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# 2019 Progressive Meeting February 25 – 28, 2019

Theme: "Making the Most of My Worship"



Speaker: Bro. Melvin Otey

Sunday, 4 P.M. "The Meaning of Worship" (East Point COC)

Monday, 7 P.M. "Why God is Worthy of Worship" (Fairview COC)

Tuesday, 10:00 A.M. Bible Study "Exegesis on John 4:" (Riverdale COC)

Tuesday, 7 P.M. "When Your Seat is Empty" (Tara COC)

Wednesday, 7 P.M. "Preparing for the Presence of God" (Peachtree City COC)

Thursday, 7 P.M. "Preparing for the Presentation to God" (Shannon COC)

#### **DOES JESUS CARE?**

Jonathan McAnulty

There is a hymn, written by Frank Graeff, in 1901, which asks, the question, "does Jesus care?" Does Jesus care, when my heart is pained? Does Jesus care, when my way is dark? Does Jesus care, when I've tried and failed? Does Jesus care, when I've said good-bye.

The scriptures answer this question in the affirmative: Yes, Jesus does care.

The apostle Peter says concerning the care of God and the appropriate response to that divine care: "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:6-7; NKJV)

As the apostle penned those words, he was writing to Christians who might have reason to doubt that God cared for them. They were saints who were facing persecution and hardships because of their faith. Peter reminds them of the proper manner in which they should answer this persecution: with love and kindness. (cf. 1 Peter 3:13-17) He also reminds them that Christ suffered on our behalf. (eg. 1 Peter 3:18, 4:1). He says concerning their problems: "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy." (1 Peter 4:12-13; NKJV)

The example of Christ reminds us of several important things in relation to suffering and the love of God. Firstly, suffering does not preclude the love of God. Many think to themselves that if God really loved them then He would never allow them to feel pain. But God surely loved His Son, Jesus, and Jesus still suffered. He experienced abandonment by His friends and students. He experienced betrayal. He experienced beatings and torture. He experienced an excruciating, and public, death. There is no heart-ache, pain, or sorrow that Jesus cannot empathize with, having suffered similar in His own flesh.

But through it all, Jesus held to His faith in the love and mercy of God, the Father. He confessed this faith, saying to God in prayer, "for You loved Me before the foundation of the world." (John 17:25) With His final words He commended His

soul into the Father's hands (cf. Luke 23:46). Jesus knew that God cared for Him, even in the midst of misery and sorrow, and that such suffering did not signify that God was uncaring.

The example of Christ also reminds us that good can come through suffering, if we face it with faith. The suffering of Christ was not without purpose. It served to bring salvation to a world which desperately needed it. As Peter reminds us, Jesus suffered for us. Elsewhere, we are reminded that no suffering is ever pleasant as we are going through it. But that does not mean we cannot grow through it, and even from it, nor does it preclude the possibility that the suffering might in some way prove beneficial. It is a rather short-sighted perspective which refuses to consider that sometimes God might allow us to experience grief because doing so, in one fashion or another, is good for us, leading to greater joy afterward, if we allow it to. (cf. Hebrews 12:3-11) That's not necessarily a message you want to hear in the middle of suffering, but that does not make it a false argument.

Finally, though, the suffering of Christ reminds us that Jesus cared enough about us to suffer on our behalf. When you find yourself doubting whether or not God cares for you, remember the counsel of the Bible, which reminds us "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:31-32; NKJV) Why would God care about us enough to allow Jesus to suffer for us, but not care enough about us to do more for us, when we turn to Him in faith, through Christ.

God does not promise to take away all of our cares and sorrows in this world. But He has promised to give His children strength to face those cares, if they trust Him and follow where He leads them.

When we find ourselves wondering, "Does Jesus care," we can answer with the old hymn-writer, "Oh yes, He cares. I know He cares." And in so knowing, let us follow the advice of the apostle, by humbling ourselves before God, and casting our cares upon Him.



# With great pleasure Crystin Nash and David Gulledge invite you to join them at the celebration of their marriage Saturday, March 2, 2019 at One in the afternoon Frost Chapel at Berry College in Rome, Ga



RSVP by 1/20/19 at https://theknot.com/us/crystin-and-david



Tool Time Shower
for David Gulledge
February 3rd at 3pm
at the Hagin's Home
Hosted by Eric Hagin and Brad Hopkins
David loves Lowes tools and cards.

Youth Events

(See David Gulledge with any questions)

Jan 19—Saturday for the Savior at 10am

Jan 20 - Parents Meeting at 3:30pm Feb 9—Saturday for the Savior at 10am Feb 10 - Teen Sing at the Roger's Bible Conven-Bowl tion 2018-19, April 18 Sunday 3 -21, 2019 -5 pm "I AM" Exodus Exodus

#### Family Matters

Jill Nash – Will have a heart procedure in February.

Linda Howell - Is having blood pressure issues.

Jean Johnson - Is home with pneumonia.

Doris Buckner - Is having heart issues.

David Nash - Has shingles .

Lucille Amon - Is not feeling well.

Ray Russell - Will have ankle surgery next week

Ed Hall—Father of Charity Nash, is having diabetic eye issues.

Members With Health Issues: Gail Chapman, Mary Lawrence, Debbie Walding, Lilly Walker, Larry & Margie Fields, Bernice Gillespie, Decieta Lyons, Estell Higginbotham, David Riley, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Sally Wallace, Joann Crook, Doris Buckner, Mattie Williams, Una Fortson, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Forest & Burma Chapman, Jim & Sharon O'Brien

<u>Shut-ins</u>: Equillar Butler, David & Jill Nash, Annette Benefield, Ruby Fowler, Lillie Jones, Joe Clark, Frances Elder & Jane Lankford

Others With Health Problems: Andrew Solomon (Ruth Roberson's

father), Hazel Cox (Donna Hagin's mother), Lyn Launch & Aden Clarke (Jim & Sharon O'Brien family), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Nancy Neff (Amy Nash's mother), Ashley Johnson, Cassandra Wright (Friend of Cory/Ruth Roberson), Zane Canty (3 yrs. old), Marilyn Newby (member at Forest Park COC), Mark Etheridge (Dennis' brother), Patrick Kelly (Hugh/Connie's Son), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother), Cecil Hester (Tina Russell's father), Frances Jones (neighbor of Sally Wallace/Denise Greene), Mike Giles (Jim O'Brien), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Mary Mackie (Linda Johnson's mother), Teresa Bryan (friend of Amy Nash), Nathan Schober (Andrea Laney's coworker), Diane Brown (Dave Rogers' cousin), Fred Mack (Andy Johnson's friend), Barbara McDowell, Alvin Elder (Decieta Lyon's bro.), Steve Watts, Joyce Greene (Denise's mother), Patrick Shanahan (Linda Howell's nephew), Nita Mayfield (David/Katherine Hopkins' friend), Greg Brown & Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's cousin & niece), Betty Land (Jill Nash's sister), Tom Holcomb (Annette's son-in-law), Nelda Haves (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's bro./sis.in-law) and Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's bro.-in-law)

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



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for making us feel at home while we worshipped there with you all. We especially loved Thanks-singing, and hope to attend again this year! We'd like to give a special thank you to Mrs. Sandra, the moms and sweet babies in the 1-2 year old class. We'll see you all soon! Love Raphael, Victoria, Lewis & Ava Graham

#### Calendar

<u>Jan 2</u> – SilverWings Organizing Dinner at 6pm



Feb 3 – Bridal Shower for Crystin Nash The couple is registered at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon



Feb 9 – Fayetteville Ladies' Day

<u>Feb 17</u> – Appreciation Dinner Banquet for all Adults hosted by our youth after the PM Service.



	1/20	1/27	
Call To Worship	David Gulledge	David Gulledge	
Scripture Reading	Randell Bell	Reggie Graham	
Song Leader	Jimmy Garner	Rory Bell, Sr	
Prayer	Eric Hagen	Hugh Kelly	
Preside Lord's Supper	Paul Lyons	Brad Hopkins	
Server	Greg Curtis	Mike Fields	
Server	Larry Rose	James Walker	
Server	Ben Rogers	Bobby Johnson	
Server	Hugh Kelly	Troy Cook	
Server	Corey Roberson	Jim O'Brien	
Server	Zeke Poskevich	David Hopkins	
Server	Andrew Dalman	Steve Hopkins	
Server	Gail Pelfrey	Curtis Hurt	
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	
Response Elder	Jim Garner	Jim Garner	
Announcements	David Gulledge	David Gulledge	
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	
Evening Worship			
Announcements	David Gulledge	David Gulledge	
Song Leader	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell	
Prayer	Ferdinan Brumant	Ron James	
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Song Service	
Lord's Supper	Hugh Kelly	Steve Hopkins	
Lord's Supper	Corey Roberson	Curtis Hurt	
Prayer	Larry Fields	Jake Garner	

Worship Assignment Coordinator for January: Cliff Nash

### 27th Annual Bible Lectureship Tara Church of Christ Jan 26th at 8:45am –2pm Jan 27th at 9:30am—1:30pm



Winter Courses at

Fayetteville church of Christ Campus 6-8:30pm, Upstairs Room 209

Monday, January 7—April 8, 6-8:30pm

Biblical Archaeology/

Geography of Bible Lands—Instructor: Bobby Gayton

Thursday, January 10—April 11, 6-8:30pm

The World of the New Testament-

Life, Customs and Times—Instructor: Dave Domingue

#### In Search of the Lord's Way

13 Why Pardon You? 20 Why Pray? 27 Believing Jesus The Fountain of Life
With Larry Acuff
Saturdays at 7 am
on channel 57

Communion Preparation
Susie Graham
Nursery
20 Katherine Hopkins
27 Charity Nash

Care of Building 16-31 David Hopkins/Ray Russell Ushers Media Center Helpers 20 Reggie Graham Jan 27 & Feb 3 Gayle Pelfrey Wednesday Evening Devotional 23 Stan Mitchell 30 Eric Hagin

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David Hopkins
Hugh Kelly
Jerry Kendrix
Keith Killingsworth
Andy Johnson
Stan Mitchell
David Poskevich
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David Riley
Rick Sharpe
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## Assembly Schedule: Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Worship Service 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Class (September 4 - May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study



# January 2019

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen" 2 Peter 3:18

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
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Margie Fields Winter Quarter Starts today	GSOP Starts tonight 6-8:30pm Instructor: Bobby Gayton Tommy & Gail Chapman	Laura Gibson Tuesday Moming Bible Study at 10am	Amy Nash Michele Chpaman Mid-Week Meat Teen Night	GSOP Starts tonight 6-8:30pm Intructor: Dave Domingue		Alycia Hart Feed the Homeless 9am - 1pm Zeke Poskevich			
13 Richard Amon Zane Poskevich  Teen Sing at the Pelfrey's	14 Larry & Margie Fields	15 Mattie Williams Tuesday Moming Bible Study at 10am	16 Mid-Week Meat Teen Night	17	18 John Siebert  Tommy Chapman	19 RuPearl Sharpe			
20 Maggie Lyn Nash	21 Nash Killingsworth Office Closed - MLK Day	22 Tuesday Moming Bible Study at 10am	23 Mid-Week Meat Teen Night	24	25 Lorette Keith  SilverWings Dinner Schedule 2019 Calendar 6pm	26			
27 Song Service Susan Findley	28	29 Tuesday Moming Bible Study at 10am	30 Mid-Week Meat Teen Night	31	S M T W  3 4 5 6 10 11 12 1: 17 18 19 20 24 25 26 2	7 T F S  1 2  7 8 9  3 14 15 16  0 21 22 23			
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