

	3/29
Call To Worship	David Gulledge
Scripture Reading	Randall Bell
Song Leader	Charles Nash
Prayer	Jim O'Brien
Preside Lord's Supper	David Gulledge
Server	Robert Johnson
Server	John Mullis
Server	Anthony Stinson
Server	Larry Fields
Server	Brad Hopkins
Server	Ron James
Server	Mike Fields
Server	Mike Pritchett
Usher	Andy Johnson
Sermon	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Jim Pelfrey
Shepherd's Prayer	Greg Nash
Evening Worship	
Announcements	Dave Rogers
Song Leader	Charles Nash
Prayer	Jack Sorrell
Sermon	David Gulledge
Lord's Supper	Brad Hopkins
Lord's Supper	Ron James
Prayer	Hugh Kelly

Youth Events

(See David Gulledge with any questions)



May 2 – Meals for Shut-Ins

May 3 – Sunday FunDay hosted by Staci & Killingworth/Tina Russell

May 3 – Teen Sing hosted by Greg & Amy Nash

May 9 – Bremen Youth Day

June 7-12 – Camp Inagehi Week

June 14 – Sunday Funday hosted by John Kirsten Mullis

June 14 – Teen Sing hosted by Dave & Luann Rogers

July 5 – Teen Sing hosted by Charles & Charity Nash

July 12 – Sunday Funday hosted by Sally Wallace

July 12–15 – VBS

Aug 2 – Funday—Water day hosted by Jim & Susan Pelfrey

Aug 2 – Teen Sing hosted by David & Crystin Gulledge

Sept 6 – Teen Sing hosted by Steve & Sandra Hopkins

Sept 13 – 2nd Sunday Funday hosted by Robert & Elizabeth Johnson



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Basic Facts from ... FIRST KINGS

by Dave Rogers

First Kings shows the tragedy of *division* among God's people. The first eleven chapters tell of Solomon, the last king to rule all twelve tribes of Israel; the second half of the book shows how his son Rehoboam's arrogance and ego caused ten of those tribes to secede from his rulership. A key point to see in this event is in 1 Kings 11:38, where God promised to bless *Jeroboam* and establish *his* rulership over the Northern Kingdom *just like* He had promised for David's descendants – IF Jeroboam would remain faithful to Him. Jeroboam, however, established a pattern of **disobedience** to God that continued until the Assyrians destroyed the Northern Kingdom in 721 B.C.

The story of Solomon's rulership in Judah begins in David's waning years, when Adonijah attempts to seize David's throne (ch. 1). Verses 10-11 show that Nathan the prophet exposed what he was doing, warning Bathsheba to tell the king (vv. 12-27). God had promised that Solomon would be David's successor on Israel's throne (1 Chronicles 22:9); the rest of this chapter shows how Solomon did become king, and Adonijah's coup was exposed and defeated. **The important point to remember** is that Solomon was **God's** choice, not David's. When he became king after David's death (ch. 2), Solomon removed Adonijah, Abiathar and Joab from their powerful positions so that they could not interfere with his authority. Joab's execution – in the tabernacle – reminds us that evil is not to be tolerated or excused even in the house of God (Joab apparently thought he would be saved by reaching the altar, like Adonijah in chapter one).

We see Solomon's great **potential** as a wise ruler when he responds to God's offer of "whatever you want" by pleading for wisdom and understanding to rule God's people well (ch. 3). Verse 1 shows that

a future pattern of foolishness was already set, however, by his marriage to *Pharoah's* daughter. Chapters 3-4 shows Solomon's great wisdom and wealth, as he prepares to build the temple (David had not been allowed to build it). The temple truly *was* a "pre-fabricated" building; each stone was cut to size when it was quarried (ch. 6:7), so that the pieces could be assembled on-site. It took just under seven years to complete the building (1 Kings 6:37-38). Solomon's own palace took nearly twice as long to finish (7:1), and was both huge and exquisitely beautiful. His magnificent prayer for the dedication of the temple (ch. 8:22-60) is a model of humility before God; it is also prophetic (noting that God's people *could* be exiled because of sin, vv. 46-50). The sad epitaph of Solomon's life, foretold by chapter 3:1, is recorded in 1 Kings 11 – "King Solomon loved many foreign women," (a violation of God's instructions about who Israelites should marry, Exodus 34:16, cf. 1 Kings 11:2-3).

Chapter eleven also introduces the man who would rule the ten Northern tribes after Solomon's death; **Jeroboam**. He had served Solomon, until he was anointed to be king over the Northern kingdom (vv. 26-40). When **Rehoboam** (Solomon's son) became king, he foolishly alienated his people by increasing their taxes; this cause ten tribes to revolt, under Jeroboam's leadership (this was according to the word of the Lord, vs. 15). The two nations (North and South) nearly came to civil war, but God forbade them to fight, vs. 24. Jeroboam showed his true agenda when he built idols and altars at Dan and Bethel (1 Kings 12:25-33), established his own feasts and priestly orders, and urged his people to avoid worshipping at Jerusalem (cf. verse 28).

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Communion Preparation

April – David & Crystin Gulledge

May - Sondra Humphreys

June - Needed

Nursery

4/12 Sally Wallace

19 Sandy Garner

26 Shonda Humphreys

Care of Building

1-15 Hugh Kelly/Steve Hopkins

16-30 Andy Johnson/

Bobby Johnson

Media Center Helpers

4/12 & 19 Brad Hopkins

4/26 & 5/3 Ben Rogers

Wednesday Evening Devotional

15 Dusty Heaton

22 Dave Rogers

29 Anthony Ravenell

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David Hopkins Anthony Ravenell

Hugh Kelly Rick Sharpe

Andy Johnson Jack Sorrell

Our Mission Works

Graham & Elizabeth McDonald - Scotland

Raintree Village Children's Home

Records You Made – Mar 22

Bible Classes n/a

10 am Worship 62 in person plus 106+ online!

5 pm Worship n/a

Offering \$5,810.00

Wednesday Bible Study n/a

Modified

Worship Schedule:

Sunday

10:00 am Worship Service

Sunday PM Services and

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes

will be conducted online only:

Please go to www.fcoc.com for further details.

TRUTHS AT THE CROSS

by Dan Jenkins

The theme for this year has been “At His Cross.” The emphasis for this month is that each of us finds truth at His cross. As you stand at the foot of His cross, what great truths come into your heart? Sometimes our greatest understanding of truth comes in the midst of great trauma.

At His cross, I learn the truth about myself. There were so many who were impacted by His death and each had his own reason for being there. I wonder if I would have stood beside those who mocked Him? Would I be among those who walked by and kept going with little interest in what was happening? Would I have stood beside His mother and sought to comfort her, or would I have not been there at all like those disciples who fled from the garden? The answer to these questions might be discovered by seeing what emotions I have during the meditation I do when I commune with Him around the His table.

At His cross, I learn the sinfulness of mankind. Think of all the evil that filled the hearts of those evil men whose agenda brought about His death. Three times Pilate asked these men, “What evil has He done?” (Luke 23:22). There is no answer to this question, for He never did even one thing wrong. The Jews could not find any evidence as to why He should die until two false witnesses lied about what He had said about the temple. Why was the mob so enraged? Why were the words spoken to Him and about Him so filled with such blasphemy? Evil is a reality in our world and it has never been seen more clearly than at the foot of the cross.

At His cross, I learn the truth about my inability to save myself. My own “goodness” could not take away the guilt of only one sin. The only hope I have of heaven is that hanging

on that cross was the One whose sinless life could redeem me. My sinfulness means I owed a debt, and on that cross was One who paid my debt. There was nothing I could do to remove sin and God sent His son to pay my debt. I feel my sinfulness and helplessness at the cross.

At His cross, I learn about God’s providential love which surrounds me now. Jesus died for me, a mortal worthy of the torment of hell because of my rebellion. Now if God did that much for me when I was His enemy, how much more will He do for me now that I am His child? Mediate on these words, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us...For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life” (Rom. 5:8-10). He loved me then and He loves me much more now!

(First Kings, from P. 1)

A prophecy from the days of Joshua (Josh. 6:26) is fulfilled in chapter 16, when Hiel of Bethel rebuilt that ancient city; verse 34 says it cost him the lives of his oldest and youngest sons. Chapter 18:17-18 contrasts the attitudes of the righteous and the unrighteous; king Ahab called Elijah a “troublemaker” because he didn’t flatter the king, but Elijah said **Ahab** was the *real* cause of Israel’s trouble, because he worshipped idols and disobeyed the Lord’s commandments. Ahab’s life with Jezebel (chs. 18-22) shows that Elijah was right about the source of trouble in Israel! Queen Jezebel’s reaction to the humiliation and death of her false prophets on Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 19:2) reminds us that *intense trial often follows close behind great spiritual triumphs*, while God’s words to Elijah (verses 9-18) emphasize that His faithful servants are never truly alone while they walk with Him.

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

Our Sick:

Linda Howell – Is recovering from bronchitis.
Judy Beckwith – Is home, sick.
Joanne Crook – Is having shoulder problems and may have surgery soon.
Allene Scoma – Is recovering at home from a broken kneecap.
Suzann Davidson – Dusty Heaton’s mother is in ICU in Jacksonville, FL with a very bad inflection.
Lillie Walker – (Rosa Bell’s mother) is struggling with pain and ill health right now.
Lisa – Friend of Cathy Harris, has breast cancer and has tested positive for Covid19.

Members With Health Issues:

Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Lewis & Linda Armstrong, Lucille Amon, Jim Scoma, Ray Cozart, RuPearl Sharpe, Hugh Kelly, Larry & Margie Fields, Harry & Mattie Williams, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Ray & Tina Russell, David & Sue Riley, Sally Wallace, Mary Lawrence, Kathleen Garner, Lucille Amon, Doris Buckner, Joann Crook, Forest & Burma Chapman, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Jim & Sharon O’Brien

Shut-ins:

Joe Clark, David Nash, 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:

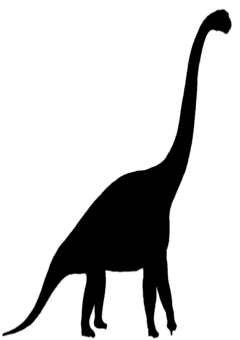
Whitnee Ricigliano (Lyon’s friend), Linda Hall (Charity Nash’s mother), Doris Johnson (Wayne & David Nash’s sister), Johnnie Ray, Maggie Mills (preacher’s wife at Eatonton, GA), Carol Chappell (Estell Higginbotham’s sister), Mindy Sims, Alvin Elder (Decieta Lyons’ brother), Mia Marques (Chrystine Fields’ 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), 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), 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



**April 13 – Monday,
3-7pm - Red Cross
Blood Drive. Your
help is needed.**



**May – “Fossilized”
Finger Food &
Movie Fellowship!
– “Is Genesis His-
tory?” – contact
Stan & Brenda
Mitchell for details.**

Area

Events:

May 9

Ladies’ Day at
Douglasville
Church of Christ,
“Gardening Christian
Virtues”
Speaker:
Linda Bradshaw