

	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31
<b>Call To Worship</b>	Jonah Dawes	Jonah Dawes	Jonah Dawes	Dave Rogers	Jonah Dawes
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Larry Rose	Cliff Nash	Larry Rose	Cliff Nash	Larry Rose
<b>Song Leader</b>	Jimmy Garner	Coney Johnson	Stan Mitchell	Rory Bell, Sr.	Charles Nash
<b>Prayer</b>	Ray Russell	Clay Posey	Anthony Ravenell	Hugh Kelly	Curtis Hurt
<b>Preside Lord's Supper</b>	Rick Sharpe	Paul Lyons	Steve Hopkins	Stan Mitchell	John Mullis
<b>Usher</b>	Steve Burdette	Jim Lindsey	Steve Burdette	Jim Lindsey	Steve Burdette
<b>Sermon</b>	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Jonah Dawes	Dave Rogers
<b>Response Elder</b>	Jim Garner	Jim Garner	Jim Garner	Jim Garner	Jim Garner
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b>	Jim Pelfrey	Tom Durden	Jim Garner	Greg Nash	Jim Pelfrey

Worship Assignment Coordinator for January: Brad Hopkins

## POLISHING THE PULPIT 2020

<http://365.polishingthepulpit.com/>

*(free for our members!)*

### Communion Preparation

January – Individual Sets

February – Individual Sets

### Nursery

*(closed for now)*

### Care of Building

Jan 1-15 Denny Graham/JD Branch

16-31 Anthony Ravenell/Paul Lyons

### Media Center

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

### Wednesday Evening

### Devotionals for 2021

Jan 6—Dave Rogers

## Our Mission Works

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

### Assembly Schedule: Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes (postponed)  
10:00 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Worship Service (online only)

### Worship Schedule:

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes are  
being conducted online only: Please go  
to [www.fcoc.com](http://www.fcoc.com) for further details.

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

### In SEARCH of the Lord's Way With Phil Sanders

WUPA TV 69, Sunday at 7:30am

## Let the Bible Speak

Temple Church of Christ

Temple, Ga

With Brett Hickey

Sunday at 6:30 am on WUPA TV 69

## 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 – Dec 27

Bible Classes	n/a
10 am Worship	112 & 32 Units Online
5 pm Worship	69 Online
Offering	\$12,953.81
Wednesday Bible Study	online



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## Lessons Worthy of a Virus

*by J. Randal Matheny*

The internet is full of memes about how bad the year 2020 has been. It has indeed had its difficulties. Some have died because of a virus that people cannot even agree on the name; others have suffered horribly, including some of our own writers.

In spite of the hardship that the sufferings this year have brought to many, the Lord continues to work among his people and to fulfill his promise to work all things together for good for those who love him, Romans 8.28.

It would be an easy thing to cite a list of concrete events and happenings how the Lord has brought blessing to his people. We'll leave the comments section open for that, if someone has a contribution he would like to make.

Today, I'd like for us to think about how the Great Lockdown of 2020 has affected our relationship with God.

For many of us the lockdown and the virus may have forced us to deal with fears and worries, which are often manifestations that we depend upon ourselves rather than God. How much do we believe that the Lord is in control of our lives?

Ultimately, I control nothing but my own heart and my own reactions to what happens around me. That ought to be a comforting thought, because I am never big enough nor powerful enough to control my environment. But God is.

As we cast wider still for our spiritual lessons, the hardship of the year has brought to light deficiencies in our faith, blights upon our holiness, or failures in our service to the Lord. This means the Lord is patient and is giving us opportunity to deal with them. He wants us to grab onto his grace, for forgiveness and strength, not presume upon it, to

continue in our imperfections.

There is much to correct. I have much to learn still. God has more patience than we do. The church is full of problems. It appears, in many places, to be falling into denominational practices, the divisive mindset of sectarians, and the dishonesty and immorality of the world. Why does he not call an end to it all? Does it not seem to be a great failure, rather than the great plan of redemption?

So perhaps the greatest blessing of all that comes from the forced lockdown is to realize that my sight is not God's limit.

After Mt. Carmel, Elijah had a single thought that repeated itself in his mind, which he also repeats word for word to the Lord when asked what he was doing in the cave at Horeb:

*I have been very zealous for the Lord God of Armies, but the Israelites have abandoned your covenant, torn down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are looking for me to take my life. 1 Kings 19.10, 14.*

God sent Elijah off to work, because defeats are only apparent. And he raised the curtain for what the prophet could not see: "I still have left in Israel 7,000 followers who have not bowed their knees to Baal or kissed the images of him" v. 18.

The takeaway from all this is that God is not only working in me, but is also working in this world, far away from my knowledge and sight.

That is a lesson worthy of a virus.

(Randal and his wife have lived and worked in Brazil since 1984.)



Our many thanks to the young people and to all who helped them in making the wonderful cookies and fruit baskets. You have brightened our hearts with your good works.

We love you. Kathleen Garner, Jim & Sandy Garner

Dear church family,

These past 18 months have been quite a roller coaster. The 55 chemo treatments, many units of blood and platelets that Ray received, he never complained. He would tell me we taking them one day at a time. The church family here at Fayetteville meant so much to him, especially the many phone calls, meals and the cards that he received. He especially enjoyed the cards the kids made with the many stickers and their own handwriting on them. A big thank you to the ladies that prepared the delicious meal and fed the family after Ray’s memorial. You made a huge impression on our relatives from Tennessee, Florida and Texas. Ray has left an example that all of us can follow and that is to put God first in everything you do. We love you!

Barbara, Sandra, Steve and Brad

Anniversaries

Jan 7th  
Tommy & Gail Chapman  
Jan 14  
Larry & Margie Fields

Birthdays

Jan 1st  
Lucille Amon  
Estell Higginbotham,  
Jan 3rd  
Kathleen Garner  
Emmett Libby

Jan 5th  
Brendon Fields  
Jan 6th  
Margie Fields  
Jan 8th  
Laura Gibson

Jan 9th  
Michele Chapman  
Amy Nash  
Jan 12th  
Alycia Hart  
Zeke Poskevich

Jan 13th  
Richard Amon  
Zane Poskevich  
Jan 14th  
Mike Pritchett

Jan 15th  
Niah Heaton  
Mattie Williams

Jan 16th  
Kennedy Brumant  
Jan 18th  
Tommy Chapman  
John Siebert

Jan 19th  
RuPearl Sharpe  
Jan 20th  
Wayne Libby  
Maggie Lyn Nash

Jan 21st  
Nash Killingsworth  
Regina Pritchett

Jan 27th  
Susan Findley  
Jan 29th  
Chester Walding

Calendar 2021  
Postponed – Tuesday Morning Bible Classes will Jan 5 – Election Run off in the Fellowship hall. resume when the current COVID infection level Jan 9 – Feed the Hungry (all ages are needed) declines.

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.  
Today’s sermon can be viewed online by going to www.fcoc.com – click on “live broadcast.”

Family Matters

Our Sick:

Tom Belk – Heart test has been rescheduled for January 21, 2021.  
Bob & Nancy Neff – Amy Nash’s parents are recovering at home from Covid 19. They are doing a little better.  
Lewis Armstrong – Is now at home.  
Luann Rogers – Is at home and is improving.  
Jean Johnson – Is recovering at home from double pneumonia. Will resume her treatments in January.  
Una Fortson – Was at Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center (rehab unit) at last word. She is improving slowly, and hopes to come home soon. Keep her in your prayers.

Waiting on Heart Transplant:

Preston Morgan & Dale Findley

Members With Health Issues:

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, 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:

Steve Waller – Preacher at Hartley Bridge Rd. church in Macon, is hospitalized with Covid, as is the wife of one of the HBR elders. Both are on ventilators at this time.  
Jannie Murphy – (former fcoc mbr. now living in FL) Was recently hospitalized for 2 weeks with pneumonia, but is now home and improving.  
Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson’s brother), Warren & Elaine and Joyce Greene (Denise’s brother-n-law, sister & mother), John Hamilton, Amanda Pelfrey, Debbie Decker, Kathy Gulledge, Evelyn Walker (Mattie Williams’ sister-in-law), 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 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), 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!)

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Lads-to-Leaders paperwork is due TODAY. (If not turned in today, registration fees go up \$5/person.) Forms are available on both the FYG and FROGs FaceBook pages. Please direct any questions to David or Katherine Hopkins. Thank you!