

	4/4	4/11	4/18	4/25
Call To Worship	Jonah Dawes	Jonah Dawes	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash
Scripture Reading	Jake Garner	Ethan Boelsterli	Jake Garner	Ethan Boelsterli
Song Leader	Jimmy Garner	Coney Johnson	Stan Mitchell	Rory Bell, Sr.
Prayer	John Mullis	Steve Hopkins	Ray Russell	Ron James
Preside Lord's Supper	Tom Durden	Jim Garner	Greg Nash	Jim Pelfrey
Usher	Steve Burdette	Michael Boelsterli	Steve Burdette	Michael Boelsterli
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Jonah Dawes	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	Jim Garner	Tom Durden
Evening Worship				
Announcements	Jonah Dawes	Jonah Dawes	Jonah Dawes	Jim Pelfrey
Song Leader	Jimmy Garner	Coney Johnson	Stan Mitchell	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Charles Nash	Keith Killingsworth	Andy Johnson	Eric Hagin
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Tom Durden	Jim Garner	Greg Nash	Jim Pelfrey
Prayer	Reggie Graham	Brad Hopkins	Cliff Nash	Gayle Pelfrey

Worship Assignment Coordinator for April: Anthony Ravenell

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Communion Preparation

April — Individual Sets

Nursery

(closed for now)

Care of Building

4/1-15 Hugh Kelly/ Steve Hopkins
16-30 Andy Johnson/Keith Killingsworth

Media Center

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

Wednesday Evening

Devotionals

April

7 Tom Durden
14 Jim Pelfrey
21 Eric Hagin
28 Jimmy Garner

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**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

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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 28

Bible Classes	93 & 9 Units Online
10 am Worship	127 & 35 Units Online
5 pm Worship	68 & 11 Online
Offering	\$7,802.78
Wednesday Bible Study	64



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Basic Facts about ... MATTHEW (Pt. 2)

by Dave Rogers

We can draw several useful lessons from Matthew 4, where we find the record of a face-to-face confrontation between Jesus and the devil. Notice that Satan picked a time when Jesus would understandably be weakened and (in theory) more susceptible to temptations; verse 2 tells us that Jesus had just completed a forty-day fast. The first of Satan's trials attempted to exploit His natural hunger, but His response was rooted in God's word – *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"* (verse 4). In each of the succeeding trials, Jesus likewise answered from the scriptures, with the result that the devil left Him (verse 11). Christians need to learn to cope with temptation in the same way Jesus did! **When we answer temptation according to the scriptures:**

- 1) We put the temptation into its proper context (that is, we are reminded that our trial is an attempt by Satan to get us to sin);
- 2) We are reminded that **God** – not the devil – is the Eternal Measure of what is right or wrong, good or bad;
- 3) We are encouraged, knowing that we **can** choose the right way, that we **do** have an alternative to sin;
- 4) We should be humbled, knowing that our Master's faithfulness is a "do-able" example for us to follow (cf. 1 Peter 2:21).

Chapters 5-7 comprise the Lord's magnificent "Sermon on the Mount," including the "beatitudes"

in 5:1-12, qualities that describe the character of a true disciple of Jesus. Six times in chapter 5, however, Jesus *contrasts* the "conventional" interpretation of Moses' law with His own authoritative teaching, on matters ranging from conflict resolution (vv. 21-26) to control of lust (vv. 27-30), from divorce (vv. 31-32) to fundamental honesty (vv. 33-37), and from revenge (vv. 38-42) to resentment (vv. 43-48). Throughout this section of Jesus' teaching His own authority is emphasized, providing a contrast with the teaching of the rabbis of that day. Perhaps **THE** significant lesson for the modern religious world comes from the Lord's statement in Matthew 7:21-23, where He emphasizes the crucial importance of *obedience* over "intention." His words make it plain that we are not at liberty to "graft" His name onto our own wishes in spiritual matters, lest we be rejected by Him in the last day!

The eighth and ninth chapters of Matthew recount a number of the miracles Jesus performed in the course of His ministry. An outstanding fact we should not overlook is that He used these incidents as *occasions of teaching* – **not** merely as opportunities to "wow" His audiences. Whenever miracles occur in the new testament, they are always subordinate to the message they accompany. Notice also in 8:14 that Jesus healed Peter's *mother-in-law*. This presents a problem for the Roman Catholic denomination, which claims Peter was the first "pope." Since popes and priests are supposed to be unmarried, how did Peter acquire a mother-in-law? Further, in the

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healing recorded in chapter 9:1-8, the signal point is not that a paralyzed man was made to walk, but that *a sinner was forgiven*; Jesus said plainly that the healing was to authenticate His Divine right and ability to forgive sins.

We learn an interesting and significant fact about John the baptizer in Matthew 11:7-15, when Jesus declares that none of the previous prophets were greater than John (v. 11). Because he lived and died before the cross, *John was never a Christian*; this is why Jesus went on to say that the “least” one **in** the kingdom is “greater” than John! Christians enjoy a greater blessing than John did, even though he was a prophet of God and the “forerunner” (Mark 1:2) of the Christ.

Take the First Fish That Comes Up

by Rick Laing

This title sounds like strange advice or an interesting command. It was given by Jesus to Peter when Jesus had to pay a poll tax. He instructed Peter — “Go to the sea, and throw in a hook, and **take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a stater. Take that and give it to them for you and me**” (Matthew 17:27).

1. God provides —

When you ask for help, take the first fish that comes up. (You can always put it back later, if unsuitable.)

2. When you want to be busy and serve —

Take the first fish that comes up. Better to be doing something than nothing. Grab the first opportunity.

3. Respect the Lord’s way —

Take the first fish that comes up. It’s the one that has the reward/money inside its mouth. The second and third will be empty. “Take the first one” is what Jesus said.

I must assume Peter did what he was told, because no further mention is made. Try this principle now and again. It will make your life more interesting.

Youth Calendar



April

16 - Movie Night (Teens)

21– Mid Week Eat (5:30pm)

30 - Movie Night (Frogs)



May



12 - Class by the Fire Pit (Teens)

14 – Movie Night (Teens)



28 - Movie Night (Frogs)

31 - Lock-In (9pm-7am)

June

4 - Move Night (Teens)

8-10 - Guy’s/Girl’s Trip

13-18 - Camp Inagehi

23 Mid Week Eat (5:30pm)



25 - Frogs Zoo Day (9am-1pm)



29 - Paintball (Teens)

July

2– Movie Night (Teens)

7– Mid Week-Eat (5:30pm)



11-14 - VBS

19-21 - White Water Rafting

26 - Movie Night (Frogs)



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

Deepest Sympathy: To the family and friends of Mike Goatcher. Mike passed away last week after battling with cancer. Keep the family in your prayers.

Our Sick:

Tom Belk – Will have a thyroid biopsy and heart test this week.

Linnie Watters – Curtis Hurt’s sister has terminal cancer. Keep the family in your prayers.

Georgia Watty – (Grandmother of Jasmine Peeler) Has been moved to a rehab facility.

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

Larry & Margie Fields – Both are home, cards, calls and prayers are appreciated.

Mary Lawrence – Is home, and cards, calls and prayers are appreciated.

Jean Johnson – Is recovering at home and needs our prayers.

Forest Chapman – Health is improving and he can now receive phone calls and loves getting cards. Please continue to pray for him and Burma.

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

Waiting on Heart Transplant:
Preston Morgan

Members With Health Issues:

Bill & Jo Ruffer, 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:

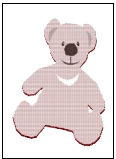
Graham & Beth McDonald; Victor & Esperanza González Geronimo; Forest & Burma Chapman; Scott & Rebecca Shanahan.

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 Gulledge, 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 Cauty (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).



“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, Target & Amazon



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.
Please let the office know if we missed your senior.



Thanks for the prayers, for the cards, phone calls and good wishes. I miss the fellowship. Looking forward to rejoining the group. Bill Ruffer