

	3/21	3/28
Call To Worship	Jonah Dawes	Jonah Dawes
Scripture Reading	Cliff Nash	Peyton Nash
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Rory Bell, Sr.
Prayer	Larry Rose	JD Branch
Preside Lord's Supper	Clay Posey	Brad Hopkins
Usher	Emmett Libby	Anthony Ravenell
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Garner	Greg Nash

Worship Assignment Coordinator for March: Rick Sharpe

### POLISHING THE PULPIT 2020

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

(free for our members!)

#### Communion Preparation

March — Individual Sets

April — Individual Sets

#### Nursery

(closed for now)

#### Care of Building

16-31 Rick Sharpe/Ray Russell

4/1-15

16-30

#### Media Center

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

#### Wednesday Evening

#### Devotionals

#### March

24 Anthony Ravenell

31 David Decker

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## Our kids' Bible Classes

**3, 4 & 5 year olds - Sandra Hopkins**

**Kindergarten & 1st grade - Connie Kelly**

**2nd & 3rd Grade - Luann Rogers**

**4th & 5th Grade - Janine Esler**

**(Also Wednesday March 24th at 7pm)**

**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**

Sunday at 7:30am

Stations 69 or 45

#### The Gospel of Christ

Red Hill church of Christ

(McMinnville, TN)

with Ben Bailey

Sunday at 6:30 am on Station 69 or

Comcast Station 45

### 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 – Mar 14

Bible Classes	n/a
10 am Worship	112& 38 Units Online
5 pm Worship	66 Online
Offering	\$10,730.00
Wednesday Bible Study	online



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## Basic Facts about ... the New Testament

by Dave Rogers

(Editor's note: This week we transition from a focus on the books of the OLD testament to the books of the NEW testament. By way of introduction, we begin with some general information drawn from the late brother Frank J. Dunn's excellent book, **Know Your Bible**.)

The books of the new testament are titled in some older copies of the bible as "*the Last Will and Testament of Jesus the Christ*." This part of the bible is comprised of 27 books penned by at least nine inspired writers (ten, if Paul was not the penman for the letter to the Hebrews). These books divide naturally into four basic sections, which deal with *the gospel record* (Matthew - John, which record the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus), *the establishment of the church* (the book of Acts, which illustrates how to become a Christian), *letters to churches and individual Christians* (Romans - Jude, which explain how to live faithfully as a Christian), and *the Revelation*, which emphasizes the eternal hope of the Christian.

The four gospel records present only *one* account, of *one* life (the life of Jesus the Christ); therefore, what we have are four accounts of THE gospel, rather than four "gospels." Each writer addressed distinct and *different* segments of first century society, emphasizing facts about the Christ that would most effectively impact the members of each segment. **Matthew** was written to Jews by a Jewish Christian, and emphasizes Jesus as the fulfillment of the old testament's prophecies of the Messiah and the long-awaited King of the Jews. **Mark** – the shortest record of

Jesus' life – displays only the basic facts of His life, presenting Him as a man of action (which would appeal to the Roman way of thinking), the perfect and all-powerful Servant of God. **Luke** presents Jesus as the ideal man, the embodiment of every good, pure or perfect quality. As the "perfect" man, this image not only appealed to the intellectualism of the Greek mind, it also reveals Him as both the Savior and the perfecter of all people. Finally, **John** (called the "Christian" gospel by some scholars) presents Jesus as the Divine Son of God, Who became human in order to provide eternal life for all who will accept Him.

The twenty-eight chapters of **Acts** display both the basic steps involved in becoming a Christian and the record of the beginning and growth of the church. We see the gospel spread, first from an exclusively Jewish audience to the Samaritans, and eventually to the Gentile world. Luke, the inspired writer, also provides much historical background for the subsequent *epistles* (or, "letters") that were addressed to various congregations and individuals. We should not discount the importance of the book of Acts in matters of doctrine beyond the fundamentals of how to become a Christian, however, for Luke also provides a wealth of both doctrinal and practical information. (Acts contains several examples of how Christians resolved conflicts among themselves, in a variety of situations.)

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#### Assembly Schedule: Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes

10:00 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Worship Service

Tuesday Morning Bible Study -  
Resumes *September, 2021*

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes  
March 24 at 7pm



## Basic Facts... (continued)

The “epistles,” or letters to individual Christians and congregations (**Romans** through **Jude**) further develop and expand for us a number of key teachings given by Jesus, as well as showing some of the problems, challenges, and errors the original Christians had to confront. These letters also emphasize the love, hope, and joy which are meant by God to be characteristics of the Christian life.

The **Revelation** – the final book of the bible – provides hope and comfort for Christians who face severe challenges to their faith. Written mostly in figures and symbols, the message of this book draws heavily on the old testament books of Ezekiel and Daniel. Its message to Christians is that no matter how fearsome those opposing the Christ and His gospel may appear, we should understand that the final outcome of the conflict between good and evil was decided (in favor of God and His people!) at Calvary. Therefore, Christians can live boldly and confidently no matter how bleak or hopeless the conditions in the world may *seem* to be.

## Why Believe in God?

by Frank J. Dunn

There are many reasons for believing in God. Among them is the fact that the orderly universe proclaims the presence of a Creator and a Planner. God is not physically observable in the natural world, but the natural world offers, in its precise arrangement, evidence of His existence. “*The heavens declare the glory of God*” (Psalm 19:1).

We believe in God because the alternative is intolerable. If there is no God, man is alone in the universe. What, then, is the purpose of man’s existence? What is the meaning of life? Purposeless, senseless existence is an unacceptable idea. Man is “*a living soul*,” divinely created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27; 2:7).

The most important reason for believing in God is the fact that God has revealed himself in his Word. The Bible has withstood the test of time, the assault of critics, and suppressions of madmen. The Bible stands because it is true. It is God’s inspired word (1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). It is the source of saving faith (Romans 10:17).

“*The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God*” (Psalm 14:1). “*Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him*” (Hebrews 11:6).

Today — Kite Day  
**Everyone is invited for hot dogs and fun with our kids. Bring a side dish and join us for kite day!** (after AM worship)



**March 27 at 2-4pm**

**“FROG’s” Egg Hunt**

**See Jennifer Pakiz or Donna Hagin to help.**

**Needed:**  
**Goodies for the goody bags-wrapped candy and small toys**

**“Girl” Baby Shower for Tara Nash**  
**April 11th at 3pm**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**  
**Registered at “Babylst”**

**April 18 - Bridal Shower for Cara Lambert (Jonah’s fiancée)**  
**in the Fellowship Hall from 3-4:30pm**  
**and**  
**Grooms Shower for Jonah Dawes**  
**at the home of Jim Pelfrey (Gift cards)**  
*The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target*



**May 2nd**  
**Senior Recognition Dinner.**  
**2020-2021 Seniors -**  
**Cameron Correll,**  
**Morgan Boelsterli,**  
**and Jake Garner**  
**Parents, the office needs your senior’s picture and school information.**

## 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](http://www.fcoc.com) – click on “live broadcast.”*

## Family Matters

### Deepest Sympathy:

We offer our deepest sympathy to Equillar & Annette Butler, on the passing of Equillar’s brother, Looney Jones, of Columbus, GA. Please keep this family in your prayers.

### Our Sick:

Doris Buckner – Is not feeling well due to a heart issue. She is at home, but is not up to visitors.

Amanda & Maddie Brown – Jim and Susan’s daughter and grand-daughter have Covid.

Staci & Nash Killingsworth – Are both recovering at home, from Covid.

Larry & Margie Fields – Larry has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma and Margie has been diagnosed with a rare muscle disease. Both have many doctors appointments over the next month.

Mary Lawrence – Has been diagnosed with kidney cancer and is working with her doctor on treatment.

Jean Johnson – Is undergoing further cancer treatments and needs our prayers.

Bill Ruffer – Is now recovering at home.

Forest Chapman – Is struggling with health issues. He is confined to home and the family requests no visits or telephone calls at this time. Cards of encouragement are appreciated.

Richard Harp – (Preacher at Tara) is home. Keep Dixie and their family in your prayers.

Mike Goatcher – A friend of Tom Durden, has terminal liver cancer. Keep the family in your prayers.

### Waiting on Heart Transplant:

Preston Morgan

### Members With Health Issues:

Allene Scoma, Tom Belk, Steve Burdette, Dale & Susan Findley, Doris Buckner, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Jim & Sharon O’Brien, Lewis & Linda Armstrong, RuPearl Sharpe, Harry & Mattie Williams, Ray & Tina Russell, David & Sue Riley, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge

### Shut-ins:

Equillar Butler, Una Forston, Lucille Amon, Forest & Burma Chapman, David Nash, Joanne Crook, Kathleen Garner, Alyce Hubbert, Joe Clark, 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:

Maude Hornsby (Sharon O’Brien’s cousin), David & Debbie Decker, Mike Cawthon (Jenny Gwinn’s father), Cheryl Richards (Tara COC), Dan Winkler, Elbert Mitchell (Sue Riley’s brother), Stan Ward, Bob & Nancy Neff (Amy Nash’s parents), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson’s bro.), Joyce Greene, Kathy Gullede, Evelyn Walker (Mattie Williams’ sis-in-law), Sherry Etheridge & Kelly Stoneheart (Etheridge’s daughters), Maggie Mills (preacher’s wife at Eatonton, GA), Mindy Sims, Alvin Elder (Decieta Lyons’ bro.), Mia Marques (Chrystine Fields’ mother), Ruby June Cotter (Andrew Dalman’s cousin), Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry’s parents), Richard & Cathy Oliver (Brenda Mitchell’s stepfather & mother), 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).

*Thank You*

Just a note to express appreciation for your constant encouragement to me through your cards and notes.

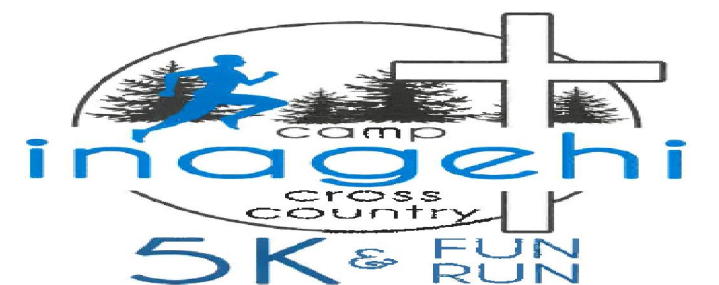
My condition demands constant and daily treatment. Its definition is unknown to me.

We are located between McDonough and Stockbridge, with a good Chapman family. Daughter & two sons — had not seen them for awhile, communication is only through regular mail.

Burma is with me, and without her I would be hopeless and helpless. Our 69th anniversary was March 17th.

God bless you and yours, Forrest

Saturday, March 27th, 2021



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