



# Church of Christ

Rapid City, South Dakota

May 05, 2024

### Elders

Elbert Johnson

Terry Harmon

### Deacons

Casey Allen

Mike Atchley

Aaron Christensen

Charles Taylor

### Evangelist

Terry Harmon

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*Schedule of Services:*

### Sunday:

**Bible study -**

9am

**Worship - 10 am**

**Evening - 6 pm**

### Wednesday:

**Bible study -**

7pm

**Please join us!**

## Three of a Kind

by Jeremy Hodges

When God addressed Judah regarding their unfaithfulness, He spoke to the prophet Ezekiel about His righteous judgment. The question of the good people being killed amongst the evil was addressed by God directly by saying that a just a few good people cannot save a city that is slated for destruction, no matter how good they are. (Ezekiel 14:13 -20)

In His example, God uses three examples of "the best" people present in the Hebrew scriptures with which His audience would be familiar. He uses "Noah, Daniel and Job" as His go-to list of the best of the best in His example. What can we learn about God's values for these three examples? How can we be the kind of people God would use in His list of the best? (Revelation 20:12)

*"Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God." (Gen. 6:9) Noah was not a perfect man, nor were his sons, but in a culture that was so riddled with wickedness and violence (Genesis*

6:5) that God was sorry He had created humans (Genesis 6:7), Noah stood out as obedient to God. This obedience to God was the reason God extended grace to Noah, and entrusted to him with the means of salvation for all life on earth. When God gave instructions to Noah, he followed them exactly. (Genesis 6:22) We are told later that it was Noah's faith that drove him to be obedient to God (Hebrews 11:7), and thus was a "preacher of righteousness" to a lost and dying world. (II Peter 2:5)

Daniel famously stood apart from his contemporaries, even those from a Jewish background, when he was deported to Babylon (and thus was likely alive during Ezekiel's time). He not only decided as a young man that maintaining his holiness was better than taking part of the king's delicious food (Daniel 1:8-21), he did so respectfully and graciously. When Daniel was promoted to a place of authority, he always gave God credit for his success. (Daniel 2:25-28, 46-47) Later, Daniel's faithfulness was slandered as the jealous Persians sought to undermine his authority and

## Those To Serve (05/05)

**AM service -**

**Announcements -**

Casey

**Song Leader -**

Mike A.

**Scripture/Prayer -**

Monty

Jer. 38:1-10

**[Sun. evening] -**

Ps. 119:9-16

**Lord's Table:**

**Bread - Timothy**

**Vine - Chuck D.**

**Contribution -**

Nick

**4th Person - Kyle**

**Closing Prayer -**

Chris M.

**Usher - Travis**

## Bible Study Topics

Sunday Morning  
**John**

Wed. Evening  
**The Faithful  
Church**

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### Welcome Visitors!!

Thank you for being with us today. Please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the collection basket when it is passed. We invite you to comment on Google reviews so that others might find a sound congregation while traveling. Thank you!

### Prayer Requests / News

- ◇ A prayer of thanks for Andrew Smith's dad, **Jim Smith**, who was able to have the problems he had from his pacemaker surgery corrected.
- ◇ Continual prayers for; **Dean Bullock; Tim Wood's mom and grandmother; Loretta Lewis; Tera Ottenbacher; Jon & Deb Vick; Allen Rustad; Tim Tutor; Alyssa & Danielle Prochaska; Justin Barnhart; Enola Atchley; Marcus Taylor and family; Barbara Olson; Twyla Neimi; and Jessica Bannister.**
- ◇ A going-away sendoff for **Chuck & Mary Taylor** will take place at the next potluck, Sunday, May 19th. See Michele Allen for details. Currently, they are in Florida for about 1 1/2 weeks, prior to returning for their departure.
- ◇ The address for **Zach Young** is 332 AEW/ECES/WFSM, Unit #61808, APO AE 09321-1808. **Portia** and the kids plan on leaving in a couple of weeks.
- ◇ Please be praying for the upcoming **trip to Ukraine (Terry, Timothy, and Chuck D.)**, May 13th-28th.
- ◇ Happy Birthday to **Elbert Johnson (05/09)**!

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and example. However, his well-known faithfulness continued to prompt him to pray, even when it was against the king's edict. (Daniel 6:10-13)

Job's righteousness was such that it was spoken of by God to Satan, "*For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.*" (Job 1:6-8) Even when Satan was given permission to remove Job's wealth, children, and even his health, Job's integrity remained intact. Even when his own wife incited him to speak ill of God in the midst of his affliction, his lips remained pure. (Job 2:9-10) Enduring even slander against his own character, Job not only remained faithful, but also petitioned God on behalf of his friends who acted as "*sorry comforters.*" (Job 16:1-2; 42:7-9) Job's patience is indeed legendary, and we are told to remember him in trials. (James 5:7-11)

We have a choice with which examples we will follow. Will we choose the kinds that God has provided us that meet His approval?

*"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever, the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than fine gold. Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb."*

**Psalm 19:7-10**