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Call To Worship	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge
Scripture Reading	Zane Poskevich	Jake Garner	Zane Poskevich	Jake Garner
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Rory Bell, Sr.
Prayer	Robert Johnson	Jack Sorrell	Rick Sharpe	Tommy Chapman
Preside Lord's Supper	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	Jim Garner	Tom Durden
Server	Jim O'Brien	David Hopkins	Jim O'Brien	David Hopkins
Server	Keith Killingsworth	Greg Curtis	Keith Killingsworth	Greg Curtis
Server	Andrew Dalman	Gayle Pelfrey	Andrew Dalman	Gayle Pelfrey
Server	Garrett Dalman	Larry Rose	Garrett Dalman	Larry Rose
Server	Anthony Ravenell	Tim Tittle	Anthony Ravenell	Tim Tittle
Server	Troy Cook	Austin Tittle	Troy Cook	Austin Tittle
Server	Tony Burdette	Dusty Heaton	Tony Burdette	Dusty Heaton
Server	Ben Rogers	Ethan Boelsterli	Ben Rogers	Ethan Boelsterli
Usher	Steven Burdette	Cliff Nash	Steven Burdette	Cliff Nash
Sermon	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Shepherd's Prayer	Greg Nash	Jim Garner	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey
Evening Worship				
Announcements	Dave Rogers	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	
Prayer	John Mullis	Andy Johnson	Steve Hopkins	Progressive
Sermon	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Meeting
Lord's Supper	Jim O'Brien	David Hopkins	Anthony Ravenell	
Lord's Supper	Keith Killingsworth	Greg Curtis	Troy Cook	
Prayer	Dale Findley	Michael Boelsterli	Ray Russell	

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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
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Heart of the Matter
Fund Raising
Campaign
We will set aside
Sunday,
February 16th
to collect funds to
help Camp Inagehi

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way with Phil Sanders
WUPA TV 69, Sunday at 7:30am
Feb 2—The Lord's Resurrection
Feb 9—The Reliability of the New Testament
Feb 16—Love One Another
Feb 23—Out of Darkness

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Some Basic Facts from ... Numbers

by Dave Rogers

“Numbers” is named from the two times Moses was told to count all Israelite men who could serve as soldiers (at the beginning and near the end of the book). *The first count numbered 603,550 men from eleven tribes*; the Levites were not included because of their role as the priestly tribe (Numbers 1:46-49). *The second count records 601,730 potential soldiers*. The number went down because Israel was defeated in battle at Hormah (14:45), the earth swallowed up Korah, Dathan and Abiram and their families (16:31-33) and fire from the Lord consumed 250 more men who followed their rebellion (16:35). (This also caused 14,700 *more* men to die by a plague from the Lord when they blamed Moses for the deaths of the rebels, 16:49). In Numbers 21:6 the Lord sent “fiery serpents” among the people because of their complaining, and many more were killed by them; 24,000 men died in chapter 25:9 because they had “played the harlot” with Moabite women, apparently indulging in idolatry with them. The total number was also smaller due to attrition from natural causes (Miriam died at Kadesh, in Numbers 20:1 and Aaron died at Mt. Hor in Numbers 20:23-29).

The **real** significance of these numbers is that *they show the actual size of the nation* shortly after Egyptian captivity: When Jacob’s family went into Egypt, there were only seventy people (Genesis 46:27). When they came out 430 years later, they had more than half a **million** fighting men! This puts the total number who left Egyptian slavery between 2.5 million people (“conservative” estimate) and 6-10 million people (probably a more realistic number, based on the average size of families at the time). *When we consider that God provided for millions of people and their livestock every day for forty years’ worth of “wandering,” the magnitude of His miracles and blessings for them should stagger our imaginations!*

Numbers also tells a lot about the character of the people Moses led. It shows the “order of encampment” and the “order of march” for this enormous undertaking (chapters 2 & 10); the responsibilities of priests and Levites (chapter 3); and an explanation of why they were separated from the other tribes of Israel (they were the

“redemption price” for the firstborn of the nation which belonged to God, Numbers 3:40-51). Chapters 5-6 give details of various laws and penalties, along with tests for jealousy and adultery, and the law of the Nazirite. In Numbers 11, Moses was commanded to gather seventy elders of the nation to assist in managing day-to-day affairs (this is the origin of the “Sanhedrin” or council of seventy who later functioned as advisors to the king, and as an impromptu parliament in the days of Jesus, Mark 14-15).

Chapter 13 tells of the twelve “spies” were sent to survey the promised land; ten were faithless and discouraged the whole nation, but Caleb and Joshua argued for faith in God (13:30 and 14:6-10). Because the people believed the ten faithless men, and complained against Moses and God, the Lord *offered* to wipe them out and fulfill His promise through Moses’ descendants (14:11-12), but that meek man (12:3) pleaded with Him to pardon them. Because of their faithlessness, God decreed that they “wander” in the wilderness until that whole generation (except Caleb and Joshua) died, so their children could enter the land without their evil influence, Numbers 14:20-35.

Numbers 16 shows the effect of religious “liberalism” when Korah, Dathan and Abiram, along with 250 other “princes” of Israel challenged Moses’ authority to lead God’s people. Their objection (16:3 — “You’ve made yourself ‘boss’ over us; we think every person ought to have a vote”) is the root of many problems in the religious world today. They failed to see (as do many today) that God’s kingdom has never been a democracy! We have **no** “say so” in what He has authorized or forbidden! His will is not subject to ratification by our “votes!”

Chapter 20 contains an extremely important lesson, in the sin and punishment of **Moses**. At Rephidim in Exodus 17:1-8, God told Him to *strike* a rock with his rod, in order to provide water for the people and their animals; in a similar situation here at Meribah, the Lord merely told Moses to **speak** to a certain rock (in the sight of all the people, verse 8) in order to supply them with water. Moses not only *spoke*, but also *struck* the rock with his **(continues on p. 2)**

FULL FORGIVENESS

Garrett McGilvray

Near the end of his life, David the great King of Israel wrote about his righteous manner of living before God: "I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God. For all his judgments were before me; and as for his statutes, I did not depart from them. I was also blameless before him, and I kept myself from my iniquity. Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his eyes." (2 Sam. 22:22-25). We learn from David's words a lesson of the blessings God grants those who live blameless before him. Yet, was David truly blameless? Did he in fact never depart from God's statutes as he claimed?

Probably more than anything else, David is famous for his connection with two other names from the Sacred Pages: Goliath and Bathsheba. In connection with the former during his younger days, David is held up as a model of courageous faithfulness and reliance on God. The infamous incident with Bathsheba (recorded in 2 Sam. 11), however, darkly marks his character with grievous sin. God had said, "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife" (Exo. 20:17), but when David saw the wife of Uriah the Hittite bathing from a nearby roof, covetousness for her burned within him. God had said, "You shall not commit adultery" (Exo. 20:14), yet David had Bathsheba brought to him for the very purpose. God had said, "You shall not murder" (Exo. 20:13), yet when David discovered that his paramour was pregnant with his child, and he was unable to make it appear to be Uriah's child, he maliciously had Uriah killed. Uriah was not just a random stranger who happened to be at the "wrong place in the wrong time." 2 Kings 23:39 lists Uriah the Hittite as one of David's "Mighty Men," a special group of David's most loyal soldiers. In one tangled mess, David violated Commandments 6, 7, and 10, and he betrayed his faithful friend in cold blood.

With such extreme wickedness charged to his name, how could he dare make the claim, "I was also blameless before him, and I kept myself from iniquity"? With this background in mind, David's words in 2 Sam. 22 quickly change from a lesson in righteous living to a lesson about God's amazing forgiveness. When David was confronted by a prophet of God concerning his sin, he was convicted by his own guilt. His heart full of godly sorrow (cf. 2 Cor. 7:9), David wrote Psalm 51: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin....Purge me with hyssop, and I

shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." (vv. 1-2, 7).

Was David right? Would his heart be made clean, whiter than snow? Only a few centuries later, it was God himself who said to David's kingdom, "'Come now, and let us reason together,' says the Lord, 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool'" (Isa. 1:18). Can a pristine white page, once spilt with bright red ink, ever be restored to its former spotless state? Not by any eraser I know. Yet God offers to change the sin-stained soul of a repentant sinner to a purity as bright as freshly fallen snow.

If it is surprising to us that David could claim to be blameless, perhaps it is even more surprising that God agreed! God later said to Jeroboam: "If you heed all that I command you, walk in my ways, and do what is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, **as my servant David did**, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house..." (1 Kings 11:38).

Forgiveness as fine as that is offered to us all, for "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). It is no wonder Christians lift up their voices and sing, "Full atonement!" Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Basic Facts from ... Numbers

his staff (20:10-11), and God immediately said (vs. 12) that Moses did not believe Him. This is why neither Moses nor Aaron were allowed to enter the promised land (cf. Deuteronomy 3:23-36 & 4:21).

After the second census (chapter 26), Joshua was named to succeed Moses (27:18). Chapters 28-29 give details of different laws and offerings, and chapter 30 has very specific instructions about making and keeping vows. Chapter 31 records God's justice against the Midianites, and in chapter 32 the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and part of Manasseh ask for and receive permission to take land across the Jordan River from the promised land as their inheritance. Numbers 33-35:15 gives instructions for how to divide the land of promise after Israel conquered it, and instructions for forty-eight cities to be given to the Levites (including six cities of refuge to be scattered throughout the whole land), in lieu of a specific parcel of land. The final part of Numbers deals with laws about murder and regulations about the marriage of heiresses.

Youth Events

(See David Gulledge with any questions)

TEENSing – Will be rescheduled.

Feb 9 – Valentine Banquet after the PM Service, all adults are invited to join our youth for dinner.

Mar 8 – FROG's Kite Day after the AM Services. Hot dogs, chips, drinks & lots of fun.

Mar 20 - 22 – SOAR - Augusta, sign up today

Mar 21 - Camp Inagehi 5 K Trail Run & 1 Mile Fun Run

Apr 4 – FROG's Egg Hunt

Apr 5 – Leaderette Tea, 3-4:30 in the fellowship hall

April 10 - 12 – Lads/Leaderettes Convention Week-end



2019-2020 Bible Bowl Healthy Snack

- 2/2 Catherine Kelly
- 2/9 Linda Howell
- 2/16 Terri Durden
- 3/1 Catherine Kelly
- 3/8 Katherine Hopkins

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.

Family Matters

Deepest Sympathy: To the **Kelly** family — **Theo Maas** (father of **Barry**, Hugh & Connie's son-in-law) passed away last week. Also **Ron Biles** lost his sister, Betty Svehla, last week.

Prayer requests: Tina Russell came forward last Sunday requesting prayers for strength with decisions she and Ray have to make.

Our Sick:

Bart Spears – Is recovering from surgery last week.

Wayne Nash – Is waiting on test results from CT scan on his heart.

Ray Cozart – Is continuing chemo treatments.

RuPearl Sharpe – Is continuing treatments.

Steve Hopkins – Working in Japan for 3 weeks.

Trevel Wood – David Gulledge's grandmother is in ICU in Asheville, NC following an apparent stroke.

Jill Nash – Recovering at home.

Members With Health Issues:

David & Jill Nash, Hugh Kelly, Lewis & Linda Armstrong, Jim Scoma, Margie Fields, Mattie Williams, Dawn Cook, Decieta Lyons, Ray Russell, David Riley, Sally Wallace, Mary Lawrence, Kathleen Garner, Lucille

Amon, Doris Buckner, Joann Crook, Forest & Burma Chapman, Betty Jo Nash, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Jim & Sharon O'Brien

Shut-ins:

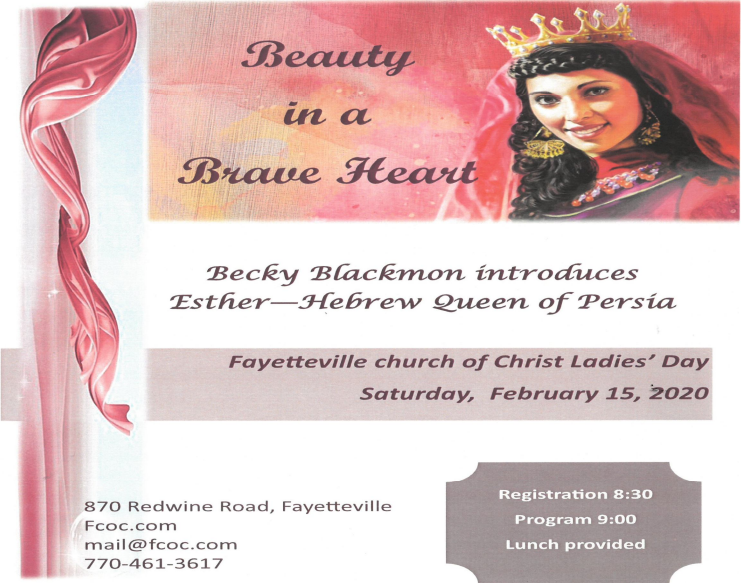
Ken Baxter, Lillie Walker, Bernice Gillespie, Una Fortson, Equillar Butler, Frances Elder, Ruby Fowler and Jane Lankford

Our Missionaries and their families:

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

Others With Health Problems:

Doris Johnson (Wayne & David Nash's sister), Edmund Sauls (Gail Chapman's father), Johnnie Ray, Maggie Mills (preacher's wife at Eatonton, GA), Ed Hall (Charity Nash's father), Carol Chappell (Estell Higginbotham's sister), Wade Foster, Mindy Sims, Alvin Elder (Decieta Lyons' brother), Mia Marques (Chrystine Fields' mother), Eddie Smith, Michael Williams (Steven's brother), Treston Hamilton (former member), Kelly Stoneheart (Etheridge's daughter), Ashley Johnson (Andy/Linda's dau.-in-law), Robert Martin, Phil Shaw (Catherine Kelly's cousin), Ruby June Cotter (Andrew Dalman's 6 month old cousin), Dennis Hall (Charity Nash's uncle), Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry's parents), Richard Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's stepfather), Lyn Launch & Aden Clarke (Jim & Sharon O'Brien family), Zane Carty (3 yrs. old), Mark Etheridge (Dennis' brother), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother), Mary Mackie (Linda Johnson's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), 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!)*



Calendar

Feb 6—10 – Marriage Retreat in the Great Smoky Mountains

Feb 9 – Love Banquet after the PM Service, all adults are invited to join our youth for dinner.

Feb 15 – Ladies' Day at Fayetteville, Speaker: Becky Blackmon. See Luann Rogers if you would like to help.

Feb 16 – Camp Inagehi "Heart of the Matter" Campaign

Feb 23—27 – Progressive Meeting

Mar 21 - Camp Inahehi 5K Trail Run & 1 Miles Fun Run

Mar 14 – Security Seminar, 9-12, Speaker: JD Branch, Deacon and Police Officer in Forest Park. This is for anyone interested in security in their home or at church.

“REVIVE US AGAIN”

2020 Progressive Meeting
February 23 – 27, 2020

Speaker: Bro. Keith Parker
(Hendersonville, TN)

McDonough COC - Sun: 6 PM

Revive Us Again

Atlanta Airport Area COC - Mon: 7 PM

A Revival Story (Prodigal Son)

Middle Fayette - Tue: 10 AM (Bible study)

God's Recipe for Revival

(Lunch will be served)

Fayetteville - Tue: 7 PM **Revival In The Home**

Forest Park COC - Wed 7 PM

Revival Begins With Faith

Shannon COC - Thurs: 7 PM

To thank
By Joyce

Dear Church family,
Thank you for all your cards and prayers during my illness. I am having some health issues, but hope to be back at church soon.
In Christian love, Joann Crook

We appreciate all the kind words, cards, and prayers on our families behalf in the death of my youngest sister. It is comforting to have such a caring church family. We love and cherish you.

Linda and Lewis Armstrong