



# The Sentinel

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## *The Show Must Go On*

*"And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." -*

Mark 1:7-8

In the back of my mind, I can hear Ethel Merman singing, "There's No Business Like Show Business". When tied in a career to the movies, stage, or other similar form of entertainment, there is an old saying and reminder, "The show must go on." Though it may be a bit crass to relate the spiritual to something as superficial as entertainment, there may a bit of similarity. From the beginning of time to the present, that has been a long list of subsequent and important spiritual people. Some of their names are known to us. The majority of them are not. Still, God's "show" goes on.

No reader of the New Testament can be considered credible without recognizing the importance of the role, in God's plan, that was played by the prophet known as John the Baptist. While his life began in a somewhat unusual way, we really know very little of his life. For the glimpse we see is seemingly confined to a short time during which he was engaged in the ministry of turning people back to God, and pointing people to the coming Christ. Similar to some of the notable prophets before him, John was recognized as a man of God. Multitudes of people came to hear his teaching, and even to be baptized by him. Even his enemies came to hear what he had to say. He cut a large swath, and everyone, from the king to the peasant, knew who he was. Perhaps it is fair to imagine conversations in the market place, and among neighbors. They might have said such things as: "Did you hear what John said about the king the other day?" "He was sure plain as he spoke to the community leaders about their need to get their act together." "Were you there when he baptized that young man, named Jesus?" There should be no doubt that he had the attention of the people. Even as John was executed, the King feared how the people would respond.

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Still, the show went on. John was not the beginning or the end of the plan of God. He was important, but he was not the all.

There is almost always someone who catches the eye and ear of the public. Notable records are made, and then at some point, someone else comes along to break that record. We watched as Russell Westbrook broke the NBA record for triple-doubles that had been set by Oscar Robertson, 55 years earlier. There may have been some basketball enthusiasts who believed no one would ever break that record. There is always someone. In many western movies, the aging gun-fighter acknowledges that there will be someone faster on the draw.

John offers the humble thought, “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30). He seemed to understand his time, place, and purpose. He knew he was temporary. There was someone who would take God’s work to a higher level.

Self-importance, or even the thought that one person’s importance is such that no work is viable without him or her is wrong. It is even destructive. Following the example left by John, we must learn to trust the plan of God and the use of others in that plan. If we can visualize it, we are like pieces of a puzzle. Without us, the puzzle is incomplete, but every other piece is needed too.

So, do your part, but know that there is only One who is indispensable. — Russ

**July- Daily Bible Reading**

- 16. Psalms 16-17; Acts 12
- 17. Psalms 18-19; Acts 13
- 18. Psalms 20-22
- 19. Psalms 23-25; Acts 14
- 20. Psalms 26-28
- 21. Psalms 29-30; Acts 15
- 22. Psalms 31-32; Acts 16
- 23. Psalms 33-34

**Happy Anniversary**

- Michael & Kristen Gustafson 7/17
- Roger & Delda McMasters 7/17

**Happy Birthday**

- Oscar Postlewait - - 7/16
- Maci Cowan - - - 7/19
- Eva Postlewait - - - 7/22
- Jennifer Huff - - - 7/24
- Nathan Henderson - - 7/24
- Benjamin Huff - - - 7/25
- Christopher Scott - - 7/26
- Ron Hare - - - - 7/26
- Payton Ausmus - - - 7/27
- Letha Meador - - - 7/28
- Gerald Harden - - - 7/29
- Micaiah Downs - - - 7/30
- Emily Jaworsky - - - 7/31

**Homebound or Limited:**

- Aline McDaniel
- Ella McKeel
- Marguriete Shobert

# News That Is of Interest to You

## Keep In Prayer

- ◆ **Aline McDaniel** has been moved to a the memory care unit of Arbor House.
- ◆ **Karen Ruminer** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ **Karen Elmore** is undergoing radiation treatments to help prevent a recurrence of the cancer.
- ◆ **Wayne Haynes** is having trouble with severe physical weakness.
- ◆ **Riley Baldwin** - continues to have surgical procedures on his throat.
- ◆ **Ella McKeel** is struggling with depression and pain from arthritis.
- ◆ **Linda Marcum** has been undergoing tests and observation for heart difficulty.
- ◆ **Donna Schumann's** daughter, **Tara Reed** had thyroid surgery on Wednesday.

*God is Good! -*  
*- All the Time!*

## Coming Events

**Ladies' Bible Class** will begin on Wednesday, August 2. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Please sign-up so there are sufficient materials available. If you are interested in teaching a lesson, contact **Nancy Coleman**.

**Men's Breakfast** - Our next breakfast will be on Saturday, July 29, at 8 am. Come share the food and the fellowship.

**The Ladies' Coffee** meets on the 1st Friday of every month at the church building at 10 am, and is studying the book of Daniel. This has become a great time of sharing and praying for each other. All ladies are invited and encouraged to come and be a part of this gathering.

## Fellowship Dinner

Be sure to stay for the Fellowship Dinner, following worship this morning. There is always plenty of good food, and some great people to share it with.

## Sympathy

We offer our thoughts and prayers to LaQueta Nelson, Sherry McKiddy and their family in the passing of **Hubert "Stick" Nelson**. A memorial service was held on Saturday.

## Volunteers

We are trying to organize the materials that are available in the church library. We will also need to maintain it, keeping track of books and materials that are borrowed. For more information, see Randy Vance.

**Nursery Class helpers** are needed for both Sunday morning, and Wednesday evening. See Paula if you would like to volunteer, or for more information.

## **Who Said?**

- ◆ **Who said:** *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

**Answer next week**

- ◆ **Last Week:** Elisha—2 Kings 2:12

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Scheduled to Serve Next Week

(7/23/2017)

**Announcements**

Michael Berry

**Greeters**

Sam & Donna Greenroyd

Walter & Carolyn McFadden

Wayne & Mary Haynes

**Lord's Table (am)**

**Prayers:** Brian Huff

Bill Sherman                      Bryan Ausmus

Fred Jones                        Donavan Huff

Josh Dyer                         Kevin Keenan

Keith McDougal                Michael Gustafson

**Lord's Table (pm)**

Layne Adams                    Bill Fleming

**Prayers (am)**

Roger Scott                      Roy Cowan

**Prayers (pm)**

Sam Greenroyd                 Sam Ruble

**Schedule of Services**

Sunday

*Bible Study*                      9:00 AM

*Worship*                         10:00 AM

*Worship*                         5:00 PM

Wednesday

*Bible Study*                      7:00 PM

**Order of Service**

**Announcements**

**Scripture:**

James 4:13-15

**Prayer**

**Song** - 892

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

**Song** - 345

It Is Well with My Soul

**Song** - 384

Lead Me to Calvary

**Comments**

**Lord's Supper**

**Collection**

**Song** - 438

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

**Sermon**

**Seeing Jesus in Me:**

**In Trusting God's Ways**

**Song** — 634

The Great Physician

**Song** — 378

Just a Few More Days

**Prayer**

<i>Elders</i>	<i>Deacons</i>		<i>Minister</i>
Kevin Keenan Keith McDougal Horace Phillips Bill Sherman	Joe Downs Brian Jaworsky	Darrell MacDonald Dwain Thacker Randy Vance	Russell Dyer