

For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? 1 Cor. 14:8



# Chapel Clarion

**Nokesville Gospel Chapel**



## ***The Rejected King***

by Hugo Bouter

After having been anointed by Samuel, David had to wait a long time before he could assume his royal power. In this respect, he is a type of Christ who, in spite of His royal dignity, does not yet wield His power publicly. He is still the rejected One here on earth. The world has cast Him out: it lifted Him up on the cross. His own people rejected Him and did not want Him to be their King. But meanwhile God has exalted Him to sit at His right hand in the heavenly places, above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named (Eph. 1:20-22). He is King of kings and Lord of lords even now, although the public power that is linked with it will only be seen at His second coming (Rev. 19:11-16).

When David had to flee because the time for his reign had not yet come, he became the centre and the captain of a number of faithful followers. Similarly, Christ, although still being rejected by the

world, has a company of followers: His disciples who are very closely linked with Him. He is the Centre of His own, whom He has chosen and drawn toward Himself.

This is in a typical way presented here in the life of David in 1 Samuel 22. His brothers went to him in the cave of Adullam, but then also "everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him". The first group offers us a picture of those who already know the Lord and realize that He calls them His "brethren" after His finished work on Calvary's cross (cf. Ps. 22:22; John 20:17). The second group was formed by men who came to David compelled by various needs. They would represent all those who hear the Lord's call and accept His gentle invitation: "Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

# Chapel Happenings

## Meetings

**Sunday** - 9:15 a.m. Breaking of Bread      10:05 a.m. Refreshments  
                 10:30 a.m. Sunday School            11:05 a.m. Family Bible Hour  
**Wednesday** - 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
**Website** – [www.ngchapel.org](http://www.ngchapel.org)

## Speakers -

“Seek and read from the book of the Lord....: Isaiah 34:16a

January 5 - John P      January 12 - Clark      January 19 - Daniel      January 26 - Nick

## Manassas Rehab Ministry

First came the reading of Christ’s lowly birth,  
Who came from heaven’s glory to live on this earth.

Next came some music; many carols we did sing.  
Several chose their favorite - and our voices did ring.

After thanking the Lord for the gift of His Son,  
There were presents for all - for each and every one!

Thank you for making this such a special time for us and the residents through your prayers and through your generosity for their gifts. An email from the Manor: “Wow, thank you for all the gifts! As always you bless us tremendously.”

## Youth Meeting and Bible Study

As 2025 begins, join the young people as they continue their study of *Parables* by John MacArthur. When? Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Please contact Micah

## Ladies’ Bible Study and Prayer Time

Last month we pondered some character traits of the virtuous woman. She’s resourceful as she gathers her food from afar; She’s servant-hearted as she rises early to prepare food for her household; and she’s a good steward when she uses the fruit of her hands to buy a field and plant a vineyard. Next month we will meet on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at the Chapel. We will look at Prov. 31:17-19 and pray for every person at the chapel. Come and join us!

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## Pray

Those with ongoing physical/medical problems:	Wisdom for those caring for elderly parents
Bejoy & Sharmila, George & Deepa, Amelia,	Those seeking employment
Jerry & Era, Beulah, Isobel, Bob & Cathy,	College students
Mr. Roy, Millie, George, Carol	Youth fellowship
Beulah (and family) - recovery from surgeries	Students/Teachers
Van der Hoeks - Beth, the family and Beth's	Rehab (Manor) ministry
Mom	
Mrs. Mathai, George, Mercy and family	Missionaries
Young married couples and upcoming marriage	Our families
Dan and Joanna - Emma (pneumonia)	Unsaved friends and loved ones
Joe and family - traveling ministry	Our elders
Logan and family - death in family	Our nation and its leaders

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# Bible Quiz

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## Who Said That?

1. I am a Hebrew and I fear The LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land. Jonah 1:9
2. See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? Acts 8:36
3. I die, and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which He sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. Gen. 50:24
4. There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. Mark 1:7
5. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Acts 5:30
6. As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die. 2 Sam. 12:15
7. My soul doth magnify the Lord. Luke 1:46
8. All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Matthew 4:9
9. Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I give thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. Acts 3:6
10. Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry. I will give thee the vineyard of Israel. 1 Kings 21:7

**Answers:** 1. Jonah 1:9; 2. Acts 8:36; 3. Gen. 50:24; 4. Mark 1:7; 5. Acts 5:30; 6. 2 Sam. 12:15;

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# MISSIONARY PAGE

## PRAY FOR THE PLASTERER FAMILY IN BALTIMORE

*...before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear. Isa. 65:24*

Dear Partners in the Faith,

The verse at the top of this letter is speaking of God's providential care for people in the Millennium. However, God's care is also a reality in this present evil age. This was evidenced when a homeless couple stopped by a church clothing outreach that Cathy and I recently participated in. The brothers offered to pray for them, but the lady was afraid she would get emotional. After some conversation, one of the brothers prayed for the couple, after which the lady asked if we had a coat. She was tiny, and most of the clothing we had was far too big. Then out of the blue, a woman stopped her car across the street and came over saying, "I have two children's coats left over from a church's giveaway." One was a children's size 18, which fit the homeless woman perfectly! This time it was her boyfriend who got emotional! We all marveled at the way God was already arranging the answer even before we prayed. Many people today want someone to pray for them. What an awesome privilege believers have to come boldly before God's throne.

Here is part of a letter I recently received from one of my incarcerated students: *I wanted to thank you for your dedicated and loving faithfulness in serving our Lord. Your time, energy, prayers, kindness, and generosity of spirit have blessed me in ways my mere words can't adequately convey...these have been very difficult times in my life, but your grace has made it easier. I particularly appreciate the abundant and steady supply of Christian books and Bible course that you have made available. Thank you!!!* I frequently hear expressions of gratitude from those I serve. Though they don't know you, they are really thanking you also who pray and give to make this ministry possible.

On November 4, Cathy and I celebrated 40 years of marriage! We thank God for His grace on us and our children and resolve anew to serve and glorify Him.

Stephen and six other crew members moved the True North mission ship from Florida to Haiti this past week. They arrived in Haiti Friday morning November 22. The plan is to use the ship to move relief supplies to remote areas of Haiti that are otherwise cut off because of the gangs that control some areas.

In Christ,

John Plasterer