

| | 12/6 | 12/13 | 12/20 | 12/27 |
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| Call To Worship | Jonah Dawes | Jonah Dawes | Greg Nash | Tom Durden |
| Scripture Reading | Jake Garner | Ethan Boelsterli | Jake Garner | Ethan Boelsterli |
| Song Leader | Jimmy Garner | Coney Johnson | Stan Mitchell | Rory Bell, Sr. |
| Prayer | Jack Sorrell | Paul Lyons | John Mullis | Steve Hopkins |
| Preside Lord's Supper | Clay Posey | Ray Russell | Charles Nash | Reggie Graham |
| Usher | Andy Johnson | JD Branch | Andy Johnson | JD Branch |
| Sermon | Dave Rogers | Dave Rogers | Jonah Dawes | David Decker |
| Response Elder | Tom Durden | Tom Durden | Tom Durden | Tom Durden |
| Shepherd's Prayer | Jim Pelfrey | Tom Durden | Jim Garner | Greg Nash |
| Evening Worship | | | | |
| Announcements | Jonah Dawes | Jonah Dawes | Greg Nash | Tom Durden |
| Song Leader | Jimmy Garner | Coney Johnson | Stan Mitchell | Stan Michell |
| Prayer | Gayle Pelfrey | Anthony Ravenell | Eric Hagen | Jim Garner |
| Sermon | Dave Rogers | Dave Rogers | Jonah Dawes | David Decker |
| Lord's Supper | Clay Posey | Ray Russell | Charles Nash | Reggie Graham |
| Prayer | Dennis Graham | Steve Esler | Hugh Kelly | Cliff Nash |

Worship Assignment Coordinator for December: Keith Killingsworth

Communion Preparation
December – 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
12 Eric Hagin
18 Reggie Graham
24 Tom Durden

Our Mission Works

Graham & Elizabeth McDonald
- Scotland
Raintree Village
Children's Home

Assembly Schedule:
Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Worship Service

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(free for our members!)

Georgia School of Preaching-
South Metro Campus
<http://gsoponline.org/>
gsop-fayetteville-campus
Rick Sharpe, Campus Director

Worship Schedule:

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes are
being conducted online only: Please go
to www.fcoc.com for further details.

Santa's Request for Raintree Village
Children's Home
Clay is 11 years old. Special Needs/non-
verbal Boy

Medium—Shirt/Pants (long sleeves shirts) &
Size 4—Shoe

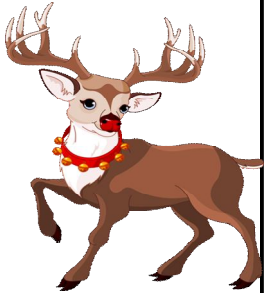
Favorite snacks: Raisins, nuts, gluten & Dairy free
cookies

Pre-K grade books
(Winnie the Pooh)
Car Toys, stickers,
squishy balls, play
doctor kit, small
basketball, picture
books
also

Gift cards for the
entire cottage to go
to dinner

Cards for the houseparent's

All gifts are needed by December 12th for
Santa to take with him.



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
Jim Garner (770) 461-3197
Greg Nash (404) 455-1546
Jim Pelfrey (770) 629-2061

Deacons

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

Records You Made – Nov 29

Bible Classes 48
10 am Worship 98 & 43 Units Online
5 pm Worship 40 & 51 Online
Offering \$5,780.00
Wednesday Bible Study online



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Basic Facts from ... DANIEL, Pt. 6

by Dave Rogers

It's important for us to understand that the events Daniel sees portrayed in chapters 8-12 foretell the end of the Old Testament era, **not** the end of all time/end of the world. Trying to apply these things to the end of time is an error common to the millennial/dispensational method of interpreting the scriptures, but the details in these chapters limit them to the Old Testament time frame.

Antiochus IV “Epiphanes” is again described in chapter 8:23-25, and his fate is to “*be broken without hand*” — by GOD’S power. Even though he would persecute God’s people, his “victory” would be only temporary. The vision in chapter 9 (vv. 21-27, in response to Daniel’s prayer of confession for his people’s sins) was recorded for the benefit of those who would come after him, not just for Daniel alone. This prayer and vision occurred during the first year of Darius’ rule (539 B.C.), which means it was after the fall of Babylon. Daniel understood by this point that Jeremiah 25:11-12 meant that Israel had to complete seventy long years in captivity and exile before being allowed to return to Canaan (and by now, the time was almost over!). In his prayer, Daniel acknowledges that;

- God had not broken His covenant with Israel: It was Israel who had trespassed, vv. 4-6.
- Their main sins were having rebellious hearts, refusing to listen to God's instructions by the prophets, and refusing to turn from sin, vv. 7-14.
- Daniel pleads for God’s mercy and restoration, vv. 15-19, and God sends the angel Gabriel to acknowledge the prayer and to interpret His answer to it, vv. 20-23.

Daniel is told that seventy “weeks” (literally, seventy “sevens”) will measure out the time for national Israel until the Messiah comes, vv. 24-27. Note that the seventy “weeks” here and the seventy *years* in vs. 2 are **not** interchangeable – they do not even refer to the same time period. In vs. 24, seventy “sevens” are divided into three segments;

- The “seven weeks” refers to the rebuilding of the city and the temple, following the decree of Cyrus about 539-538 B.C.
- The “sixty-two weeks” covers – in heavenly silence – the time from then until the coming of the Christ.
- The “seventieth week” encompasses Jesus’ crucifixion, the beginning of the Christian age and its blessings, the end of Judaism as a God-approved religion, and the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by Titus and the Roman Army. Verses 25-27 give details of these events.

Daniel mourns, when he understands what these visions of the future mean (10:1-3). This is about the time when king Cyrus decrees that the Jews can return to their homeland, although many did not actually go, preferring to remain in the lands where they had settled. Those who did go were opposed by the (new) inhabitants if the land, and Israel had a “hard year all around.” The vision here concerns war and destruction in **national Israel’s** future, and it may refer to the vision of the seventy weeks in chapter 9. The image of angelic assistance in Daniel 10:4-9 frightens the prophet, and the angel who reveals it is not identified: Some say this was the preincarnate Christ; others he is a peer of the angels Gabriel and Michael. Regardless of his identity, this messenger wore garments similar to the Levitical priests (servants of God). Only DANIEL actually saw this messenger, but the power of his presence frightened away those who were also present – and Daniel fainted when he heard the angel’s voice.

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Thia angel’s “mission” was to interpret the visions about the “latter days” that troubled Daniel. Note that in vs. 12 he tells Daniel, “*I am come for thy word’s sake*” – never underestimate the effectiveness of prayer! He tells the prophet that what follows (chapters 11 & 12) is an explanation of the end of the Old Testament age, and offers words of encouragement at the end of chapter 10. Chapter 11 gives a detailed summary of the intertestamental period, foretelling:

- The succession of Persian kings after Cyrus, vs. 2;
- The meteoric rise, dynamic reign, and dissolute death of Alexander the Great, vv. 3-4;
- The division of Alexander’s empire by his four generals, vs. 4;
- The wars, intrigues, and treachery of the Seleucid and Ptolemaic kings (the heirs of two of Alexander’s generals, Seleucius and Ptolemy, who took the Northern and Southern portions of the empire, respectively).

Chapter 12 shows Daniel’s last vision, of the end of the intertestamental period, vv. 1-4. The words “*At that time*” (vs. 1) speak of the days of the Roman rulers, and Daniel does **not** see Israel rising once again **as a nation**; what he sees is the deliverance of *the righteous* in Israel *through Christ*. We see God’s opinion of his faithful children in vs. 3, and the events Daniel sees here concern the end of the Jewish NATION AND RELIGION (and the prophecy is to be “saved” for **that** time, vs. 4).

The “final vision” in vv. 5-13 shows that a specific time was set in **God’s** plan for accomplishing all these things. Daniel was (understandably) very curious about the events to come, but no *date* was given; instead, a short, specific period of time was set for the power of the ones who would “*break in pieces the power of the holy people*.” That was the “*time, times, and a half*” of vs. 7, and the 1,290 days of vs. 11. This would be a time of extreme stress on the faithful, but a blessing is pronounced on those who endure the period of trial and destruction (vs. 12). As for the prophet, he is to seal up the book, take comfort in his knowledge, and rest assured of his place in heaven.

The book of Daniel was written to afford hope and comfort to God’s people in their bleakest hour, and to show us the accuracy and detail with which our God laid out His plan for bringing the Savior into the world, and offering us the opportunity to obtain salvation in Him.



Fayetteville Church of Christ,
Your thoughtfulness and sweet thoughts to us election poll workers was so appreciated. We all enjoyed the soup & all the yummy snacks. It was great to know that we didn’t have to worry about food, since it is such a long day.
Thank-you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!!!
Terri Jopiano, Asst. Manager, Precinct #14

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, sympathy and prayers for our prolonged recovery; countless cards have been signed by those with such distress also. Regardless of our condition we will continue to be supporters of the congregation with our prayers and weekly contribution. Forest & Burma

Dear Church family,
Sending you all a heart felt note of appreciation for the cards, calls, and especially the prayers on my behalf. Thank you! Mary Lawrence



To all those involved,
Thank you so much for the beautiful basket and all the goodies inside. I so appreciate all those children and “parents” who helped put this together. I know you all worked hard and together to do this. You are all very special to me and I pray you will continue serving God in all your ways. Thank you all very much. Love, Linda Howell

I want to thank all who, especial the youth and the children that put together these wonderful fruit & cookie baskets. Thanks for looking out for us older members. Keep up the good work. David Lee

Thank you to the FROG kids, their parents and helpers for the boxes with fruits & sweet treats! We are really enjoying them! You are all the Best! Love Tom & Terri Durden and Bernice Gillespie

I want to say a big thanks to all the ladies and a special thanks to all the youth for my basket of fruit and goodies. The virus has been bad on our church but this was a very happy event. Thanks again! Barbara Edmonds

Family Matters

Deepest Sympathy: To Barbara Cozart, Steve, Sandra & Brad Hopkins for the loss of Bro. Ray on Saturday. The memorial will be Saturday, December 19th at noon at Fayetteville Church of Christ. They family will receive guest from 10:30—noon in the foyer.

Our Sick:
Jean Johnson - Is in Piedmont Fayette Hospital with double pneumonia.
Tom Belk - The doctors found an Aortic Aneurysm and he will have a stress test in December. Also the doctors are concerned with his thyroid in his neck.
Una Fortson – Is in ICU at Piedmont/Newnan Hospital. She is improving slowly. Keep her in your prayers.
Steve & Janine Esler, Jake Garner and Greg & Amy Nash—are home not feeling well.

Waiting on Heart Transplant:
Preston Morgan

Members With Health Issues:
Dale Findley, Doris Buckner, Mary Lawrence, Jean Johnson, 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, Joanne Crook, Joe Clark, David Nash, Bernice Gillespie, Frances Elder, Ruby Fowler and Jane Lankford
Our Missionaries and their families:
Graham & Beth McDonald, Victor & Esperanza González Geronimo, Forest & Burma Chapman & Scott & Rebecca Shanahan.

Others With Health Problems:
Warren & Elaine and Joyce Greene (Denise’s brother-in-law, sister & mother), John Hamilton, Amanda Pelfrey, Debbie Decker, Kathy Gulledge, 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), Doris Johnson (Wayne & David Nash’s sister), 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), Catherine Kelly’s cousin), Ruby June Cotter (Andrew Dalman’s cousin), Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry’s parents), Richard & Cathy Oliver (Brenda Mitchell’s stepfather & mother), Lyn Launch & Aden Clarke (Jim & Sharon O’Brien family), Zane Canty (3 yrs. old), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson’s brother), Mary Mackie (Linda Johnson’s mother), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook’s sister), Lil Cauthen (Poskevich family) and Joe & Judy Hand (Scoma family).

Updated Phone Number Troy & Dawn Cook 631 977-0167

Calendar

Dec 9 – Holiday Cards need to be at the building (they will be given out Dec. 13th).

Cancelled—Dec 12 – Family Holiday Dinner
(Several of our members & their families are out sick.)
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 Fellowship hall.
Jan 9 – Feed the Hungry (all ages are needed)

Raintree Village Children’s Home 2020 Appeal

Your financially help is needed after this unbelievable year by making 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 or mail your gift to 3757 Johnson Rd, Valdosta, GA 316012