

Shebna and Shot Put

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Like countless other events, the Tokyo 2020 Olympics have been postponed due to COVID-19. Perhaps like me, you relish the simple joy of watching miscellaneous televised Olympic events every few years. Something about the Olympics makes seemingly random sports such as water polo, table tennis, shot put, and others uniquely captivating. Sadly, we will have to wait until the summer of 2021 to cheer on the athletes who have trained for these events.

In Isaiah 22, Isaiah depicts the Lord as something similar to an Olympic shot putter. However, rather than put a shot, the Lord is prophesied to hurl a man named Shebna: “Behold, the LORD will hurl you [Shebna] away violently, O you strong man. He will seize firm hold on you and whirl you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a wide land. There you shall die, and there shall be your glorious chariots, you shame of your master’s house. I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station” (Isaiah 22:17-19).

Shebna, the unfortunate subject of these verses, was the disgraced head of the king’s household. This man had built for himself a royal tomb, of which he was not deserving. For this, Isaiah said the LORD would violently “throw [him] like a ball into a wide land” where he would die. Isaiah’s rebuke of Shebna seems all the more serious when we consider that he

is the only named individual to be rebuked in the entire book!

What had Shebna done to deserve such focused and forceful punishment from the Lord? In truth, he embodied everything that was wrong with the nation at the time. The Israelites warred against Assyrian King Sennacherib by their own might, fighting desperately to defend themselves from their enemy. Rather than feed their people starving from famine, they went so far as to tear down their own houses to strengthen Jerusalem’s walls. Sharing the self-absorption of Shebna, they pridefully bore the weight of war on their own shoulders and did not look to the LORD.

Why did God oust “strong man” Shebna, hurling him like a ball? The LORD was reminding his people yet again that they could not and would not succeed by their own strength. Shebna’s replacement, Eliakim, stood in contrast as a righteous servant who would look to the LORD and be exalted for his humility.

God’s people today are locked in spiritual warfare against the devil. This enemy will consume us if we do not look to the LORD for strength. Rather than assume the self-absorbed attitude of Shebna and the Israelites, may we always look for help from “the LORD who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 121:2).

Caleb Boggs

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Grace Boggs, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Mary Jane Flint. Joe and Teresa Freund, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Becky Matthews, Larry McMahhan, Cheryl Neilans, Lyn Pendergraft, Dale Privett, Lincoln Smith, Edith Toney.

- Jessica Boggs suffered a broken foot Saturday.
- Troy and Pat Risley are hospitalized after an auto accident Monday.

Our sympathy to the family of Susie Tomlin. Her passing has left a hole in the hearts of our congregation. She was a true example of love and service.

Suzanne Dabbs asked that we remember her in prayer as she seeks opportunities to work in a prison ministry.

 **Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

 We are making a **gift card basket** for Jaime Leonard and Sam Skelton. You can give your money to your hostess group leader. If you are not in a group, you can give it to Jennifer Daniels or leave it in the office by this Wednesday night. The wedding will be livestreamed on Facebook on May 23 at 11 a.m.

There are **dishes** from the funeral in the fellowship room. There are dishes left from other events in the ladies' corner. Please stop and get your dishes.

 **This Sunday's Sermons:**
 AM: Danny Boggs
 PM: *Pure in Heart and Really Blessed*
 (Matt. 5:8, Danny Boggs)

You can listen to the **Sunday morning** service on the website at 10:00 if you are not able to join us.

Please join us on the website, Facebook, or YouTube for our **Sunday evening services** at 6 p.m.

Parents, help your children remember to bring back the **drawings** they made for us.

If you or your child are **graduating** this spring or did so in December from high school or college, please let the church office know. You can stop by Room 7 and select which book you would like to receive. Leave your name on the one you would like. The congregation will sign them and you will receive them at a later date.

Communion is available at each entrance. We apologize for the leaking on some cups last Sunday. We have a better cup planned for this Sunday. The bread will be in the bottom cup which you will slip off. The juice will be in the top and you will remove the lid. Then you can replace the lid and put it in the trash cans as you exit.

You may put your **giving** in any of the baskets as you enter or exit. You may also give online by going to our website.

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, and calls during the loss of my brother, Jack Childers. Words cannot express how much your thoughtfulness is appreciated

Ben Childers and family

Dear Hillcrest Family,

Thank you for the prayers concerning my surgery! I'm so grateful and blessed to be part of a great church family. Thank you for the get well bag. You all are so inspiring in my life. Thank you bunches!

Grace Boggs

The first four sessions of Green Valley Bible Camp (including ours the second week) have been canceled based on current restrictions on camps in Arkansas due to COVID-19. However, we are planning a Week 2 Weekend at GVBC August 13-16 if circumstances will allow by then. Mark your calendars!



 This summer's normal **Vacation Bible School** will be replaced with a single night program Wednesday, July 1. Watch for details.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, May 17

- AM Opening: Jim Scott
- Communion Prayer: Rick Hyder
- AM Closing: Peter Wald

Wednesday, May 20

- Opening: Bryan Reiboldt
- Closing: Mike Kidwell

RECORDS	5-10-20	5-12-19
Bible Study		127
AM Worship	179	181
PM Worship		111
Wednesday		113
Contribution	\$12,120.87	\$7,170.25
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37