

	9/13	9/20	9/27
Call To Worship	Greg Nash	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey
Scripture Reading	Greg Nash	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey
Song Leader	Coney Johnson	Stan Mitchell	Rory Bell, Sr.
Prayer	Clay Posey	Anthony Ravenell	Curtis Hurt
Preside Lord's Supper	Reggie Graham	Hugh Kelly	Larry Rose
Usher	Andy Johnson	Cliff Nash	Andy Johnson
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Jim Garner	Jim Garner	Jim Garner
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Garner	Tom Durden
Evening Worship			
Announcements	Greg Nash	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey
Song Leader	Coney Johnson	Stan Mitchell	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Dennis Graham	Curtis Hurt	J D Branch
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Lord's Supper	Reggie Graham	Hugh Kelly	Larry Rose
Prayer	Ethan Boelsterli	Jake Garner	Jimmy Garner

Worship Assignment Coordinator for July: Gayle Pelfrey

**Communion Preparation**  
September – Individual Sets  
October – Individual Sets  
November – Individual Sets

**Nursery**  
(closed for now)

**Care of Building**  
1/15 Hugh Kelly/Anthony Stinson  
16-30 Andy Johnson/Dusty Heaton  
Oct 1-15 Dennis Graham/Steve Esler

**Media Center Helpers**

**Wednesday Evening Devotional**  
September  
16 Anthony Ravenell  
23 Rick Sharpe  
30 Lewis Armstrong

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**POLISHING THE PULPIT 2020**  
August 14-20, 2020  
<http://365.polishingthepulpit.com/>  
(free for our members!)

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

<b>Assembly Schedule:</b> <b>Sunday</b> 9:00 am Bible Classes (postponed) 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Worship Service	<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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15th Annual Bible  
Lectureship &  
Commencement  
Saturday, September 19

“The Demands of Discipleship”

Georgia School  
of Preaching  
& Biblical Studies

Hosted by the  
Piedmont Road  
church of Christ

**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

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Tom Durden	(770) 652-7389
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Dennis Graham	Stan Mitchell
Eric Hagin	David Poskevich
David Hopkins	Anthony Ravenell
Hugh Kelly	Rick Sharpe
Andy Johnson	Jack Sorrell

Records You Made – Sept 6		
Bible Classes		n/a
10 am Worship	108 & 41 Units Online	
5 pm Worship	81 & Online	
Offering	\$10,258.00	
Wednesday Bible Study	online	



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Basic Facts from ... Jeremiah, Part 2

by Dave Rogers

“Do not pray for this people...for I will not hear you.” What an incredibly hard, harsh-sounding decree! Yet this was God’s explicit instruction to Jeremiah, in chapter 7:16. The bible critic, and the skeptic would respond, “See; the God of the bible is a mean, cruel despot!” Some background information is in order, however, so as to understand the context of the Lord’s words here; He first instructed Jeremiah to go to the main entrance of the temple and plead with the people of Judah to “Amend your ways..., Amend your ways..., Then I will cause you to dwell in this place...” (verses 3 & 5). The prophet was then to warn them that, if they did not cease from their idolatry and unfaithfulness to God, He would expel them from the Promised Land (verse 15). At this point the Lord speaks directly to Jeremiah about his own personal conduct in this situation (verse 16), emphasizing that the time for intercessory prayer was long past; what the nation needed was repentance, obedience, and faithfulness (verses 21-28). The lesson for us to note is that we are foolish indeed, if we try to substitute prayers or “religiosity” for genuine repentance and reformation of character!

Chapter 8 (verses 9-12) brings us an image of many religious leaders in our own day, who focus their efforts on making sure that people “feel good about” their sinful conditions, rather than tell them plainly what needs to be done to correct the problem! Rather than admit that some behaviors are sinful, they persuade themselves and all who follow them that there is nothing shameful about sin (verse 12). Even as they succeed in persuading their followers to cast off guilt instead of sin, they condemn themselves (and those who follow them) to eternal separation from everything holy and hopeful.

What may be the most succinct biblical definition of true wisdom comes to us in Jeremiah 9:23-24. Here the prophet, speaking for God, contrasts the wis-

dom, might, and riches of this world with the steadfast love, justice, and righteousness of God. The “definition” comes at the beginning of verse 24, where the Lord declares that understanding and knowledge of Him is the true measure of whether or not one has any reason to “boast” in this world! The apostle Paul echoes this same contrast between human and heavenly wisdom in 1 Corinthians 1:20-29 and 3:18-23.

One of the most familiar (and least-heeded) lessons in Jeremiah comes in chapter 10:23– “I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps” (ESV). The prophet’s words here complement those of Solomon the wise, who noted in Proverbs 14:12 that, “There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death” (NKJV). These passages emphasize the fact that while our lives in this world are not “preprogrammed” by instinct or “destiny” (i.e., our “fate” is not fixed), neither are we fully equipped to navigate this vale of tears by ourselves. God created us with both the need for and the ability to accept His guidance and aid; whether or not we have the wisdom to accept His blessings is up to us!

Solomon counseled “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Proverbs 4:23), and in Jeremiah 17:10 the man of God reminds us that the Lord “searches” our hearts and “tests” (NASB) our minds in order to deal with each of us according to our own behavior. The words “search” and “test” represent the ideas of close examination or minute inspection, and scrutinizing or assaying. Not only are our actions subject to the judgement of the Most High, but our thoughts and motives must also “pass muster” with Him as well, which is precisely the point made in Hebrews 4:12, concerning the action of His word within us.

(More to come)



## GSOP FALL SHORT COURSE EZRA, NEHEMIAH, ESTHER

We invite you to come and spend the weekend with us for our Fall short courses offered by the **Georgia School of Preaching & Biblical Studies** at the *South Metro campus* in Fayetteville, Georgia!

This will be an exegetical interpretation of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther in their historical context, showing God's continual provision for His people as He brings them out of captivity and reestablishes them in their land. Our class times are as follows:

### CLASS TIMES

Thursday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 9:00 PM  
Friday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 9:00 PM  
Saturday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
1:00 – 4:00 PM

\*continental breakfast served 8-9am

\* lunch on your own off-site

**Credit:** 1 Credit Hour

**Audit:** Spiritual Growth

Fellowship Hall

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\*Due to COVID-19 social distancing will be practiced on campus



RANDY KEA

Randy has been one of our beloved instructors at the South Metro campus since inception. He is well known throughout the brotherhood and to many of us personally. Randy has been married for 46 years to Debbie (a retired school teacher). They have two children (Clint and Christy) and eight grandchildren. He earned a B.S. degree in Bible from Freed Hardeman. He has been preaching for 46 years and is currently preaching at the Humboldt church of Christ in Tennessee. In addition, he speaks at various lectureships and gospel meetings. Randy has been an instructor for GSOP for nine years.

Please help us to welcome our dear brother back!



Hello everyone:

What a year this has been—and we are still in the midst of uncertainty! After much consideration, GSOP has decided to continue hosting classes on campus for now; however, this Semester will be limited to one class, one night a week. In addition, we will meet in the fellowship hall; we will practice social distancing; and we encourage wearing protective masks.

Dave Rogers, our instructor for the Fall Semester, will teach on "The World of the New Testament - Life, Customs, and Times". This course is a study of the culture in which New Testament characters live. The political, social, economic and religious conditions are studied. Special attention is given to the cultural impact on the spiritual lives of various religious groups. We look forward to seeing you in class on Thursday, October 1.

**The World of the New Testament-Life Customs and Times**  
Campus: South Metro Campus (Fayetteville church of Christ)  
Term: Fall Semester (October 1st - January 28, 2021)  
Thursdays 6:00-8:30pm  
Instructor: Dave Rogers

Oct 1st – Jan 21, 2021  
Credit: 3 Credit Hours  
Audit: Spiritual Growth

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## 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

### Our Sick:

Dale Findley – Is now at home.

Jim O'Brien – Was slated for surgery last Friday.

Preston Morgan – Is now at home.

Sarah Smith – (dau. of Jessica/Preston Morgan) Suffered a severe concussion and other injuries in an accident with a ripstick/skateboard. She is recovering at home.

Una Fortson – Is in Piedmont/Fayette Hospital.

Kirsten Mullis – Is recovering from foot surgery last week. Send cards of encouragement 1704 Wesminster Circle, Griffin, GA 30223.

Cathy Oliver – Recovering from a broken wrist/broken facial bones, in Jacksonville, FL (Brenda Mitchell's mother).

Hugh Kelly – Is waiting on test results.

Bill Benton – Has been moved to Brightmoor in Griffin for rehab. The address is 3235 Newnan Rd, Griffin, GA 30223.

Jean Johnson – Has been diagnosed with stage 3 Lung cancer, that spread to the bones. It is not curable but treatable. Send her a card! Her address is 165 Country Line Road, Fayetteville, GA 30215.

Doris Buckner – Is home with shingles. Send cards of encouragement.

Debbie Decker and Kathy Gullede – Both continuing chemo-therapy treatments.

Ed Hinely – Is recovering at home after heart bypass surgery last week (David Nash's son-in-law).

### Members With Health Issues:

Ray & Barbara Cozart, Kirsten Mullis, Jim & Sharon O'Brien,

Denise Greene, Linda Howell, Jim & Allene Scoma, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Lewis & Linda Armstrong, Lucille Amon, Ru-Pearl Sharpe, Larry & Margie Fields, Harry & Mattie Williams, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Ray & Tina Russell, David & Sue Riley, Sally Wallace, Mary Lawrence, Joann Crook, Forest & Burma Chapman, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge

### Shut-ins:

Kathleen Garner, Alyce Hubbert, Joanne Crook, Joe Clark, David Nash, Bernice Gillespie, Una Fortson, Equillar Butler, 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:

Evelyn Walker (Mattie Williams' sister-in-law), Bob & Nancy Neff (Amy Nash's parents), Karen & Ed Byrd (friends of Una Fortson), Sherry Etheridge & Kelly Stoneheart (Dennis/Marlene's daughters), Angela Hollis (Equillar's daughter), Glenda Moore (Una Fortson's friend), Braxton Fortson (Una's nephew), Linda Hall (Charity Nash's mother), Lisa (Cathy Harris' friend), Whitney 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), Phil Shaw (Catherine Kelly's cousin), Ruby June Cotter (Andrew Dalman's 6 month old cousin), Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry's parents), Richard Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's stepfather), 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).

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

*Come and Help Us  
celebrate the union of  
Preston & Jessica Morgan  
and their family  
Tonight after the evening service.  
Bring finger foods  
Cards of for the couple*



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October 25th  
after the  
evening service.