

# Announcements

Dear Beneva Family and Friends,

Hope everyone enjoyed Pastor David's Sermon last week. Due to recommendation by the CDC Beneva Christian Church will be on line up to April 5th. Bible Studies and the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser planned for March 29th will also be cancelled through that time also.

As the weeks go on we will look at the situation and adjust things accordingly. I will update by sending out more details in a couple days as they come together. In the meantime please continue to "phone a friend" or send a card to someone. It is amazing what a card or a phone call can do to brighten ones day.

Olevia Fulkert

### Disciple Women

**Naomi Circle will not be meeting until fall.**

**Lydia Circle will not be meeting the month of March.**

*Meeting for April and May will be decided on a month basis.*

Chime Handbell Practice has been canceled. We will keep you all informed on future services.

Stay close to your computers :-)

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Welcome To

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This week's message will be available on our website [www.BenevaChristian.com](http://www.BenevaChristian.com). From there click on **Media**, then **Sermons**.

Sermons can also be viewed on our U Tube Page, click on the search button and insert Beneva Christian Church, Sarasota Fl.

**Message: "The Unseen is All-Seeing" Pastor David Miller**  
1 Samuel 16:7

Your life isn't about \_\_\_\_\_, it is about \_\_\_\_\_.

Humans are very good at keeping up \_\_\_\_\_.

What is the difference between God's judgment and human judgment?

It is not a \_\_\_\_\_ that we can't look into the \_\_\_\_\_. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ that we judge

people anyway, simply based on their \_\_\_\_\_.

Warning:

Encouragement:

START YOUR DAY WITH  
*Devotionals Daily*

**Monday, March 23** – *“But the Lord said to Samuel...” (1 Samuel 16:7)* It is important to pay attention to the “Buts” in the Bible. A “But” at the beginning of a sentence or statement refers to some change of plans or perspective that is suggested to not only the reader, but also to the subject of the sentence. In this case, the but is pointed to Samuel. The Lord is getting ready to tell Samuel something that is counter to what or how he is thinking in the present moment. This is not only significant to Samuel, it is also significant to us, as the readers. Chances are very good that whatever perspective that God is trying to get Samuel to change is a perspective that you and I need to consider changing ourselves. This is how God works through the Bible. God uses his interactions with others to serve as a teaching moment for you and me. Whatever it is that Samuel needs to consider, God desires for you and I to also consider. So, today you are invited to decide: Are you open to considering what God is about to teach us through this interaction with Samuel?

**Tuesday, March 24** – *“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height...’” (1 Samuel 16:7)* I can let you in on some background. Samuel has been sent by God to Bethlehem, to the family of Jesse, in order to find a replacement for Saul as the King of Israel. When Samuel arrives he sees Eliab, who is one of Jesse’s sons. He was an impressive young man, tall and strong. Thus, Samuel naturally thought that this young man must be the one that God sent him to find. Yet, the “But” that God gave Samuel was to let go of his thoughts that appearance and height equaled the one God had in mind to be the next King of Israel. How about you? Do you give more validity and stature to a man who is good looking and tall as opposed to one who is short and ugly? Do you value a woman who is tall, thin and pretty as opposed to one who is short, heavier and homely? How important is appearance to you?

**Wednesday, March 25** – *“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him...’” (1 Samuel 16:7)* God rejects Eliab as the next King of Israel. He doesn’t reject him because he is impressively tall and strong. He simply wasn’t the guy for the job. This isn’t a blanket rejection of Eliab as a person. This is simply a rejection by God of Eliab being the next King. No matter how impressive this young man was, on the outside, he wasn’t the one that God had chosen to be King. He didn’t do anything wrong, he simply had a different role to play in God’s kingdom. Not everyone can be the King and that is okay. Every role in God’s kingdom is important. We are the one’s who create an artificial hierarchy when it comes to importance in personal ministry. God wants to use each and every single one of us in some way that is important. We sense God’s rejection when we don’t get the role that we want.

**Thursday, March 26** – *“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at...’” (1 Samuel 16:7)* There is a God and we ain’t him. This is hard for us to accept, but living a life of faith in Jesus means that you surrender the care and control of your life to God. Thus, you live in the understanding that you can’t see all that God sees. You can’t understand all that God understands. You will never know what God is up to from the beginning to the end. Your calling is not to know; your calling is to follow. God doesn’t look at you and me the same way that we look at each other. What we see isn’t always what we get when it comes to God’s perspective. We see the outward appearance. We see the looks, the height, the performance of people. God sees something so much deeper. Sometimes we think we know people, just to later figure out that we don’t. That reality never happens to God. God knows you and me from the inside out.

**Friday, March 27** – *“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’” (1 Samuel 16:7)* There it is. There is the perspective change that God wants Samuel, and us, to adopt. This is the very reason for the “But”. God doesn’t look at what is on the outside, for what is on the outside can be deceiving. God looks at the heart because you can’t fake your heart. You can exercise to get into shape. You can pay for plastic surgery to look better. You can spend a lot of money to buy the best clothes. All of that has no affect on your heart and it is your heart that matters. God sent Samuel to find the next King of Israel. Samuel was looking at the outward appearance in his judgement of who he thought God sent him to find. Yet, God was looking at the heart and had Samuel anoint the youngest son with the least impressive appearance. In fact, the Bible refers to him as “ruddy” which means “having a healthy red color”. This youngest son’s name was David. He will be known as a man after God’s own heart.



*Prayer Requests*

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