

# Foothills Church of Christ

*"We treat you like family."*



October 23, 2022

## ***What the Israelites Lost Besides Canaan***

If you were to ask the typical Bible student what the consequences of Israel's following the foolish counsel of the ten negative spies, you might hear talk of the wilderness wandering or the fact that God denied them the Promised Land. This was truly, from a physical standpoint, the most visible result of their faithlessness. Yet, looking closer, the Israel of that generation lost much more. They teach us today what not to do in doing the Lord's work.

***They lost proper perspective.*** Who did Israel send to Canaan? Every tribe sent a "leader among them" (Numbers 13:2; lit., "An exalted one; a king of sheik; captain; chief"). Also, who was Israel? They were not a people chosen of God because they were the biggest, strongest, or fiercest nation, but because God loved them (Deuteronomy 7:7)! But, when Israel goes into Canaan, they walk by sight (Numbers 13:28,32) rather than faith. They saw the giants, not the God who made them. They saw themselves as grasshoppers (13:33), not God's people! They saw by fear and not by faith.

So often, today, we set our aim too low because our perspective is skewed. We launch out as far as we can see and go no farther. This hamstringing our budgets, our goals for evangelism, and the extent of our involvement in needed works. If we focus solely on ourselves, we become latter-day followers of the Israel described in Numbers 13.

***They lost sight of their purpose.*** Why had they left Egypt? At the bush, God told Moses (Exodus 3:8,17), and Moses, between the Red Sea

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and Mount Sinai, told Israel (13:5). From the days right after their exodus from Egypt, Israel knew she was journeying toward Canaan. Certainly, she was prone to get sidetracked, as when Aaron led the calf-building project (Exodus 32) and when the people periodically, bitterly complained (Exodus 15-17). But, they ultimately plodded up to the precipice of the Promised Land. They camped at the corner of Canaan. This was where they were going. What happened? A few challenges, formidable as they might have seemed, derailed them. Rather than occupy the land God promised them, “They said to one another, ‘Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt’” (Numbers 14:4). How exasperated with them God must have been!

Do we get like that today? Our purpose for being on this earth, to win souls (Matthew 28:19), help our brethren get to heaven (James 5:19-20), help people in need of it (1:27), and save ourselves (Acts 2:40), can get lost in the shuffle of career success, material gain, worldly acceptance, and even the material rather than the spiritual concerns within the local work of the church. Why are we here?! That determines where we go from here!

***They lost the sense of their identity.*** They were God’s special people. He had a covenant with them and they with Him (Exodus 24). They were God’s children. Exodus 6:7 captures succinctly God’s sentiment toward Israel, where God says, “And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God.” Nobody could defeat them. Nobody stood a chance before them. They were the hands and feet of God on the earth. No army stood a chance against them. They could have recalled Egypt as “Exhibit A” of this (Exodus 15:4; Heb. 11:20). Instead, when they looked in the mirror of fear, they saw themselves as grasshoppers.

Christians are God’s people. We are the Lord’s army (Ephesians 6). Can you think of fighting for a more powerful ruler? We are the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12; Colossians 1:18). Can you think of a healthier, stronger organism? We are branches of His vine, and the Father’s the farmer (John 15). No drought, pest, or conditions can keep us from being weighed down with fruit for Him! Yet, we have got to conquer the cricket concept if we want God to be pleased with us!

We are able to do more for the Lord, and we are able to do it better. But, this requires our enthusiastic, wholehearted participation in the work of the church.

Do not let the giants of time, apathy, inaction, and distraction turn you back. Through Christ we can do all the things He has already commanded us to do! On to the milk and honey!

— Neal Pollard

## ***Announcements***

### ***Birthdays This Week***

Cameron Shelton (October 23)  
Phyllis Rogers (October 24)  
Jason White (October 25)

### ***Guest Speaker from Healing Hands***

Sean Judge from Healing Hands International will be speaking to us today at the 6:00 worship service.

### ***New Baby***

We rejoice with Robyn and Mary Roach at the birth of their new great-granddaughter, Blaire Annett, who was born on October 19.

### ***Fall Fellowship***

Our Fall Fellowship is planned for this Saturday, October 29, starting at 5:00, at the property of the Scribas.

### ***Harding Place Worship Services***

Foothills is in charge of leading the 6:30 worship services at Harding Place for the month of November. Men, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board to take part.

### ***Family First Board Meeting***

The Family First Foundation will have their board meeting and appreciation meal on November 4 at Harding. All are invited; RSVP required. Details are on bulletin board.

## ***For the Record***

Attendance Last Sunday: 126  
Contribution Last Sunday: \$4,147

## ***Prayer Concerns***

### ***Current:***

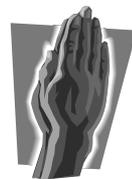
Brenda Brown  
Jackson Bruce  
Aaron Cantù  
Larry Eubanks  
Mary Hale  
Carrie Herrmann  
Heather Holden  
Randell & Etta Holden  
Joyce Murrell  
Ray Petty  
Robyn & Mary Roach  
Blaine Thomas  
Valentine Family

### ***Ongoing:***

G. David (India)  
Bristol Garner  
Jimmy & Billie Gibbins  
Nellie Hardin  
Etta Holden  
Danny Langer  
Doris Pruitt

### ***Assisted Living:***

Donna Brewer  
Ann Flippin  
Cloe Jordan  
Doris McCoy  
Dorothy Pensoneau  
Gladys Widner



*“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”*  
(Colossians 4:2; NKJV)

## ***Those Who Serve***

### **Sunday Morning**

**October 23**

**October 30**

*Announcements*

Jason White

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*Song Leader*

Steve Carrell

Jason White

*Opening Prayer*

Roger Bruce

Dennis Widner

*Lord's Table*

Andrew Ross

Andrew Ross

Mason Sciba

Mason Sciba

Case Sciba

Case Sciba

Jaden Zerby

Jaden Zerby

Jason White

Larry Nokes

*Presiding*

*Scripture Reading*

Sam Yeager

Reese Cartwright

*Sermon*

Leon Brown

Leon Brown

*Closing Prayer*

Gabriel Hodges

Randy Goodman

### **Sunday Evening**

*Song Leader*

Chip Braswell

Randy Goodman

*Opening Prayer*

Jerry Webb

Jeremy Sciba

*Scripture Reading*

Sam Yeager

Reese Cartwright

*Sermon*

Sean Judge

Leon Brown

*Lord's Table*

Jaden Zerby

Andrew Ross

*Closing Prayer*

Micah Heavin

Ethan Falconer

### **Wednesday**

**October 26**

**November 2**

*Auditorium Class*

Singing Night

Leon Brown

*Devotional*

Jack Openshaw

Dennis Widner

*Song Leader*

Paul Anderson

Alex Howard

*Closing Prayer*

Larry Nokes

Jon Alexander

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### ***Worship Times***

#### ***Sunday***

Bible Study..... 9:30 am

Morning Worship..... 10:30 am

Evening Worship.....6:00 pm

#### ***Wednesday***

Bible Study.....7:00 pm