rodney, Tessa, Carter, and Cade*

Golden Age Banquet We are preparing and making plans for the Golden Age Banquet which will be on September 14, at 5 p.m. Any and all are welcome to attend. If you know of someone you would like to invite, please write down their name and address and give it to Amy Johnston.

We NEED Contacts We continue to need names for compassion cards. Please get a contact card from the evangelism table, fill it out, and put it in the box. Keep your eyes and ears open for those around you who may have a need that we can fill and hopefully share the Gospel of Christ with them. It is going to take us all working together!

A Happy Birthday to... Kayce Tanner...August 19 Patricia Bowman...August 22
Caden Johnston...August 22

Time to Go! By Edd Sterchi

Hebrews 13:13 encourages Christians to, “go forth to Him.” This is in reference to Jesus Christ. We are to go to, go with, and go in the name of Jesus in our Christian walk upon the earth. But how do we do that? Maybe we can glean some suggestions from some other Bible verses that mention the word “go.”

* “Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection...” (Hebrews 6:1). It is important that we be going forth in increasing maturity and Bible knowledge.

* In concluding the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said, “Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:37). To go the direction Jesus wants us to, we need to be going out and helping others.

* After casting a demon out of a man, Jesus said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you” (Mark 5:20). Another important aspect of our Christianity is going about telling others of Jesus and how He has affected our lives.

* To the apostles and us, Jesus commanded, “Go into all the world...” (Mark 16:15). Going with and in the name of Jesus means going everywhere doing His will.

If we are Christians and are going with Jesus Christ throughout our earthly lives, we will go to a place we will never want to leave – heaven. “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more.” (Revelation 3:12).

So let us be like Isaiah when God asks us to go: “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’” (Isaiah 6:8). God has asked us to go onward and upward in the name of Jesus. So let us go in personal growth. Let us also go everywhere in love and service – helping others and telling them about Jesus Christ. Let's go!

Pray for Those Sick Among Us...

Helen Bryant is improving and feeling better.

James Bryant got a good report on his follow up after surgery and is doing well.

Kim Atkinson is continuing with physical therapy through September.

Dana McCaleb mother of Anna Freeman, is slowly improving.

Monica Ward niece of Ed & Terri Perkins, is continuing to deal with health issues.

Miranda Smith granddaughter of David Love, continues to deal with health issues.

Linda Bassinger mother of Leslie Gower, has cancer in multiple areas and is taking treatments.

Vera Woods sister of Louise Adams, will see a neurologist in two weeks.

Gary Wright dad of Misty Aydelott, is in ICU after having a heart attack.

Continuing Prayer Requests

Dealing with Cancer - Aaron Bell, Roger Pace, Megan Inman, Debbie Pierce, Ricky Chandler, Ron Pafford, Robbie Pinkerton, Ruth Sanders, April Colvett, Glen Herrington, Shannon Irwin

Special Requests - Scottie Simmons, William Kirby, Deborah Brazil, Ryan Horton, Claud & Glenda Teet, Jeff Lynn, Ronnie Howell, Paul Schneider, Elsie Ray Webb, Chris Allen

Pray for Those in Nursing Homes

Dickson Nursing Home... Larry Donaldson

Community Living Center in Murfreesboro... Fred Bowman

Ongoing Prayer Reminders

- All in the military and civil workers overseas and their families right.
- All those Preaching and teaching the Good News all over the world.
- Our Government Leaders – Local, State, and National (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Our Elders and Deacons who oversee, care for, serve, and feed us spiritually. (Hebrews 13:7)

Upcoming Events

*Sunday, August 18 ~ Planning Session at 5 P.M. before Evening Worship

*Sunday, August 25 ~ 4th Sunday Singing Night

*Sunday, August 25 ~ Men's Business at 5 P.M.

*Saturday, September 14 ~ Golden Age Banquet at 5 p.m.

For the Record

Sunday Morning Bible Class	50	Sunday Morning Worship	82
Sunday Evening Worship	52	Wednesday Bible Study	38
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