

# Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”  
John 4:24



### Let's "Hang In There"

By Mike Riley

Life is not easy at times. We've all been in situations that are difficult, in places we'd not rather be, but we "hang in there" because of strong motives which involve love and loyalty. We've all been there — we're staying up with a loved one in the hospital who is very ill into the wee hours of the morning. Our bodies are crying out for sleep, but we keep faithful vigil for any unusual symptoms that might develop, so we can immediately call a nurse if there is a problem. Why are we sacrificing our time and much needed sleep? Simply because we have a great love and concern for our loved one (John 11:32-36; cf. John 13:34; John 15:12-13).

In our employment, we may be enduring a job we don't really enjoy doing, working under a boss that we can hardly stand, but our family needs the money, so we "hang in there" and give it all we've got (1 Peter 2:18-20; Ephesians 6:5-8).

Perhaps we have to stay with a spouse through some painful conflict. We long for those "better days" that we once experienced, but we make the best we can out of the situation because of the Lord's teaching, and the hope that the good days will return if we will just be patient and wait on the Lord (Job 42:10-17; cf. Psalm 27:14; Psalm 31:23-24). Continued on next page ...

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E  
Edify, Exhort,  
Evangelize  
When Shovels Break  
8:30 AM

#### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service  
10:30 AM

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Bible Study - Acts  
7:00 PM



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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**Learning to Soar**  
By David Ferguson

I am fascinated by eagles. I believe most people are. They really are so majestic looking in flight. The eagle is our national bird, and it has also been the national bird of other nations in the past, such as Rome. The eagle has often been the symbol of vigor and vitality. David saw the eagle as a symbol of strength, too. He says in Psalm 103: 2, 5, 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

With those examples in mind, I want us to see how God's word teaches us that not only are eagles fascinating, amazing and symbolic of strength, they really do help us to see ourselves. The eagle's nest shows us how we will grow into maturity. It's not only a nursery for the young, it's their school, too. Job 39:27-30 says, 27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high? 28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. 29 From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off. 30 Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she."

Location is very important to the eagle and its young. If possible, eagles build their nests on the face of cliffs. They don't build a nest in a tree unless they absolutely have to, because a nest in a tree can be easily accessed. They don't build it on the top of the cliff, either, because on the top of a cliff it can be violated, too. Eagles build their nests in some inaccessible place.

The nest of an eagle is built with consummate expertise. It's not built using little twigs, but with great branches woven together in an immensely skillful way. If somehow an eagle's nest is loosed from its moorings and falls, it rarely comes apart. In fact, eagles' nests are so big they have weighed in at half a ton! And they are very comfortable, too. Their centers are carefully lined with feathers and leaves, and the eggs are placed there.

When they hatch, the mother begins the process of feeding the babies. Eventually, she will teach her little ones how to fly through demonstration. Little by little, the mother will swoop down on the nest and push the eaglets closer to the edge. Even before the eaglet can fly itself, the mother will push it out of the nest, then swoop down and catch it on her back. The mother eagle will do this over and over to teach her child how to fly, how to soar!

Like the eagle, at times, our heavenly Father pushes us in the direction we need to go to soar!

And what parents haven't experienced stormy periods with their children? Some of us have had to endure some bitter times and we've shed bitter tears (cf. Proverbs 10:1; Proverbs 17:25). In raising our children, maybe we've endured an insult or two along the way. Yet, we haven't given up because we want to do our best in bringing up our children "in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4 NKJV). Our enduring love for them is similar to our Lord's enduring love for us (1 John 3:16; 1 John 4:8-11).

Brethren, knowing the deep, caring, and abiding love that our heavenly Father has for each one of us (John 3:16-17; Romans 5:8-10; 1 John 4:9-10), let's "hang in there," never leaving our post of duty and devotion, firmly planted in His divine and eternal love (1 Corinthians 15:58; cf. 1 Corinthians 13:13; 2 Peter 1:1-4).

**Announcements**

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**Prayer Requests This Week**

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
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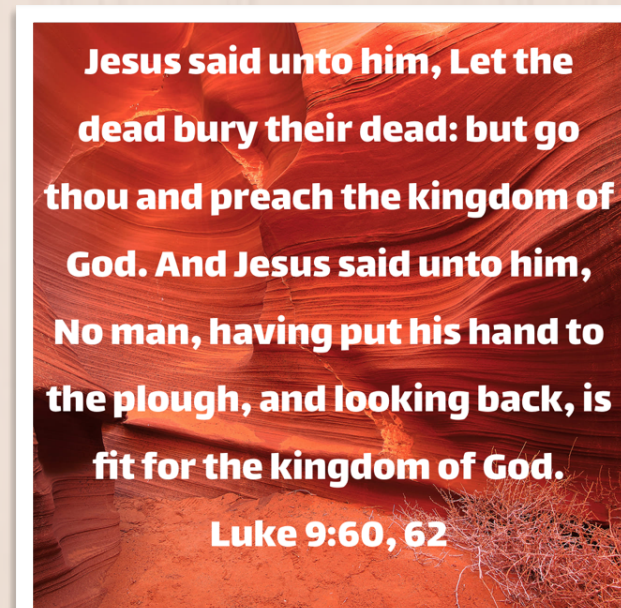
**Communion Preparation**

- Sign up sheet for 2021 is in foyer
- August - Montgomery
- September - Thrash
- October -

**September Birthdays & Anniversary's**

- Camden Cooper - 1st
- Boston Claire Rowell - 10th
- Beverly Isaacs - 14th
- Aubri Cooper - 15th
- John Isaacs - 18th
- Greg Powell - 23rd

**Every Sunday Morning**  
**@ 8:00 AM**  
**on WTOK-TV**



**Sermon Notes**

**Men to Serve**

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts  
Scripture Reading - Luke 9:56 - 62  
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell  
Head of Lord's Table - Tristan Rowell  
Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts  
Scripture Reading - John 19:25 - 30  
Closing Prayer - Larry Montgomery

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