

	12/13	12/20	12/27
Call To Worship	Jonah Dawes	Greg Nash	Tom Durden
Scripture Reading	Ethan Boelsterli	Jake Garner	Ethan Boelsterli
Song Leader	Coney Johnson	Stan Mitchell	Rory Bell, Sr.
Prayer	Paul Lyons	John Mullis	Steve Hopkins
Preside Lord's Supper	Ray Russell	Charles Nash	Reggie Graham
Usher	JD Branch	Andy Johnson	JD Branch
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Jonah Dawes	David Decker
Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Shepherd's Prayer	Tom Durden	Jim Garner	Greg Nash
Evening Worship			
Announcements	Jonah Dawes	Greg Nash	Tom Durden
Song Leader	Coney Johnson	Stan Mitchell	Stan Michell
Prayer	Anthony Ravenell	Eric Hagen	Jim Garner
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Jonah Dawes	David Decker
Lord's Supper	Ray Russell	Charles Nash	Reggie Graham
Prayer	Steve Esler	Hugh Kelly	Cliff Nash

Worship Assignment Coordinator for December: Keith Killingsworth

**Communion Preparation**  
December – Individual Sets  
January - Individual Sets

**Nursery**  
(closed for now)

**Care of Building**  
1-15 Rick Sharpe/Larry Rose  
16-31 Hugh Kelly/Reggie Graham

**Media Center**  
Dennis Graham, Eric Hagin, Steve Esler,  
Brad Hopkins & Preston Morgan

**Wednesday Evening Devo**  
**December**  
18 Reggie Graham  
24 Tom Durden

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South Metro Campus**  
<http://gsoponline.org/>  
gsop-fayetteville-campus  
Rick Sharpe, Campus Director

**Our Mission Works**  
Graham & Elizabeth McDonald  
- Scotland  
Raintree Village  
Children's Home

<b>Assembly Schedule:</b> <b>Sunday</b> 9:00 am Bible Classes (postponed) 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Worship Service (online only)	<b>Worship Schedule:</b> Wednesday Evening Bible Classes are being conducted online only: Please go to <a href="http://www.fcoc.com">www.fcoc.com</a> for further details.
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# “Exposure Youth Camp”



## Dec. 27th-30th

\$175 per person, which covers  
food, housing, a t-shirt,

**In SEARCH  
of the Lord's  
Way**  
  
**With  
Phil Sanders**  
  
WUPA TV 69,  
Sunday at  
7:30am

**WATCH!**  
*The Fountain  
of Life*  
**With  
Larry Acuff**  
  
**Saturdays  
at 7 am  
on channel 57**

**Elders**

Tom Durden	(770) 652-7389
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**Deacons**

Dennis Graham	Stan Mitchell
Eric Hagin	David Poskevich
David Hopkins	Anthony Ravenell
Hugh Kelly	Rick Sharpe
Andy Johnson	Jack Sorrell

**Records You Made – Dec 6**

Bible Classes	n/a
10 am Worship	86 & 61 Units Online
5 pm Worship	80 Online
Offering	\$5,780.00
Wednesday Bible Study	online



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## Basic Facts from ... HOSEA

*by Dave Rogers*

The very last of God's prophets to speak to the apostate northern kingdom of Israel, **Hosea** is sometimes called the “death-bed prophet of Israel.” As the ten idolatrous northern tribes neared their rendezvous with Divine punishment at the hands of king Sennacherib and his Assyrian Empire, Hosea warned of the destruction coming upon them because of their faithlessness. His message was vividly illustrated by the behavior of his own wife – Gomer was as shamelessly unfaithful to him as Israel had been toward God. Hosea's message of suffering and punishment emphasizes that God's love for His people is an exclusive relationship. Just as there should have been no one other than Hosea in Gomer's affection, Israel **should** have loved no god other than the Lord.

The names of Gomer's three children (Hosea 1:3-9) are significant because the meanings of these names – *Jezreel*, *Loruhamah*, and *Loammi* – describe how Israel had progressed away from fellowship with her God. First, God promises punishment for their sinfulness (vs. 4); next, He warns them that He will show **no mercy** in executing His judgement against them. This is a sharp contrast to their kinspeople in Judah (vv. 6-7). Finally, He disowns/divorces them entirely because of their persistent wickedness (vs. 9). Even in this harsh judgement, however, the Holy Spirit inspired Hosea to hold out the hope of restoration along with Judah, through the Christ (vv. 10-11).

As God uses the agony of Hosea's betrayal by Gomer to illustrate how Israel had betrayed Him (ch. 2), He also points toward their only hope (vv. 14-15) – the symbolism of the Valley of Achor. This is a reference to Joshua 7, and the sin of Achan (theft) at the conquest of Jericho. In “cleansing” the nation of Achan's wicked influence, Joshua and the people had restored their relationship with God. Here, Hosea is emphasizing to Israel that the key to restoring **their** relationship with God is for them also to “get sin out of the camp!” There's no way we can expect to enjoy Heaven's blessings, and a healthy relationship with

God, so long as we tolerate or encourage sin among His people.

The terrible sentence of Hosea 4:6 should serve as a permanent indictment of every lazy bible student in all time; “*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*” Ignorance of God and His will is **THE** fastest, most certain method of committing spiritual “suicide” – and most people in our world are doing precisely that! Instead of focusing only on the memorable opening words of this verse, however, Christians ought to carefully and soberly meditate about the consequences that Hosea goes on to say will result from such ignorance! As a parallel to Jesus' words in Matthew 7:23, it should stop every one of us “dead in our tracks” to think that God might say to any of us, “*I reject you... I will also forget your children.*”

Chapter 4:4-6 provides a sharp commentary on the kind of “commitment” too many Christians are comfortable offering to God; “Ephraim's” love for God is said to be like morning dew, which quickly evaporates in the sunshine (“Ephraim” is national Israel). Verse 6 makes the point that what God **wants** from His people is consistency, steadfast commitment and familiarity with His will (knowledge), rather than spasmodic religious “gestures” (offerings) that quickly fade from memory.

Hosea 10:12 makes the plain and sharp point that having a good relationship with God, and enjoying His blessings is only one half of a two-way street. **We** must plant *righteousness* in order to harvest His love, and we cannot simply “coast” through this life if we want Him to bless us. We must take the initiative to turn the unproductive parts of our lives into useful “fields” in which He can plant righteousness (i.e., break up our own “fallow” ground).

One final thought to glean from Hosea's message echoes deafeningly in chapter 13:4– “*I am the Lord your God... and besides me there is no savior*” (emphasis mine, DR).



## 6th Annual "Feed the Hungry"

January 9th, 2021

clean your closets out.

We need coats, jackets,  
sweat pants, sweat shirts,  
gloves & hats.



Come at 9:30 a.m.

and help make sandwiches, pack lunch  
bags, and sort donations.

Then off to down town Atlanta to  
distribute items.

You will be enriched by the event.

### Calendar

**Today** – Holiday Cards are in the  
foyer.

**Cancelled** Dec 15 – Tuesday  
Morning Bible Study until January  
2021

Dec 24-25 – Office Closed –  
Christmas

**Cancelled** Dec 31 – New Year's  
Eve Game Night

### 2021

Jan 5 – Election Run off in the Fel-  
lowship hall.

Jan 9 – Feed the Hungry (all ages  
are needed)

Jan 12 - Tuesday Bible Class  
resumes

### New Address

David & Crystin Gullede  
23951 Village Cut Drive  
Orange Beach, AL 36561

### Raintree Village Children's Home 2020 Appeal



Your financial help is needed after this unbelievable year! Please make a generous  
year-end donation to this ministry. Your donation to our work will make a  
difference in the lives of foster children.

Go online to [www.raintreevillage.org](http://www.raintreevillage.org) or  
mail your gift to 3757 Johnson Rd, Valdosta, GA 316012

### WELCOME, VISITORS!

We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us today. Please stay for a few minutes after worship  
so we can get acquainted with you, and you with us. **Please complete an Attendance Card**, located on  
the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. We have an attended nursery and a  
training/cry room available.

## Family Matters

**Deepest Sympathy:** To Barbara Cozart, Steve, San-  
dra & Brad Hopkins for the loss of Bro. Ray on Sat-  
urday. The memorial will be Saturday, December  
19th at noon at Fayetteville Church of Christ. The  
family will receive visitors from 10:30 to noon in the  
foyer, and a memorial will begin at noon.

Also to Wayne & David Nash and their families for  
the loss of their sister, Doris Johnson of Florida.  
Please keep these families in your prayers.

### Our Sick:

Luann Rogers – Is in ICU at Piedmont Atlanta with  
Covid. She is weak and sore, but improving.

Jean Johnson – Is recovering at home from double  
pneumonia.

Una Fortson – Is now at the Wellstar Atlanta Medical  
Center rehab unit. She is improving slowly, and  
hopes to come home next week. Keep her in your  
prayers.

Marvin Cook – Jean Johnson's brother is in the hos-  
pital with an aneurysm problem.

### Waiting on Heart Transplant:

Preston Morgan & Dale Findley

### Members With Health Issues:

Tom Belk, Doris Buckner, Mary Lawrence, Paul &  
Decieta Lyons, Forest & Burma Chapman, Larry &  
Margie Fields, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Jim & Sharon  
O'Brien, Linda Howell, Jim & Allene Scoma, Lewis &  
Linda Armstrong, Lucille Amon, RuPearl Sharpe,  
Harry & Mattie Williams, Ray & Tina Russell, David &  
Sue Riley, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge

### Shut-ins:

Equillar Butler, David Nash, Joanne Crook, Kathleen  
Garner, Alyce Hubbert, Joe Clark, David Nash, Ber-  
nice Gillespie, Frances Elder, Ruby Fowler and Jane  
Lankford

### Our Missionaries and their families:

Graham & Beth McDonald, Victor & Esperanza Gon-  
zález Geronimo, Forest & Burma Chapman & Scott &  
Rebecca Shanahan.

### Others With Health Problems:

Warren & Elaine and Joyce Greene (Denise's brother-  
n-law, sister & mother), John Hamilton, Amanda Pel-  
frey, Debbie Decker, Kathy Gullede, Evelyn Walker  
(Mattie Williams' sister-in-law), Bob & Nancy Neff  
(Amy Nash's parents), Sherry Etheridge & Kelly  
Stoneheart (Dennis/Marlene's daughters), Linda Hall  
(Charity Nash's mother), Lisa (Cathy Harris' friend),  
Whitnee Ricigliano (Lyon's friend), Johnnie Ray,  
Maggie Mills (preacher's wife at Eatonton, GA), Mindy  
Sims, Alvin Elder (Decieta Lyons' brother), Mia  
Marques (Chrystine Fields' mother), Treston Hamilton  
(former member), Ruby June Cotter (Andrew Dal-  
man's cousin), Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry's par-  
ents), Richard & Cathy Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's step-  
father & mother), Lyn Launch & Aden Clarke (Jim &  
Sharon O'Brien family), Zane Canty (3 yrs. old), Mary  
Mackie (Linda Johnson's mother), Nancy Ford (Joann  
Crook's sister), Lil Cauthen (Poskevich family) and  
Joe & Judy Hand (Scoma family).

**(NOTE: Please help us keep this list up-to-date!)**