

Tidings of Peace 2024

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From the Pastor...

3 Things You Should Know about Jonah By William Boekestein *(From Ligonier Ministries. Used with permission)*

Jonah's adventure is one of the most familiar stories in Scripture. Ask any child in church what it's about and you'll get a cogent answer. This is less likely if you ask about any other minor prophet, such as Habakkuk. But while the book is memorable, it isn't necessarily well-understood. The stubborn prophet and large fish aren't the focal point. Instead, the book—which ends with a question mark—demands careful consideration about the meaning of our lives in light of God's glory and grace.

1. Jonah can help us obediently follow God.

Jonah offers a workshop on how not to respond to the God who must be obeyed. The book reveals the Lord as sovereign. He doesn't suggest; He commands. Even the heathen sailors acknowledge God's omnipotence, saying, "You, O Lord, have done as it pleased you" (Jonah 1:14). God acts decisively. He "hurled a great wind" (Jonah 1:4). He "appointed a great fish" (Jonah 1:17). The story is firmly under God's control.

God's commands are clear. His simple instructions almost sound like He's speaking to a child: "Arise," "Go," and "Call out." Jonah disobeyed not because he lacked information, felt rushed, or was pressured by outside influences. He simply didn't want to obey, and his defiance triggered disaster. By our rebellion we too willfully reject God's blessing and invite His heavy-handedness.

But while obedience is one proof of true religion, submission flows from a heart in love with God. Jonah boasted about his religious

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credentials and spouted fine theology, but he exaggerated his fear of God (Jonah 1:9). In his heart and by his actions, he was fleeing "from the presence of the Lord" (Jonah 1:3, 10). Jonah was spiritually unwell. From his pious sounding but self-congratulatory prayer from within the great fish to his angry temper tantrum near the end of the book, Jonah needed the same heart change that characterized the Nineveh revival.

The obedience of the wind, waves, plants, animals, and even heathen people stand in sharp contrast to the smug prophet's willfulness. Let him be a warning to us.

From the Pastor Cont.

2. Jonah is a missions manual.

This might be either obvious or surprising. Clearly, Jonah is about the mission of God. It was because of His pity for the lost that God sent Jonah to warn the Ninevites of His coming wrath (Jonah 4:2, 11). But God seemed to have picked the wrong missionary! Almost nothing about Jonah appears exemplary in this story—but it seems that is the point. Jonah’s missional reluctance ought to have shamed the readers of his book into realizing that the “light for the nations” was barely visible (Isa. 49:6). Those of us who have been shown pity ought to be eager to share with the world this message of a pitying God.

More importantly, Jonah’s failure proves that he isn’t the missionary hero; God is. Jonah’s reluctant outreach prepared Israel to expect a greater prophet who would willingly seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). Christ alone can fulfill God’s enterprising promise to bless “all the families of the earth” (Gen. 12:3). The Nineveh revival anticipated Pentecost and the loosening of Satan’s grip on the nations. Because of God’s indescribable gift of Christ, one day “myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands” of redeemed people will sing of the matchless worth of the Lamb who was slain (Rev. 5:11–12). Truly “salvation belongs to the Lord” (Jonah 2:9).

Jonah reveals the loving heart of God toward lost people. The prophet does this not by his own virtue but as a type of Christ. Pay attention to Jonah not because he is a model of godliness, but because we, like him, need the Christ whom he portrays.

3. Jonah is about Jesus.

When Jesus’ critics demanded of Him a sign to validate His claimed identity, He pointed His generation to Jonah (Matt. 12:39). Jesus interpreted the pivotal point of the Jonah story as a picture of His own death and resurrection. Jonah symbolically died, for the sailors believed they were killing him by hurling him into the sea (Jonah 1:14). He should not have survived the “mighty tempest” that “threatened to break up” the ship or his three-day stay in the fish’s belly (Jonah 1:4). The fish was Jonah’s watery grave; his being vomited on the shoreline began his new life. The old Jonah—the one who hated gentiles and craved selfish comfort—symbolizes the “old self” (Eph. 4:22). The new Jonah—still radically imperfect—more crudely symbolizes the “new self” (Eph. 4:23–24). Jesus also would die and arise. Union with Him is the only way to become new creatures and enter God’s reward (Rom. 6:8).

Jonah’s symbolic death and resurrection also validated his message of repentance to the Ninevites. We have even less excuse if we fail to respond to the gospel of Jesus: “The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here” (Luke 11:32).

Jonah is about Jesus (Luke 24:44–47). In Christ alone we find the obedience necessary to stand before God and the help to begin our own godly walk. In Him, we experience the pity of God that alone can stimulate us to pity others.



Sermon-Based Small Groups

Women's Group: Tuesdays, 10AM-12PM,
Fireside Room

Goode Group: Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00,
Goode House

King Group: Tuesdays, 2:30-4:30,
Fireside Room

Men's Group: Wednesdays, 9-11,
Fireside Room

If you do not have a small group, Contact Pastor Aaron to sign-up!



Sunday Bible Class on the Revelation

What: The Book of Revelation video series with Dr. Gotfrey from Ligonier Ministries and discussion with pastor Aaron Beaty

Where: Church Fireside Room

When: Sundays, 9-10AM

Stewardship & Finance Committee

December 2023

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$23,364.52
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$10,501.48</u>
Monthly Net:.....	\$ 12,863.04
YTD /Net:.....	\$ 4,797.79
Checking 12/31/23:.....	\$65,018.20
Money Market 12/31/23:.....	\$38,934.51
Endowment 12/31/23:.....	\$21,006.16
TOTAL 12/31/23:.....	\$124,958.87

Here we are in the New Year already! We will have the totals for 2023 all wrapped up and included in the Annual Report, coming soon.

Wishing everyone a Blessed 2024!

Kathy Todd

MISSION MEMO

COMMUNITY RESOURCE ROOM: Linda has done an outstanding job stocking and organizing our Community Resource Room. Thanks to her efforts, and your support, we are able to provide assistance to those in need, be it a warm coat, sleeping bag, cooking pot, or clean shirt. If you have items to donate to the room, please contact Linda about them. And if you happen to be at the church and someone comes in looking for something, you can help them out. BUT, please use the sign-in sheet when you do. It helps us know what items are most needed, who is receiving help and needs prayers, and other information used to keep the resource room running smoothly. If you ever have questions, just talk to Linda.

February Birthdays

1st Laura Brasser

6th Paul King

14th Barbara Roufs-Massey

23rd Hallie Beaty

27th Rog Verduyze

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Port Orchard, WA 98366

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Hi Peace Memorial,

Thank you for your support of Kitsap House this year. Thanks to the engagement and offerings of so many we have been able to offer shalom to our neighbors of South Kitsap. Enclosed is your 2023 Statement for Kitsap House. Please save this document for your tax records as confirmation of your donations during this period.

If you have any questions about your donations or Kitsap House in general, please email us at info@kitsaphouse.org or give us a call at 360.519.7538. And thanks again!

Thank you,

Kitsap House

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*Advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by providing, rescue, recovery,
and renewal services in the city and county of Klamath Falls.*



January 31, 2024

PEACE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Dear FRIENDS,

On behalf of Klamath Falls Gospel Mission, thank you for your generous contribution to our ministry in 2023. Klamath Falls Gospel Mission staff, board and residents are thankful for your partnership and support in the work we do here.

In 2023, KFGM provided 48,472 meals and 10,399 bed nights, along with 15,311 hot showers for men, women and children in homeless poverty throughout the Klamath basin. With your help, we endeavor to provide lifesaving services along with the life-giving truth of the gospel to every person in need in our community.

Thank you for investing in this vital ministry. With God's help and your continued support lives are changed, addictions are broken and families are restored at Klamath Falls Gospel Mission.

Your donation has been used as directed by the Lord to transform lives in Klamath.

2023 DONOR TAX RECEIPT

NO SERVICES RENDERED

Sincerely,

Vickie Kaber,
KFGM Executive Director

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February 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2 Office Closed	3
4 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Communion	5	6 10:00am Women's Group (Fireside Room) 2:30pm King's Group (Fireside Room) 3:00pm Goode's Group (Goode's Home)	7 9:00am Men's Group (Fireside Room) 2:30pm Handbell Practice	8 10:30am Missions & Outreach 1:30pm Laura Brasser's Bible Study (Laura Brasser's Home)	9 Office Closed	10
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"Give thanks in every
circumstance, for this
is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thessalonians 5:18

Sermons for February:

2 Corinthians

2/4 - Forgive the Sinner
2 Corinthians 2:5-11

2/11 - Victory in Jesus
2 Corinthians 2:12-17

LENT

2/14 - Ash Wednesday

2/18 - Ministers of the New Covenant
2 Corinthians 3:1-17

2/25- The Light of the Gospel
2 Corinthians 4:1-6



DEACONS

- Paul King - Chair
- Susan Orton
- Jocelyn Shellito
- Debbie Grant
- Marjorie Divine

*The Deacons meet the third
Sunday of each month
following worship.*

SESSION/ELDERS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Pastor Aaron Beaty- | Moderator |
| Noreen Rhoades- | Clerk/ Discipleship |
| Kathy Todd- | Finance & Stewardship |
| Geri Coker- | Mission and Outreach |
| Sandi Deatherage- | Building and Grounds |
| Betty Shaw- | Worship |
| Stephen Goode- | Building and Grounds |

NO SESSION MEETING IN JULY

TRUSTEES

- Stephen Goode
- Harold Heaton
- Bill Dart