

	10/17	10/24	10/31
Call To Worship	Jonah Dawes	Dave Rogers	Jonah Dawes
Scripture Reading	Emmett Libby	Steve Hopkins	Emmett Libby
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Charles Nash	Brad Hopkins
Prayer	Clay Posey	Mack Ezell	Ron James
Preside Lord's Supper	Jim Garner	Greg Nash	Jim Pelfrey
Usher	Andy Johnson	Bobby Johnson	Andy Johnson
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Jonah Dawes	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Tom Durden	Greg Nash
<b>Evening Worship</b>			
Announcements	Jonah Dawes	Dave Rogers	Jonah Dawes
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Stan Mitchell	Brad Hopkins
Prayer	Ray Russell	Larry Rose	Rick Sharpe
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Song Service	Dave Rogers
Lord's Supper	Jim Garner	Greg Nash	Jim Pelfrey
Prayer	Ethan Boelsterli	Dennis Graham	Keith Killingsworth

Worship Assignment Coordinator for October: Brad Hopkins

<p><b><u>Communion Preparation</u></b> Individual Sets on the table in the foyer</p> <p><b><u>Nursery</u></b> <b>(closed for now)</b> <b><u>Care of Building</u></b> 16-31 Jack Sorrell/Charles Nash Nov 1-15 Dennis Graham/Jonah Dawes 16-30 Stan Mitchell/Dave Rogers</p> <p><b><u>Media Center</u></b> Dennis Graham, Eric Hagin, Steve Esler &amp; Brad Hopkins</p>	<p><b><u>Ministers:</u></b> <b>Dave Rogers</b> 361-649-6638 dave.rogers@fcoc.com</p> <p><b>Youth and Family Minister</b>  Jonah Dawes 205 514-1489 jonah.dawes@fcoc.com</p> <p><b><u>Office Administrator:</u></b> Susie Graham celiagraham@bellsouth.net</p> <p><b>Office Hours</b> Mon, Tues &amp; Thurs 10am-3pm <b>870 Redwine Road</b> <b>Fayetteville, Georgia 30215</b> <b>770 461-3617</b> <b>770-461-8231 (fax)</b> <b>Email: mail@fcoc.com</b></p> <p><b>Web Page:</b> <a href="http://www.fcoc.com">http://www.fcoc.com</a> <a href="http://www.Facebook.com/Fayettevillecoc">www.Facebook.com/Fayettevillecoc</a></p> <p><b>Georgia School of Preaching- South Metro Campus</b>  <a href="http://gsoponline.org/gsop-fayetteville-campus">http://gsoponline.org/gsop-fayetteville-campus</a> Rick Sharpe, Campus Director</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday Evening Devotionals</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Oct</u></b> 20 Tom Durden 27 Jimmy Garner</p> <p><b><u>Nov</u></b> 5 Jim Obrien 12 Greg Nash 19 Jim Pelfrey 26 Brad Hopkins</p>	
<p><b>Our Mission Works</b> Graham &amp; Elizabeth McDonald - Scotland Raintree Village Children's Home</p>	

<p><b>Assembly Schedule:</b> <b><u>Sunday</u></b> 9:00 am Bible Classes 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Worship Service</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</u></b> 10:00 am</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday Evening</u></b> <b>Bible Classes at 7pm</b></p>
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<p><b>Greater Atlanta's 50th World Mission Forum</b> October 21-27, 2021 Hosted by First Park Church of Christ Theme: "To Every Nation in Every Generation"</p>	<p><b>WATCH!</b> <b><i>The Fountain of Life</i></b> <b>With Larry Acuff</b> Saturdays at 7 am on channel 57</p> <p><b>In SEARCH of the Lord's Way</b> <b>With Phil Sanders</b> Sunday at 7:30am, Stations 69 or 45 <b>The Gospel of Christ</b> Red Hill church of Christ (McMinnville, TN) with Ben Bailey Sunday at 6:30 am on Station 69 or Comcast Station 45</p>
<p><b><u>Elders</u></b></p> <p>Tom Durden (770) 652-7389 Jim Garner (770) 461-3197 Greg Nash (404) 455-1546 Jim Pelfrey (770) 629-2061</p>	

<p><b><u>Deacons</u></b></p> <p>Dennis Graham Stan Mitchell Eric Hagin David Poskevich David Hopkins Anthony Ravenell Hugh Kelly Rick Sharpe Andy Johnson Jack Sorrell</p>	
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<p><b>Records You Made – October 10</b></p> <p>Bible Classes 87-6 10 am Worship 125-19 Units Online 5 pm Worship 70-10 Online Offering \$8,396.36 Wednesday Bible Study 69</p>	
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## Basic Facts from ... FIRST CORINTHIANS (Part 3)

*by Dave Rogers*

As we come to First Corinthians chapter 7, there are three important – indeed, *fundamental* – things that relate to Paul's inspired instructions about marriage. First is that the **context** of his words is specific to the time and circumstances of the Corinthian Christians. Christianity was beginning to be persecuted with the force of law, so less “leverage” could be applied against an unmarried Christian than against one who was married. Those trying to force a Christian to re-nounce their faith (vv. 1 and 26 allude to this situation) might very well inflict suffering a beloved husband or wife as a way of “motivating” the Christian.

The **second** thing to note is that Corinthian Christians lived in a rampantly and openly immoral environment. They were exposed to intense sexual temptation every day. In recognizing this fact, Paul notes in verse two that marital fidelity is meant to be a curb and a protection **against** those temptations (note also vv. 3-5).

The **third** component of this context is something often described as “the Pauline privilege.” This matter arises in verses 12-16, and relates to the fact that some of the Corinthian brethren – perhaps many of them – were involved in *religiously* “mixed” marriages (one spouse a believer, the other a heathen). In this situation, Paul writes that a Christian who is forced by their spouse to “choose between God and me” is **not** obligated to sacrifice faithfulness to God in order to keep the *marriage* together (vs. 15). *Note, however, that this statement does not appear in a context where either divorce **or re-marriage** are under consideration.* If we read Paul's words as saying “you are free to remarry if your spouse deserts you,” we become guilty of reading *into* these verses something **which is not there**. His statement in verse 12 (“*to the rest speak I, not the Lord...*”) simply acknowledges that Jesus did not speak directly to this exact situation (a disciple being forced to choose between God and a spouse) in His teaching while on earth.

Another significant point from chapter 7 comes from

verse 39 – Paul's instruction concerning the marriage of a Christian widow (or by implication, a widower). Many people read the expression here (“*only in the Lord*”) as absolutely **forbidding** a widowed Christian to marry a non-Christian. Certainly the course of wisdom for ANY marriage is for a Christian to marry a *fellow*-Christian – with the aim of helping one another go to heaven. The doctrine that “Christian widows can *only* marry fellow-Christians” is *incorrect*, however, because **the same exact words** are used – *in exactly the same way* – in Ephesians 6:1, regarding the obedience of children to their parents.

**IF** “*in the Lord*” means “only a Christian” in 1 Corinthians 7:39, then they must **also** mean “only a Christian” (*parent*) in Ephesians 6:1. How many Christians would agree that children must only obey **Christian** parents? These words (“in the Lord”) express the idea of “*in accordance with the Lord's will*” in both situations. What Paul teaches us in 1 Corinthians 7:39 is that widowed Christians may only remarry according to the same standard as anyone else (i.e., they are not to marry into a polygamous or polyandrous relationship, nor into a homosexual “marriage,” nor may they marry a put-away fornicator). This verse does NOT say “Christian widows may **only** marry fellow-Christians.”

In chapter 9, Paul offers the image of the Christian as an athletic competitor in verses 24-27, and there are three very important points to note in these verses. *First*, the Christian's “race” is run against the **devil** – not against fellow-Christians, verse 24. This means we don't “lose time” by stopping to help fallen brethren get up again (cf. Galatians 6:1-2)! *Second*, to win the prize, we **must** “compete” *within the “rules”* (vv. 25-26), by obeying the commands of our Lord (cf. 2 Timothy 2:5). *Third*, if we fail to maintain our self-control, we can be “disqualified” (KJV “a castaway,” ASV “rejected”) from the race, which means we lose the prize (vs. 27)!

# A Christian Love

In Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus gives an answer to a lawyer that the greatest commandments found in the law are to love God and love your neighbor as yourself. I have recently been talking to the youth group about why loving God and others is so incredibly important to a christian's life. When I asked our young people about what this passage meant to them, several of them mentioned how these two commands are the foundation of following the other commands of God. Also mentioned was the fact that if you are able to follow these two commandments successfully, then everything else will naturally follow suit! I was very encouraged to see and hear the spiritual maturity of our young people as we meditated on this passage. This may seem, at first glance, like something that everyone should know, but what house stays standing without a solid foundation? It is very easy for us to get so wrapped up with everything else that we have to do as christians that we forget to just show love. This week, I would like to challenge everyone to think about the kind of love you are exhibiting in your daily walk with God. Have a great week!

## Youth Calendar October



17 — Teen Sing  
Hosted by Allene Scoma  
20 — Singing Class  
29 — Haunted House

## Calendar

**October 24, 4pm** - Deacons' Meeting with the Elders



**October 31 — Trunk-n-Treat after our evening service. Please have your kids put their costumes on and meet in the fellowship hall for the parade. Members, park at the back of the fellowship hall, decorate your cars, and get ready for a lot of excited kids and parents!**



**Card Bridal Shower For Melody Ognio (Bobby Johnson's fiancé) November 14th, 3-4:30pm**

**All of our ladies are encourage to com and meet Melody.**



30 — Halloween Party  
31 — Halloween

## November

3 — Mid Week Eat  
13—Service Saturday  
17— Singing Class

## 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](http://www.fcoc.com) — click on "live broadcast."*

## Family Matters

### Our Sick:

Jack Sorrell – Fell down some stairs at home, hitting his head and injuring his arm. He was slated to see an orthopedist last Thursday, to determine if surgery would be needed for his arm.

Preston Morgan – Remains in Piedmont Atlanta Hospital; his pulmonary embolism, is better, but his heart function remains low.

Shirley Johnson – (Andy's mother) is now back home after being hospitalized briefly last week for a blood clot.

Doris Sherman – Sue Riley's sister is hospitalized with double pneumonia.

Joyce Greene – Denise's 98 year-old mother is now on home hospice. Her diagnosis is dementia, blindness and benign brain tumors. Prayers are appreciate for her and her family.

Evelyn King – (93 year-old aunt of Annette Butler) has now been able to return to her regular room in the nursing home, after being hospitalized for Covid!

Una Fortson – Is asking prayers for her health issues.

Joan Poskevich – Is recovering at home after knee surgery.

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

Carol Waits – Martha Vickery's daughter and Connie Kelly's sister has been diagnosed with leukemia and is now at home.

### Continue Prayers for families of:

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

### Members With Health Issues:

Doris Ramsey, Lewis & Linda 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 Gulledege, 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).



Fayetteville Family,  
Thank you for the texts, calls, cards sent our way during our hospital stay. It was stressful that both of us were in the hospital together. Your prayers and kind words of encouragement were much appreciated on our behalf.  
In Christian Love, Charles & Charity Nash

Dear Church family,  
David and I just want to thank our brothers and sisters form taking our needs to the throne of God in prayers. Also for the food, assistance, and generous gestures. We are so very blessed by each of you and thank God for you!  
In Christ, Joan, Dave & Zeke



October 4, 2021  
Dear Fayetteville Church of Christ,

Our Emergency Department was thankful for your ministry for providing our children with teddy bears! They were always so comforting to them and brought a smile to their faces. Mrs. Linda Howell was always on time with the bears! She just knew when our supply was getting low. **She will be missed!!**