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Call To Worship	Jonah Dawes
Scripture Reading	Peyton Nash
Song Leader	Charles Nash
Prayer	Brad Hopkins
Preside Lord's Supper	Jimmy Garner
Usher	Larry Rose
Sermon	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Jim Garner
Shepherd's Prayer	Tom Durden
Evening Worship	
Announcements	Jonah Dawes
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Jim Garner
Sermon	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Jimmy Garner
Prayer	Ron James

WATCH!
The Fountain of Life
With Larry Acuff
 Saturdays at 7 am
 on channel 57

Worship Assignment Coordinator for September: Paul Lyons

<p><u>Communion Preparation</u> Individual Sets on the table in the foyer</p> <p><u>Nursery</u> (closed for now)</p> <p><u>Care of Building</u> 16-30 David Hopkins/Anthony Stinson 1-15 16-31</p> <p><u>Media Center</u> Dennis Graham, Eric Hagin, Steve Esler & Brad Hopkins</p>	<p><u>Ministers:</u> Dave Rogers 361-649-6638 dave.rogers@fcoc.com</p> <p>Youth and Family Minister Jonah Dawes 205 514-1489 jonah.dawes@fcoc.com</p> <p><u>Office Administrator:</u> Susie Graham celiagramham@bellsouth.net Office Hours Mon, Tues & Thurs 10am-3pm 870 Redwine Road Fayetteville, Georgia 30215 770 461-3617 770-461-8231 (fax) Email: mail@fcoc.com</p> <p>Web Page: http://www.fcoc.com www.Facebook.com/Fayettevillecoc</p> <p>Georgia School of Preaching- South Metro Campus http://gsoponline.org/ gsop-fayetteville-campus Rick Sharpe, Campus Director</p>
<p><u>Wednesday Evening</u> <u>Devotionals</u> <u>Sept</u> 29 David Decker <u>Oct</u> 7 Eric Hagin 14 David Riley 21 Tom Durden</p>	
<p>Our Mission Works Graham & Elizabeth McDonald - Scotland Raintree Village Children's Home</p>	

<p>Assembly Schedule: <u>Sunday</u> 9:00 am Bible Classes 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Worship Service</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</u> Resumes <i>September 7, 2021</i></p> <p><u>Wednesday Evening</u> Bible Classes at 7pm</p>
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**Greater Atlanta's 50th
 World Mission Forum**
October 21-24, 2021
Hosted By:
Forest Park Church of Christ

**Theme: " To Every Nation in
 Every Generation"**

**In SEARCH of the Lord's
 Way**
With Phil Sanders
 Sunday at 7:30am,
 Stations 69 or 45

The Gospel of Christ
 Red Hill church of Christ
 (McMinnville, TN) with Ben
 Bailey
 Sunday at 6:30 am on Station
 69 or Comcast Station 45

<u>Elders</u>	
Tom Durden	(770) 652-7389
Jim Garner	(770) 461-3197
Greg Nash	(404) 455-1546
Jim Pelfrey	(770) 629-2061

<u>Deacons</u>	
Dennis Graham	Stan Mitchell
Eric Hagin	David Poskevich
David Hopkins	Anthony Ravenell
Hugh Kelly	Rick Sharpe
Andy Johnson	Jack Sorrell

Records You Made – Sept 19	
Bible Classes	50
10 am Worship	93-36 Units Online
5 pm Worship	51-12 Online
Offering	\$8,752.56
Wednesday Bible Study	49

	
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Basic Facts from ... Romans (Part)

by Dave Rogers

In Romans 14, Paul speaks to the matter of an “ongoing” instruction – not a “one-time” obligation. “judgement” as it relates to the way Christians view one another and evaluate one another's motives. Those engaged in sin often try to rationalize their misbehavior by asserting, “I'm not hurting anybody but myself, so butt out and quit judging me!” Paul points out in vs. 7, however, that *“None of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.”* In other words, the claim that a sin affects “only” the sinner is false, because the consequences of our actions are never limited to only ourselves. The “ripples” of sin invariably spread beyond the sinner no matter how he may try to prevent it. **There is simply no way to isolate the effects of our sins so that no one else is impacted by them.** The apostle Peter makes the point Christians – those who have the “mind of Christ” within us – are people who have deliberately chosen to stop sinning and live according to God's instructions instead of our own whims and fleshly lusts (1 Peter 4:1-2). In Romans 14:8, Paul goes on to make the point that **Christians** belong to the Lord, not to ourselves – we have thus made a commitment in both life and death to live as **He** has directed us.

Paul next points out the **certainty** of ultimate judgement in Romans 14:10 and 12. Exactly as he had written to the Corinthian Christians (2 Corinthians 5:10), he also here stresses the universality of God's judgement. Because we are God's creation, we have no way to “exempt” ourselves from His judgement or “opt out” of answering **to Him** for how we have lived in this world! Jesus had previously declared that when *“the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels... he shall reward every man according to his works”* (Matthew 16:27). Paul's point in the context of Romans 14 is that **Christians** ought to exercise caution in “judging” one another (vs. 13) because each of us will be judged by the Lord! This realization ought to make us very careful to avoid being the cause of another's sin.

Romans 15:1 presents a short, sharp lesson on the responsibility each Christian bears toward brethren. We are to **help** – to “join hands with” those who are spiritually weak in order to help them be strong. This is also

Jesus addressed the same basic situation (although from a different perspective) when Peter asked Him how many times he should forgive a brother who had sinned against him (Matthew 18:21-22). Our Lord's point there rested on the ultimate objective of reclaiming a sinner, just as Paul's instruction here basically says, “provide a spiritual lifeline” to a weak brother or sister, to help them avoid falling in sin.

In Romans 15:4 we find the **new** testament's most concise statement on the value of studying the **old** testament: Paul emphasizes that we can learn and grow in hope by reading and considering the lessons found there. Many Christians make a serious mistake by giving very little attention to the old testament, but without a thorough understanding of the old testament, we handicap ourselves in grasping the lessons of the new testament! Those lessons are rooted in the history of God's dealings with humanity!

Paul concludes his letter to the Roman saints with a sober warning about those who *“cause divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which ye learned...”* (Romans 16:17-18). His instruction – **which is explicitly voiced as a commandment** – tells faithful Christians to “avoid” (*turn away from, to detour around*) them. Paul is **not** speaking of avoiding brethren who are sincerely ignorant, or those who have been innocently deceived. He is referring specifically to those who deliberately try to push their own agenda (vs. 18) by trying to gather followers **to themselves** instead of for Jesus. In 2 Thessalonians 3:15, he speaks of attempting to “warn” such folks (they *are* brethren), and he says that they should not be viewed as “enemies.” When a Christian concentrates on splitting the church rather than submitting to the Lord's will, however, faithful Christians have no choice but to “mark” (literally, *“to observe,”* in order to point out) that person so that others can avoid being led away from the Lord by him. Many people find this instruction “distasteful” (Paul clearly did too, Acts 20:29-32), but it is critically important for the spiritual health and well-being of the church – therefore **it must not be ignored.**

Calendar

September 26 - 29 — Gospel Meeting at Shannon Church of Christ, "PRESSING ON"

Speaker: Robert Martin

October 1st, 6pm — Family Game Night

October 14 — Life Line Screening (Take a step toward staying Healthy & Active) in the fellowship hall. Sign up on line. Information is in the foyer.



Bridal Shower for Paige Sullivan

October 10th, 2021, 3-4:30pm

in the Fellowship Hall

Austin & Paige are registered at:
zola.com/registry/austinandpaige21



2021—2022 Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes

**Church family, we need your HELP
to encourage our Bible Bowl Kids.**

**The Bible Bowl binders are in the church
office. Come by and get your and begin
studying. Sunday afternoon Bible Study
will start as soon as our Bible classes start
back.**



GSOP

1 & 2 Samuel

September 30th at 6pm (on Zoom)

Register online:

<http://gsoponline.org/gsop-fayetteville-campus>

Instructor: Steve Vice

Youth Calendar October

6 — Mid Week Eat

9 — Service Saturday

17 — Teen Sing

20 — Singing Class

29 — Haunted House

30 — Halloween Party

31 — Halloween

November

3— Mid Week Eat

13—Service Saturday

17— Singing Class

21—Teen Sing

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

Sympathy:

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Michael, Melanie, Morgan, Ethan Boelsterli & Robert Howell for the loss of Sister Linda Howell last week. Keep this family in your prayers.

Our Sick:

Kathleen Garner — Is in hospice in Griffin after suffering a stroke last week. Keep the Garner family in your prayers during this time.

Evelyn King — (93 year-old aunt of Annette Butler) has Covid; her daughter, Eyvonne, is legally blind and unable help to care for her. Annette requests our prayers for the family.

Vern Gamble — (East Point member) Is in hospice in Griffin; his wife Arlene requests our prayers.

Una Fortson — Is asking for prayers for health issues.

Linda Armstrong — Is recovering at home.

Joan Poskevich — Is recovering at home after knee surgery.

Jim O'Brien — Will have cataract surgery in October.

Doris Ramsey — Is at her daughter's home recovering from Covid & an infection. Cards can be sent C/O Priscilla Shepard, 462 Pollard Rd, Temple, GA 30179.

Carol Waits — Martha Vickery's daughter and Connie Kelly's sister was diagnosed with leukemia and is in ICU step-down at Piedmont Atlanta.

Continue Prayers for families of:

Forest & Burma Chapman — Forest is continuing under hospice care.

Members With Health Issues:

Lewis Armstrong, Doris Buckner, Margie Fields, Preston Morgan, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Mary Lawrence, Ray & Tina Russell, Tom Belk, Dale & Susan Findley,

Paul & Decieta Lyons, Jim & Sharon O'Brien, Rick & RuPearl Sharpe, Harry & Mattie Williams, David & Sue Riley, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge

Shut-ins:

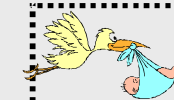
David Nash, Joanne Crook, Alyce Hubbert and Ruby Fowler

Our Missionaries and their families:

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

Others With Health Problems:

Zena Flemon (Una Fortson's friend), Kyle Boyle (O'Brien's friend), Jeffrey Jakes (Margie Field's neighbor), Zack Self, Kelly Pettus (member at Douglasville COC), Jackie & Brian Couch (Ginny's husband & son), Janet McCulloch, Mary Sanford, Richard & Dixie Harp, Maude Hornsby (Sharon O'Brien's cousin), Debbie Decker, Cheryl Richards (Tara COC), Stan Ward, Bob & Nancy Neff (Amy Nash's parents), Marvin Cook (Coney Johnson's uncle), Joyce Greene, Kathy Gullede, Evelyn Walker (Mattie Williams' sis-in-law), Sherry Etheridge & Kelly Stoneheart (Etheridge's daughters), Maggie Mills (preacher's wife at Eatonton), Alvin Elder (Decieta Lyons' bro.), Ruby June Cotter (Andrew Dalman's cousin), Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry's parents), Richard & Cathy Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's stepfather & mother), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Lil Cauthen (Poskevich family) and Joe & Judy Hand (Scoma family).



Congratulations

To the parents Josh & Alycia Hart, grandparents Dale & Susan Findley, on the arrival of Dallas James Hart September 16th. Dallas weigh 7lb 7oz and was 20 inches long.