

## Sermon Notes

### Let God Be God

(God is still good when His answer is “No” !)

I. God is good, so He isn't \_\_\_\_\_. (Ja. 4:3; Matt. 7:9-11; Mk. 10:35-38)

II. God is good, so He doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ sin. (Lam. 3:44; Ps. 66:17-20;  
Isa. 59:2-3; 1:15-17)

\*God is more interested in making us \_\_\_\_\_, than in making us \_\_\_\_\_.

III. God is good, so He wants to make me \_\_\_\_\_.

A. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ me. (Prov. 1:28-33; 28:9)

B. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ me. (Ja. 1:6-8; 4:2-3; Matt. 5:23-24; 6:12-15; I Pet. 3:7)

C. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ me.

1. Through \_\_\_\_\_. (Ja. 1:2-5; Heb. 5:7,8)

2. Through \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. God is good, so He \_\_\_\_\_ His purposes. (Rom. 8:28)

A. He doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ His nature.

B. He doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ His throne. (Heb. 4:13)

C. He doesn't \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev. 17:14; 19:4-5; 21:1-3; 22:12-13; 22:20-21)

Do I really \_\_\_\_\_ enough to pray for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to be done, and to let Him be God?

## Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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Tom Claibourne, Preaching Minister



*"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.' The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him; to the one who seeks him; It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD."*

— Lamentations 3:22-26

January 14, 2018

## Order of Worship

Welcome & prayer

**(Please pass the blue books located at the end of each pew.)**

*Great Are You, Lord*

*The Stand*

*Good, Good Father*

*Oceans*



All disciples of Jesus are invited to partake as the emblems are passed.

Offering to God - Guests are welcome to participate, or may simply place the visitor card in the plate.

Encouragement time

Message Tom Claibourne

*Surrender / I Surrender All* 486

Decisions

Reminders & prayer

## Bethlehem News

### “Try a New Seat” Sunday

Today we invite you to sit in a different seat (or even section) than usual. We predict that the world will not end, nor the roof cave in! We also think you might be able to talk to someone new or different. Give it a try.

### More Opportunities Today

6:00 - Prayer & praise in the auditorium.

6:15 - 1. Youth groups

2. New women's elective: “Women 2 Women” (first night). This is a time for connecting with other women of all ages. Theme for the first night: “Coffee, Cake & Comedy” (in the loft).

3. Tom's “Lord, Teach Us to Pray” Series.

7:15 - Adult choir practice

### This Week

Tues. - 1. Ladies Bible Study, 1:00 pm

2. Grief Share, 6:00 pm

3. Volleyball, 7:00 pm

Wed. - Basketball, 7:00 pm

### New Women's Ministry Opportunities

1. “The Armor of God” - Bible Study on Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, beginning January 24th.
2. Coming soon on Mondays: Fitness and nutrition coaching with a certified trainer. There are still about 8 openings for the first group (\$40 monthly).

\*See Linnea if you have any question about any of these opportunities.

### It's Available & Free !

Our gym is available during the week (especially mornings & afternoons) if you want to come walk inside. Just call to make sure someone can let you in.

## Great News !

We rejoiced last Sunday as Kayla Berry confessed her faith in Jesus and was baptized. We also were pleased to welcome Beverly Bloom who came as an immersed believer to transfer her membership back to Bethlehem.

### BCC Facebook & Computers

Good news: Abby Foster and Laynee Davis are training to run the power point on Sunday mornings. We need someone else to start and stop the mission slides computer in the foyer on Sundays. We also need one or two people to take over Bethlehem's Facebook page since Derek left.

See David Tatman about the foyer computer and Linnea Claibourne about Facebook.

### B2B Day at Sunset Bowl

February 10 - (Noon to Midnight)

This will be a great fellowship, outreach, and fundraising event involving the BCC family, our community, and the Bethlehem2Brazil team. (B2B will receive half the proceeds of any games and shoes that day).

### Special features:

- Afternoon bowling tournament (teams of 4 players - \$40 per team). Begin signing up in the foyer.
- A Bethlehem display and Brazil display. We need volunteers & greeters even if you are not a bowler, as well as donations for prizes.

### Do Your Part

Check out the 6-month ministries list in the foyer. Please sign up if you can help. If you are currently performing something on the list & wish to continue, please sign up again.

### New Address

Derek James Family  
6476 Farmdale Rd. - Barboursville, WV 25504

## Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God for His goodness and faithfulness.
- ✚ Take a moment each day this week to thank God for 5 specific blessings.
- ✚ Pray for the faith & courage to let God be God.
- ✚ Pray for God to help you take a new step of faith & service in 2018.
- ✚ January Mission: Mark & Joy Hoff (Honduras)
- ✚ Tammy Huston - moved Tuesday to St. Elizabeth in Ft. Thomas.
- ✚ Donnie Morrison - in rehab to regain the use of his legs after a blood clot on his spine.
- ✚ Jimmy Campbell - broken heel and hip in fall from roof last Sunday; had surgery Monday; Dusty's uncle.
- ✚ Tim Claibourne - will have both hips replaced Tuesday; Tom's brother.
- ✚ Debbie Harper - broken leg; had surgery Friday; sister of David Basford.
- ✚ Bill Tumbleson - cancer treatments every 3 weeks; to have 2nd this Friday; Lori Baldrige's father.
- ✚ Family of Shannon Lambert - services were Thursday; sister of Shane Crutchfield.
- ✚ Family of Greg Tepe - services will be today in Cincinnati; Mark Tepe's father.
- ✚ Continued prayer - Billy Colliver, Belinda Dick, Jack Downs, Frank & Pat Gelter, Bill Hale, Sr., Harry & Delores Hobson, Ken Holtzclaw, Nancy Hughes, Heather Huston, Sigrid Johnson, Abby Kyle, Sandy Manning, John Newman, Michael Orr, Gordon Schrichten, Bernice Smith, Dave Souder, Kevin Stapleton, Curt Steelman, Matt Taylor, Carol Truesdell, Chris Young.
- ✚ Other:

**Cleaning Teams:** Zahn Family  
Lung Family/Logan Family

**Nursery (21) Coordinator:** Kristen Souder  
9:30 - Debbie Smiley  
10:30 - Nathan & Jessica Cornette