

FAMILY NEWS - AUGUST 30, 2026

BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAY 9:00 AM; WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM; **WORSHIP:** SUNDAY - 10:00 AM & 11:15 AM

Ladies Class - Tuesday 10:00 AM

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WELCOME! If you are a visitor YOU are our honored guest!

THE EYES OF THE LORD (Part 2)

(You may want to reread last week's bulletin prior to this one. I've repeated the first paragraph for context.)

It was the 36th year of the reign of Asa, king of the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Asa was instrumental in maintaining pure worship before God. He removed his own mother from being queen because she had made an idol unto false gods (2 Chron. 15:16). In addition, he brought into the house of God the things that his father Abijah had restored to the temple. When the 16th chapter of 2 Chronicles opens we learn that Baasha, king of the Northern Kingdom, rose up against Judah. Rather than depend upon God for protection, Asa turned to Benhadad, the king of Syria, and sought an alliance with that idolatrous nation. The union was successful and Baasha retreated from his aggression. Asa may have won the battle, but he lost what might have otherwise been a blessing from God in the final overthrow and defeat of Syria itself. Hanani the prophet was sent to Asa: "Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thy hand" (2 Chron. 16:7). Hanani then makes this interesting statement: "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect before him. Herein has thou done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars" (2 Chron. 16:9). Please note the lessons from this record.

Third, God has urgent eyes. It is said that His eyes "run" (2 Chron. 16:9). When it comes to judgment and salvation, time is of the essence. "The King's business requires haste" (1 Sam. 21:8). We must preach the word, "be urgent in season out of season" (2 Timothy 4:2). But what makes the search so urgent? It is the limited time constraint that faces each one of us. Life is but a vapor (James 4:14). There is no certainty of tomorrow. God knows this; and so His eyes are said to 'run.' If God's eyes are urgently seeking those who are lost, should we not have urgent eyes as well? A world lost in sin, standing on the very brink of eternal ruin, calls for the eyes of every servant of our Lord Jesus Christ to be urgently seeking the lost.

Fourth, God has revealing eyes. God is said to "shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect" (2 Chron. 16:9). I, for one, am glad that God is a revealing God and that He WANTS to make Himself known. How grateful we should be that not only has He made "one of every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth," but that He desires that all men, "should seek God, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us" (Acts 17:26-27). Some years ago it was declared that "God is dead." No, God is not dead. He is alive, and He has made Himself known. For those who fail to find Him, the fault is solely theirs, for God is looking for them, and He is ready and willing to show Himself to those who earnestly seek after Him (Heb.11:6).

Finally, God has demanding eyes. While His love is unconditional, His blessings are for a limited few. He is strong in behalf of "them whose heart is perfect toward him." The context of those words helps me understand what God means by a "heart that is perfect toward him." Asa failed to trust God. He doubted the power of God to fulfill the promises given. While Asa may have proven himself noteworthy by seeking to eradicate idolatry and return to true worship of Jehovah, he failed in this one area. He failed to seek God's advice, and then to follow it when it came to him. God demands that we bow in submission in every single aspect and area of our life. Failure to do so will be catastrophic.

May we never forget that the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the earth, and may we live soberly in view of that wonderful truth!

ANNOUNCEMENTS - **Jeremiah Hicks**
SCRIPTURE READER - **Logan Howard**
PREACHER - **Keith Cozort**

PRAYER LEADERS:

SUNDAY - 9:00 A.M. - **Matt Lawrence**
10:00 A.M. - **Phil Driskill**
Brian Sherrell
11:15 A.M. - **David Grow**
Terry LeBaron

WEDNESDAY - **Brent LeBaron**
Jeremiah Hicks

SONG LEADERS:

SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M. - **Kevin Cozort**
11:15 A.M. - **Owen LeBaron**
WEDNESDAY - **Wyatt Hicks**

SERVING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:

PRESIDE - **Max Schmollinger**
ASSIST - **Terry LeBaron**
ASSIST - **David Grow**
ASSIST - **Ronnie Deaton**

USHERS:

SUNDAY AM1 - **Danny Lathrom**
SUNDAY AM2 - **Brian Sherrell**
WEDNESDAY - **Richard Sciba**

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED:

SUNDAY - **Richard Sciba** - 926-6416
WEDNESDAY - **Terry LeBaron** - 259-3261

BLESSED TO SERVE:

COMMUNION PREP - **Kazuko Tucker**
FLOWERS - **Sandy Peterson**

EVANGELISM PREP: August 30th

GREETERS - **Rachell Howard**
PEW GREETERS - **Brian/Jodee Sherrell**
Brent/Jessica LeBaron
VISITOR BAGS - **Grace Lawrence**

EVANGELISM PREP: September 6th

GREETERS - **Richard/Ruby Sciba**
PEW GREETERS - **Phil/Donna Driskill**
Brent/Jessica LeBaron
VISITOR BAGS - **Julian LeBaron**

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

WEEK OF - August 23rd
SUNDAY CLASS - 45
AM1 - 65
AM2 - 52
WEDNESDAY - 33
CONTRIBUTION - \$4153.00

MILITARY SERVICE -

Derek Davis family - Texas

Pray for our evangelistic efforts!

GOD'S PLAN: HEAR - Rom. 10:17; **BELIEVE** - John 8:24; **REPENT**
- Acts 17:30; **CONFESS** - Rom. 10:9-10; **BE IMMERSED** - Acts 2:38;
REMAIN FAITH even in death - Rev. 2:10.

Worship Leaders, please use the microphone so all can worship with you! Please silence all electronics. Children, please walk!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Sept. 6th - NO potluck, Youth Class rescheduled to November
*Sept. 11th - 13th - Fall Lectureship - **Strengthening The Heart** - Be sure to invite your family and friends. Pray and Attend!
*Sept. 13th - Potluck to close our Lectureship
*Sept. 19th - Morning Door-knocking in Mountain Grove
*Sept. 20th - Youth Speaking, sack lunch, men's meeting
*Sept. 27th - Brian Sherrell speaking

PANTRY ITEMS: Fruits, pie fillings. Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Linda Lawson - undergoing tests
Mike Lemons (customer of Phil's)
William Hicks (cancer, spouse of S & H coworker)
Jeannine & John Vawter (Karene's family)
Kevin Robertson - home recovering from a stroke (Dorothy's son)
Levi & Emily Hicks - moving to Marion, IL next month
Larry Gray - heart and kidney issues (Cheryl's uncle)
Ann Lake - needs to see an orthopedic doctor
Doug Logan (recovering from a stroke - Ann Lake's nephew)
Jerry and Sharon Endicott - (Ruby's family)
Shirley Hart - (Ann Newton's sister - recovering from surgery at home)
Sandy Pendergrass - (Lyme's disease - Ann Newton's family)
Darrell Cooper (Sue's brother) liver cancer
Roy Boykin - (Tucker's friend) cancer
Jayne Kane - (Terry's sister), Joe Wyrick - (Linda's family)
Larry Hicks - (Jeremiah's dad)
William & Lavonne Wood - (Jodee's family)
Phyllis Coffman
Wayne Crosby
Betty Lane
Christians in Ukraine and Russia (war)

On-going health issues:

Matt Lawrence, Richard & Ruby Sciba, Alberta Steinert, Tinzie Mackey, Lois Schmollinger, Bonnie Wolfe, Ann Newton, Dorothy Robertson, Sheila Deaton, Buddy & Annette McCarty, Dwain & Sue Murphy, Effie Hicks.

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