

	6/7	6/14	6/21	6/28
Call To Worship	Greg Nash	Tom Durden	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge
Scripture Reading	Jake Garner	Ethan Boelsterli	Jake Garner	Ethan Boelsterli
Song Leader	Jimmy Garner	Coney Johnson	Stan Mitchell	Charles Nash
Prayer	Hugh Kelly	Larry Rose	Rick Sharpe	Curtis Hurt
Preside Lord's Supper	Reggie Graham	Robert Johnson	Ray Russell	Brad Hopkins
Usher	Cliff Nash	Anthony Ravenell	Cliff Nash	Anthony Ravenell
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Garner	Greg Nash	Jim Pelfrey	Tom Durden
Evening Worship				
Announcements	Greg Nash	Tom Durden	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge
Song Leader	Jimmy Garner	Coney Johnson	Stan Mitchell	Charles Nash
Prayer	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	Jim Garner
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers
Lord's Supper	Reggie Graham	Robert Johnson	Ray Russell	Brad Hopkins
Prayer	Gayle Pelfrey	Cliff Nash	Michael Boelsterli	Dennis Graham

Worship Assignment Coordinator for June: Steve Hopkins

Communion Preparation

June - Individual Sets
July - Shelby & Kyndal Garner

Nursery
(closed for now)

Care of Building

June 1-15 Eric Hagin/Anthony Stinson
16-30 Jack Sorrell/Jimmy Garner

Media Center Helpers

31 & 6/7 Ben Rogers
14 & 21 Reggie Graham
28 & 7/5 Brad Hopkins
7/19 & 26 Zeke Poskevich

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Devotional
Online

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The Fountain of Life
With Larry Acuff
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Assembly Schedule: Sunday	Worship Schedule:
9:00 am Bible Classes (postponed) 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Worship Service	Wednesday Evening Bible Classes are being conducted online only: Please go to www.fcoc.com for further details.

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

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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	Rick Sharpe
Andy Johnson	Jack Sorrell

Our Mission Works
Graham & Elizabeth McDonald - Scotland
Raintree Village Children's Home

Records You Made – May 24	
Bible Classes	n/a
10 am Worship	78 & online
5 pm Worship	29 & online
Offering	6,116.00
Wednesday Bible Study	online

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Basic Facts from ... PSALMS (Part 1)

by Dave Rogers

The longest of all the books in the bible, the theme of the 150 poems/songs which make up the book of Psalms is stated in the first two verses of the collection:

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”

The Psalms are inspired meditations on worship, praise and prayer; they proclaim the goodness of the Lord and His majesty, justice, and love. The Hebrew title of the book means “praises,” and our English title of “Psalms” comes from the Septuagint (Greek) translation of that word. Psalms is sometimes called “the Psalter,” and some of the Psalms take the form of prayers to God. The **longest** of the Psalms is the 119th, with 176 verses divided into 22 stanzas of eight verses each; each stanza is based on a letter of the Hebrew alphabet (which served as an aid to memorizing the whole Psalm!), and each stanza emphasizes praise, honor and respect for God and His word. The **shortest** of the Psalms is the 117th, at only two verses, and it also declares the greatness of God and urges all people to praise Him.

Often described as “Israel’s hymnal” or the “songbook of the old testament,” ***Psalms*** also has the distinction of being the most-quoted old testament book in the new testament. There are five basic divisions to the Psalms (chapters 1-11; 12-72; 73-89; 90-106; and 107-150), each of which

ends with a concluding “doxology” or ascription of praise to God (***“Praise ye the Lord”***). There are some 21 “beatitudes” sprinkled among the Psalms, which begin with a blessing for those who avoid the ways of evil and delight in God’s way (Psalm 1:1-2). About **half** of all the Psalms are credited to king David (73-75, depending on how they are counted), twelve were penned by Asaph, eleven by the “sons of Korah,” two by Solomon, and one each by Moses, Heman and Ethan. This leaves about fifty “anonymous” Psalms, but as we understand that ALL of these songs of praise are inspired of the Holy Spirit, the names of the human penmen are merely matters of curiosity and interest. Most of the Psalms (116 of them) have titles in the original Hebrew, which describe either the musical setting, the historical context, the writer, or some combination of these details. (These are not actually parts of the Psalms themselves.)

Another simple way to divide the Psalms for reading or study is to group them as **“personal”** Psalms (chapters 1-41), **“national”** Psalms (chapters 42-89), and **“liturgical”** (worship) Psalms (chapters 90-150). There are seven explicitly messianic Psalms (Psalm 2, 16, 22, 69, 72, 110, 118), and 72 Psalms that could also be described as prayers. Most of the psalms are meant to lift us up, and express in beautiful terms the character of God and the blessings of godly character. In the next article, we will look at a number of valuable lessons we can draw from the Psalms.

PSALM 127: Children Are Like A Quiver Full Of Arrows

by Wes McAdams

Over the next few weeks, I want to do a series of posts in which we “re-examine” some familiar verses of the Bible. Today we will consider Psalm 127:3-5, “Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!” Christian parenting experts love to quote this passage, but often miss the real meaning of the passage.

HOW THE PASSAGE IS OFTEN READ

I’ve heard multiple parenting experts stretch and stretch the metaphor of children being like “arrows in the hand of a warrior.” They suppose this means children, like arrows, were created to be launched out into the world. They believe this passage implies that children are not supposed to stay connected to their parents, but rather are supposed to be shot out into the world like an arrow shot from a bow. Never considering for a moment that this metaphor might point to a different truth, parenting experts spend pages and pages saying it is a biblical mandate to take careful aim and launch children out on their own.

THE CULTURE

In our culture, we believe young people should move away from home and “discover” themselves. We think they need a clean break from mom and dad. We don’t think parents should arrange their children’s marriages or continue to influence them when they become adults. But the way communities, economies, and families worked in ancient Israel and the way they work today are very different.

Consider the biblical families with which you are familiar. Sons would become hardworking adult men, take wives, and have children, but they typically did not move away from their father’s property or influence. They stayed to help and support the family. Whether in the days of the patriarchs or the days of the kings, families typically stuck together.

In fact, much of the Law *required* families to remain in close proximity. The land in Israel was parceled out to tribes and families. If a family member fell on hard times and had to sell his property, close relatives needed to be close by to redeem the land for their kinsman. If a brother died without leaving a child, the brother would marry the widow so that the brother’s heritage would not be cut off.

Much of the world still operates in a similar fashion. Can you imagine how ridiculous it would be to tell

a poor villager in some other part of the world that he is *supposed* to send his children away once they reach adulthood? Can you imagine telling him, children shouldn’t be expected to stay and help the family, but should be encouraged to go and find their own independent path? While our modern American way of thinking may not be sinful, it is definitely shaped more by culture than Scripture.

THE CONTEXT

These two psalms are songs of ascent; songs the Jews probably sang on their annual trips *up* to Jerusalem. These two psalms remind people that God provides for those who fear Him. They call people to **put their trust in the Lord, rather than trusting in the work of their own hands**. You might sum up the psalms this way: It doesn’t matter how hard you work, if you don’t fear the Lord, all your labor will be in vain; but those who fear the Lord will be made prosperous and secure.

THE PASSAGE

Although the Hebrew word, “ben” in this passage certainly can mean “children,” it literally means, “sons.” That is probably more accurate in this case.

The psalmist says a man’s “sons” are given to him by the Lord, and they are like arrows in his hand or in his quiver. He concludes the metaphor by telling us **why sons are like arrows**. A father with many sons, “shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate” (Psalm 127:5).

In that day and age, **sons meant security**. When you faced your enemies in the gate, whether in a legal or a military dispute, many sons ensured that you would not be “put to shame.” Having many sons would be like a warrior having many arrows for his protection and defense.

But again, the emphasis is not on the fact that security and safety come from sons in and of themselves. Safety and security come from the Lord, since sons, “are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward” (Psalm 127:3).

THE APPLICATION

This doesn’t necessarily mean children have to stay in their hometown or not go off and live their own lives. Although, if an adult child gets too disconnected from their parents, and does not provide for their parents’ welfare, they have “denied the faith” and are “worse than an unbeliever” (1 Timothy 5:8). We don’t have to pretend we still live in ancient Israel, but we must make sure we don’t fail to honor our parents because of our American customs and traditions (Matthew 15:1-9).

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 – click on “live broadcast.”

Family Matters

Our Sick:

Jill Nash – Is in Piedmont/Atlanta Hospital after open heart surgery last week.
Ray Cozart – Waiting on results from a bone marrow test.
Barbara Cozart – Will have cataract surgery June 9th.
Jim O’Brien – Will have gallbladder surgery next month.
Kathleen Garner – Has been moved to Christian City Rehab during her hip recovery.
Luann Rogers – Is home recovering from hip replacement.
Lewis Armstrong – Is scheduled to return Atlanta next week for his heart procedure.
Wayne Nash – Continues to recover from a broken collarbone.

Members With Health Issues:

Linda Howell, Jim & Allene Scoma, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Lewis & Linda Armstrong, Lucille Amon, 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, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Jim & Sharon O’Brien

Shut-ins:

Joanne Crook, Joe Clark, David & Jill 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:

Linda Hall (Charity Nash’s mother), Lisa (Cathy Harris’ friend), Whitnee 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), Eddie Smith, Michael Williams (Steven’s brother), Treston Hamilton (former member), Kelly Stoneheart (Etheridge’s daughter), 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!)

New Address Update

Cliff & Tara Nash
15 Austin Woods Drive
Senoia, GA 30276



The 33rd Annual Mother’s Day Special Collection for 2020 has been **extended**. Your help is needed. You can give online, or give a donation to Tom Durden and we will mail it.

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POLISHING THE PULPIT

August 12-20, 2020 — Sevierville Convention Center, Sevierville, TN

“Stir up the gift of God which is in you” - 2 Timothy 1:16

The Power of an Idea

Polishing the Pulpit began with three friends getting together to brainstorm sermon ideas. We soon invited other friends, and someone said, “This is great! We should tell others.”

We did and invited a speaker to discuss sermon preparation and give sample sermons. Interest increased; more speakers were invited. We moved to a hotel conference area. We dreamed big. “Let’s invite the best speakers in the brotherhood and see who we can get.” They came. Wives wanted in, so we added women’s classes. While these great speakers were assembled in one place, we decided to offer classes for elders. They loved it. People began coming from all over the country.

Youth workers and deacons became interested. We added tracks for them. PTP moved to a larger event center in the Smoky Mountains. Attendance approached 1,000. Christians from other nations began coming.

“Why don’t you have classes for regular members?” we were asked. So we added the Spiritual Renewal Weekend, as well as tracks for members, teens, and children. Attendance passed 5,000.