

ELIJAH

We just finished a study of the great prophet Elijah in the young adult class. Our first encounter with him dealt with prayer and a famine. Our last encounter with him dealt with that same situation (I Kings 17; James 5:17,18). To say his life was built around prayer and being a faithful servant of God would be an understatement. Elijah was a great prophet who was not afraid to tell people what God's will was for them and to correct them when they did things contrary to that will. Ahab referred to Elijah as the one "that troubleth Israel" in I Kings 18:17. Elijah responded by telling Ahab that he and his father's house were the ones who had troubled Israel. Ahab would later make the accusation that Elijah was the enemy of Ahab (I Kings 21:20). It seems that every time Ahab did what was contrary to the will of God, Elijah showed up. His primary battle throughout his life seemed to be with Ahab, king of Israel and the wicked wife of Ahab, Jezebel. *"But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up"* (I Kings 21:25). Elijah would also have to deal with Ahab's son, Ahaziah, who followed his father as king over Israel. He also imitated his father and mother in wickedness. Elijah departed this earth without facing physical death. II Kings 2:11 states that Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. Great departure for a great prophet

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WHO HELD THE ROPE?

Today's post is short and sweet but I hope it encourages you. Recently, Clarence Deloach asked the question that is the title of this article at Willow Avenue. He was referencing the events from Acts 9 where the Jews were unhappy with Saul's newfound knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, the truth so they plotted to kill him. Fortunately for hundreds – maybe thousands – of future Christians, the plot was discovered and Saul was saved by being lowered over the city walls in a basket.

But the question remains, "Who held the rope?" You see, we know about Saul (turned Paul) and his great acts of evangelism. But none of that might have happened had it not been for those holding the ropes that allowed for his escape.

This made me think of the words in 1 Corinthians 12 where we read that God is the distributor of gifts and abilities, all of which are given "for the

common good" (verse 7). In Romans 12:6 we read that no matter the gift we are given, we are to "use them."

Some of the men who held the ropes lowering Saul to safety may have been great scholars or eloquent speakers, but what if they weren't? What if they were "average" Christians with gifts of courage and strength? Where would the New Testament church have been had they chosen not to use their gifts?

The application is simple: whatever your gift, use it. If we don't "hold the rope" we may be hindering great evangelism.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might..." Ecclesiastes 9:10.

—A. Tatum, *Legacy of Faith*, 0201/18

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGING

**MONTROSE CHURCH
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MARCH 23RD.

**WE WILL BEGIN SINGING
AT 7:00 PM.**

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AT 5:00 PM**

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

Mar 04, 2018

Coordinator Mitchell Brooks
Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Scripture Reading. Heb.10:24,25... John Leonard
Song Leader Glen Reece
Opening Prayer. Steve Anderson
Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
Serve: George Clay, Austin Clay,
Kaleb Bush, Gavin Spurlin

Closing Prayer.....Brian Smith
Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell
Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon— Church Attendance
PM Sermon— The Lord's Blessings

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader. Glen Reece
Scripture Reading, .Num. 6:24-26 John Leonard
Opening Prayer George Clay
Lord's Supper Mitchell Brooks
. Dallas Eddie
Closing Prayer Justin Draper

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader Glen Reece
First Prayer. Roger Draper
Opening Prayer George Clay
Closing Prayer Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for **MAR**
Sherry Jo & Kelly

MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD

NURSING HOME:

Opal Agee-Kindred
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Kasel Dillehay—Overton Co. Nursing Home

THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,
Carolyn Clay, Jimmie Faye Cole,
Sawyer Cole, Ramelle Cole,
Jere Andrews, Susanne Tisdale,
Tim Smith—Suffered stroke on India Mission trip. In hospital in Nashville.

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

02/25/18

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mar. 4th.** Elders, Deacons, Preacher Meeting
- Mar. 11th.** SEIBS speaker.
- Mar 11th. Time Change (Spring Forward)**
- Mar. 23rd.** Friday Night Singing 7:00 pm

Remember to bring items for Ronald McDonald House. Paper Towels, Garbage Bags

BIBLE READING FOR MAR

01 Joshua 6-9	12 Jud. 20-21	22 I Sam. 27-29
02 Joshua 10-12	13 Ruth 1-4	23 I Sam. 30-31
03 Joshua 13-15	14 I Sam. 1-3	24 II Sam. 1-4
04 Joshua 16-20	15 I Sam. 4-6	25 II Sam. 5-9
05 Joshua 21-24	16 I Sam. 7-9	26 II Sam. 10-12
06 Judg. 1-2	17 I Sm.10-12	27 II Sam. 13-15
07 Judg. 3-5	18 I Sm. 13-17	28 II Sam. 16-18
08 Judg. 6-8	19 I Sm. 18-20	29 II Sam. 19-21
09 Judg. 9-11	20 I Sm. 21-23	30 II Sam. 22-24
10 Judg. 12-14	21 I Sm.24-26	31 I Kings 1-3
11 Judg. 15-19		