

|                       | 9/8               | 9/15                | 9/22              | 9/29                |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Call To Worship       | David Gulledge    | Greg Nash           | Dave Rogers       | Tom Durden          |
| Scripture Reading     | Randall Bell      | Reggie Graham       | Randall Bell      | Reggie Graham       |
| Song Leader           | Coney Johnson     | Jimmy Garner        | Rory Bell, Sr     | Charles Nash        |
| Prayer                | David Hopkins     | Ron James           | James Walker      | Dave Poskevich      |
| Preside Lord's Supper | John Mullis       | Rick Sharpe         | Eric Hagen        | David Gulledge      |
| Server                | Jim O'Brien       | Paul Lyons          | Jim O'Brien       | Paul Lyons          |
| Server                | Steve Burdette    | Anthony Stinson     | Steve Burdette    | Anthony Stinson     |
| Server                | Gayle Pelfrey     | Ben Rogers          | Gayle Pelfrey     | Ben Rogers          |
| Server                | Steven Williamson | Andy Johnson        | Steven Williamson | Andy Johnson        |
| Server                | Bill Ruffer       | Bobby Johnson       | Bill Ruffer       | Bobby Johnson       |
| Server                | Greg Curtis       | Tommy Chapman       | Greg Curtis       | Tommy Chapman       |
| Server                | John Mullis       | Keith Killingsworth | John Mullis       | Keith Killingsworth |
| Server                | Dale Findley      | Larry Rose          | Dale Findley      | Larry Rose          |
| Sermon                | Dave Rogers       | Dave Rogers         | David Gulledge    | Dave Rogers         |
| Response Elder        | Jim Garner        | Jim Garner          | Jim Garner        | Jim Garner          |
| Announcements         | David Gulledge    | Greg Nash           | David Gulledge    |                     |
| Shepherd's Prayer     | Greg Nash         | Jim Garner          | Tom Durden        | Jim Pelfrey         |
| Evening Worship       |                   |                     |                   |                     |
| Announcements         | David Gulledge    | Greg Nash           | Dave Rogers       | Tom Durden          |
| Song Leader           | Coney Johnson     | Jimmy Garner        | Stan Mitchell     | Stan Mitchell       |
| Prayer                | Anthony Ravenell  | Brad Hopkins        | Curtis Hurt       | Hugh Kelly          |
| Sermon                | Dave Rogers       | Dave Rogers         | Song Service      | Dave Rogers         |
| Lord's Supper         | Jim O'Brien       | Andy Johnson        | Bill Ruffer       | Keith Killingsworth |
| Lord's Supper         | Gayle Pelfrey     | Bobby Johnson       | Greg Curtis       | Larry Rose          |
| Prayer                | Larry Fields      | Ferdinan Brumant    | Jimmy Garner      | Coney Johnson       |


Worship Assignment Coordinator for September: Cliff Nash

# Fayetteville Church of Christ

## Oct 13-16, 2019

### “Personal Evangelism Training”

#### Speaker: Rob Whitacre



Sunday - Bible Study at 9am  
AM Worship at 10am  
Luncheon after the am Services  
PM at 5pm  
Monday -Wednesday at 7pm

In SEARCH of the Lord’s Way,  
with Phil Sanders  
WUPA TV 69, Sunday at 7:30am

**Communion Preparation**  
Oct - Hagin family

**Nursery**  
8 Loretta Keith  
15 Michelle Chapman  
22 Donna Hagin  
& 29 Molly Curtis

**Care of Building**  
1-15 David Hopkins/Paul Lyons  
16-30 Anthony Ravenell/  
Curtis Hurt

**Media Center Helpers**  
Sept 8 & 15 Zeke Poskevich  
22 & 29 Brad Hopkins  
Oct 6 & 13 Reggie Graham

**Wednesday Evening Devotional**  
11 Cliff Nash  
18 Wayne Nash  
25 Paul Lyons

**Assembly Schedule:**  
**Sunday**  
9:00 am Bible Classes  
10:00 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Worship Service

**Tuesday Bible Classes** 10 am  
(September - May)

**Wednesday Night Bible Study** 7 pm

*The Fountain of Life*  
With Larry Acuff  
Saturdays at 7 am on

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Rick Sharpe, Campus Director

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|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
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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          | David Riley      |
| Keith Killingsworth | Rick Sharpe      |
| Andy Johnson        | Jack Sorrell     |

**Our Mission Works**

Graham & Elizabeth McDonald - Scotland  
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan - Italy  
Raintree Village Children's Home

| Records You Made – Sept 1 |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Bible Classes             | 103 |
| 10 am Worship             | 165 |
| 5 pm Worship              | 90  |
| Wednesday Bible Study     | 110 |



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## Be Strong in the Lord (Part 2)

by Dave Rogers

**Are you a STRONG Christian?**

Last week we pointed out that “strength” is a concept related to *ability* and that the biblical word translated by our English word “strong” is rooted in the idea of *dynamism*, an intense and enormous amount of power (as in Romans 1:16). With this background, *spiritual* strength is a composite of biblical knowledge, faith in God, and our own personal determination to maintain our faith in Him and His word. In addition, we noted that spiritual strength does not originate within ourselves, but derives from God – He is the ultimate Source! Now let’s consider:

- When a Christian is strong (in soul), that person is well-equipped to weather and overcome temptations and trials; this was the key to Job’s success in the face of his losses and illness.
- When we are strong in soul we are also much better-equipped to encourage those who are fainthearted, and to lift up those who have already fallen in sin.
- When we are spiritually strong, we are prepared to answer and silence false teachers, “gainsayers” among our own brethren, and those who are biblically ignorant (whose opinions often substitute – in their own minds – for genuine biblical knowledge).

The point is that for a Christian, spiritual strength is an asset worth developing, and there are some very *practical and useful virtues* associated with being strong “in the Lord” (cf. Ephesians 6:10). What are some ways we can develop our spiritual strength?

Perhaps the most obvious method is to

STUDY God’s word! Most Christians will recognize Paul’s words to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15, “*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth*” (ESV). This translation gives us exactly the meaning of the familiar expressions “*study*” and “*be diligent*” in the KJV/NKJV! Paul’s words are expressed as a commandment for each Christian, and the reason for them is threefold:

- So that God can approve of us;
- So that we won’t have a reason to be ashamed of our Christianity (as someone who has done a poor-quality job of living for Christ), and;
- So that we can properly and effectively use God’s word (note 2 Peter 3:16).

It has long been said that the bible contains **facts** to believe, **commands** to obey, and **promises** to enjoy, but if we are not familiar with the bible there’s no way for us to receive the blessings found there! Jeremiah wrote, “*Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts*” (Jeremiah 15:16). Likewise, David wrote in Psalm 119:11 & 104, “*Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!*” and “*Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.*” The point here is that studying God’s word – so that we can grow STRONGER in our knowledge of it – requires more than merely reading it; we must contemplate, think about how it applies in our lives, so that we can actually USE it from day to day. **That’s how we become STRONG Christians!**

“No One Supported Me,  
But All Deserted Me”

Neal Pollard

These are some of the last words written by one of the greatest men who ever lived. He wrote them while in prison, waiting to die for his faith. He has just spoken of people he trusted who had deserted him. He is lacking even the bare essentials. A man, knowing how difficult his life was, had done additional great harm to him. No wonder he would open this window into his suffering soul and let us all look inside. Despite all this, he was not bitter.

Have you ever felt mistreated, even felt like people were actively against you? Or perhaps felt like people you count on abandoned or neglected you when you needed them? Maybe you have suffered for your faith. It is tempting to become bitter, even to lash out against the church and God. Paul is a great example of how to think when you feel unsupported and deserted by those you count on. After making that statement in 2 Timothy 4:16, he says some other things that can help us when we feel, at least in a small way, the way Paul felt.

• Focus On The Lord. He could see how the Lord had helped through his darkest hours in the past (17). But, as importantly, he had confidence that the Lord would help him through future trials (18). Despite his

unfair treatment, he could still say, "To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen." When people hurt and disappoint you, look higher!

• Find Your Higher Purpose. Incredibly, Paul could sift through these sorrows and see God at work to accomplish His will. He's suffering, but he can see a greater good. He says that he endured these hurts "...so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear." Can you look for what God, who doesn't cause suffering, can do to bring good even out of those times? We're prone to feel sorry for ourselves when God may be showing us and others His power through these situations to save souls and help lives.

• Forgive. Paul doesn't hold a grudge. Concerning those who let him down and even hurt him, he could say, "May it not be counted against them" (16). Doesn't that sound like a Savior who asked God to forgive His tormentors? What a mindset! We can nurse perceived offenses, but how much better to be magnanimous toward those who we feel failed us in our hour of trial?

If you've never felt unsupported and deserted, you probably will at some future time. The temptation will be great to let it become a spiritual problem for you. Why not remember Paul's response when he was in his deepest valley? It's the way up to the spiritual mountaintop.

Youth Events

(See David Gullledge with any questions)

**Today** – “Water Gun Fun” after the AM Service. See Jim & Susan Pelfrey if you can help.

**Today** – 2019-20 LTL Bible Bowl study sessions

**Sept 15** – Area-Wide Youth Devo at Shannon COC

**Sept 18** – Mid-Week Eat at 5:45

**Sept 22** – SNFTS following PM worship

**Oct 5** – Stone Mountain Trip with the Bible Bowl Students.

**Oct 6** – Teen Sing at the home of David & Katherine Hopkins

**Oct 11-13** – THRV Weekend at PTC COC

**Oct 20** – Area Wide Youth Devo at Forest Park COC

**Oct 26** – Trunk N Treat at 5:30

**Oct 18 or 25** – Haunted House

**Dec 27-30** – Exposure Youth Camp.

2019-2020 Bible Bowl  
Healthy Snack

- 9/8 Susan Pelfrey
- 9/15 Jean Johnson
- 9/22 Janine Esler
- 9/29 Tina Russell
- 10/6 Kirsten Mullis
- 10/13 Susan Pelfrey
- 10/20 Tina Russell
- 11/3 Catherine Kelly
- 11/10 Denise Greene
- 11/17 Katherine Hopkins
- 12/1 Lisa Ware
- 12/8 Judy Beckwith
- 12/15 Loretta Keith

Family Matters

Debbie Walding – Will have knee surgery Sept 10th.  
Andy Johnson – Will have surgery September 25 at Piedmont Fayette Hospital, at 7:30am.

Lewis & Linda Armstrong – Are both recuperating at home.

Ray Cozart – Is undergoing chemo treatments.

Joe & Norma Johnson – (Former members) Joe will have colon surgery in September and Norma is not well.

Ashley Johnson – Will have lymph node surgery soon.  
Send cards of encouragement to 60 Streamside Drive, Senoia, GA 30276 .

**Members With Health Issues:** Rosalind Walker, Curtis Hurt, Martha Vickery, Linda Howell, RuPearl Sharpe, Forest & Burma Chapman, Dawn Cook, David Riley, Sally Wallace, Jill Nash, Jim Scoma, Mary Lawrence, Larry & Margie Fields, Kathleen Garner, Lucille Amon, Doris Buckner, Decieta Lyons, Joann Crook, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge,

Jim & Sharon O'Brien

**Shut-ins:** Lillie Walker, Bernice Gillespie, Una Fortson, David Nash, Equillar Butler and Frances Elder

**Others With Health Problems:** Linda Hall (Charity Nash's mother), Ruth Jacobson (Lisa Title's mother), Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry's parents), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Betty Land (Jill Nash's sister), Richard Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's stepfather), Lyn Launch & Aden Clarke (Jim & Sharon O'Brien family), Zane Canty (3 yrs. old), Mark Etheridge (Dennis' brother), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother), Cecil Hester (Tina Russell's father), Mary Mackie (Linda Johnson's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Poskevich family) and Joe & Judy Hand (Scoma family)

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

Forrest Chapman is  
turning 90!

You are invited to come by  
the fellowship hall on  
Saturday, September 14th  
from 1pm - 3pm  
to help him celebrate.  
No gifts, please.

To thank  
you

To Our Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
Thank you so much for your prayers recently during Curtis' surgery. We appreciate so much for all those that came to the hospital, even if we got a little "rowdy".  
Love in Christ, Curtis & Jo

Stone Mountain Trip with the Bible Bowl Students

Everyone is invited to come fellowship with your church family. There is lots to see and do. Let Joan or Sally know if you would like them to prepare you a 6" sub sandwich, cost is \$5.00 each.

Calendar

**Today** - Member Pictures

**Sept 10** – Tuesday Morning  
Classes resume

**Sept 14** – Forest Chapman's  
90th Birthday Celebration

**Sept 15** – Teachers' PotLuck  
Luncheon. See Eric or Donna  
with questions. **(Primary  
teachers are needed** - New  
material, resource room and  
teaching updates.)

**Oct 5** – Family Stone Mountain  
Day leaving the building at  
3:30pm. Sign up today and let  
Joan or Sally if you want a sub.

**Oct 14** – Office closed for bank  
holiday

**Oct 13-16** – Fayetteville  
Church of Christ, Speaker: Rob  
Whitacre, "Personal Evangel-  
ism Training" and luncheon  
after the AM Services.

**Nov 5** - Raintree Village  
Children Home Food Truck.  
A list is in the foyer.

Area Calendar

**Sept 8-11** – Gospel Meet-  
ing at Buford Church of  
Christ, Speaker: Allen  
Webster

**Sept 15-19** – Lithia Springs  
COC Gospel Meeting,  
Speaker: Robby Eversole

**Sept 20-21** – Hartley Bridge  
Rd Church of Christ Lec-  
tures

**Sept 21** – Cumming Church of  
Christ Ladies' Day, "Such A  
Time As This", Speaker: Jane  
Washington, Henderson, TN

**Oct 4-6** – Central church of  
Christ, Covington Annual Fall  
Lectureship

**Oct 5** – 1st Annual Brother-  
hood—Wide Door Knocking  
Day  
**Oct 16—20** – 49th Annual  
Atlanta World Mission Forum  
at Forest Park Church of  
Christ, "Preaching Good Tid-  
ings"  
**Oct 19th** – Shannon Church  
of Christ Yard Give-Away.  
Fayetteville would like to  
help with any items that oth-  
ers could use. Needed:  
household items, furniture,  
clean adult & children's  
clothing and more. Bring  
items to the building and we  
will have it delivered to  
Shannon COC.