



# The Sentinel

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## *He Just Wouldn't Stay in the Yard*

*"For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." —1 Peter 2:25*

Every good home has a dog or two along the way. Well, maybe not every home. I guess there are people who have no affinity for dogs, and maybe are even afraid for them. Still, a lot of us have a dog or two as a pet along the way. We have had our share. Some have been long term family members, and others have been simply short term boarders. Let me tell you about one of them.

Josh wanted a dog, and we agreed to it. Kitt was a mixed breed animal with some Boarder Collie and Lab mixed into his blood. From the time he was a small puppy, he was a sweet and friendly fellow. His black and white markings made him a good looking puppy as well. As far as I could tell, Kitt had only one problem. Kitt was a wanderer. We had a very large yard, but he was always finding a way to get beyond the fence. It was a regular chore to see where he was escaping and determine a way to block it. When the dog was about three months old, he escaped. We combed the neighborhood, posted signs, and asked everyone we saw. We didn't find him. We surrendered to the thought that he might be gone, permanently. On the fourth morning after Kitt had disappeared, I was sitting with a cup of coffee, looking through the window facing the street. An "older" lady was walking on the other side of the street. As I watched, I noticed a dog walking behind her. I thought, *"That looks like my son's dog!"* I hesitated for a moment or two, and then I left my cup of coffee to head for the street. Shortly, I was close enough to call to that lady. When I got her attention, and convinced her I was not intending any harm, I asked if that dog was her dog. She said, *"No, but he keeps staying at my door, and I can't get him to quit*

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following me.” I told her that I was sure it was my son’s dog, and she encouraged me to take the dog home. As time passed, the dog continued to escape the yard. We found there was no good way to keep him in the yard without putting him in a very confined dog-run. If he couldn’t find any other way out of the yard, that crazy dog would simply climb the fence. It was decided that we could not keep the dog, and advertised to give him to a good home. He actually escaped again, before he could be given. Retrieved from the “pound” with \$200.00 in fines, we gave away the dog. We just could not keep him.

You would think that a dog would want to stay where he receives food and loving care, but dogs are much like people. Many people do remain close to home and the care of a loving Father. Still, there are the ones who are inclined to wander and are unwilling to commit to home. There are many things to love about the wanderers. They are not ignorant, ugly, or even mean. In fact, they often have some of the more desirable qualities of human nature. Submissive loyalty is just not among them. The admonition of Peter was that of returning to loyalty.

God has gone to great expense to bring us to Himself, and give us a home. It is time to stay. - Russ

**God is Good! - -**

**- - All the Time!**

**December - Daily Bible Reading**

- 17. Joshua 19-21
- 18. Joshua 22-24; Luke 18
- 19. Nehemiah 1-3
- 20. Nehemiah 4-6; Luke 19
- 21. Nehemiah 7-9
- 22. Nehemiah 10-11; Luke 20
- 23. Nehemiah 12-13; Luke 21
- 24. Micah 1-3

**Happy Anniversary**

- Bill & LeAnn Sherman - 12/21
- Donna & Phil Schumann 12/27
- Brian & Jennifer Huff - 12/29

**Happy Birthday**

- Michael Gill - - - 12/25
- Madelynn Huff - - - 12/31
- Joy Honeycutt - - - 1/5
- Marguriete Shobert - - 1/6
- Brian Jaworsky - - - 1/4
- Rick Greenroyd - - - 1/9

♦ **Who said:** - "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." - **Answer next week**

♦ **Last Week:** Peter — Acts 9:40

# News That Is of Interest to You

## Keep In Prayer

- ◆ **Ella McKeel** is in Jim Thorpe Rehab following a possible stroke
- ◆ **Glyn Baldwin** is having severe foot trouble, that may need surgery.
- ◆ **Wayne Haynes** - undergoing chemo treatment.
- ◆ **Riley Baldwin** - throat surgeries.
- ◆ **Mattie Ruble**—has hospice working with the family.

## Homebound or Limited:

Aline McDaniel  
Ella McKeel  
Marguriete Shobert

## Sympathy

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to **Sandra Bagger** and all of the Bagger family in the death of **Norman Bagger**. He passed away on December 8, and a funeral was held on Friday. Keep the family in your prayers during this challenging time of loss.

- The next **All Church Dinner** scheduled for January 21, following morning worship. Mark it on your calendar, and plan stay.
- **The Next** (scheduled) **Men's Breakfast** will be on Saturday, January 27, 2018.
- The next **Elders and Deacons Meeting** is scheduled for today (December 17), at 3:30.
- **The Ladies' Coffee** meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the church building at 10 am, and is studying the book of Daniel.

- **Sunday Adult Bible Classes:** We have rotated teachers in our classes for December. Jerry Doyle is in the large south classroom. Bill Sherman is teaching in the north classroom. Russ is teaching in the middle room. In January, there will be another rotation of teachers. Come and be a part of a good class.
- **EPIC (Ever Present in Christ)**, the multi-congregational youth program for developing church related skills is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, April 20-21, 2018. The theme for this year is, *For Such a Time as This*, from the book of Esther. Information booklets are available to begin to study. There are some new activities with it this year. If you have any questions, see Darrell MacDonald, or Russ Dyer.
- During the holidays, we will continue to maintain our regular schedule of services on Sunday and Wednesday for everyone who can attend. If you have company coming to visit, encourage them to come and attend with you.

## Happy Holidays

Keep a Warm Heart and  
Spread the Joy Around You.



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Scheduled to Serve Next Week  
(12/24/2017)

**Announcements**

Joe Downs

**Greeters**

Keith & Becky McDougal

Darrell & Lindsay MacDonald

Sam & Donna Greenroyd

**Lord's Table (am)**

**Prayers:** Arless Murray

George King Gerald Harden

Horace Phillips Jerry Doyle

Keith McDougal Larry Baldwin

Bryan Ausmus Alex Suarez

**Lord's Table (pm)**

Layne Adams Bill Fleming

**Prayers (am)**

Fred Babbit Walter McFadden

**Prayers (pm)**

Brian Huff Horace Phillips

**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:**

John 1:11-12

**Prayer**

**Song - 419**

Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

**Song - 839 (vs. 1 & 3)**

When All of God's Singers Get Home

**Song - 784**

Why Did My Savior Come to Earth

**Comments**

**Lord's Supper**

**Collection**

**Song - 732 (vs. 1,2,4,5)**

We Praise Thee, O God

**Sermon**

**Being the Children of God**

**Song — 337**

Is Thy Heart Right With God?

**Song — 345 (vs. 1 & 3)**

It Is Well with My Soul

**Prayer**

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