

	12/19	12/26
Call To Worship	Jonah Dawes	Tom Durden
Scripture Reading	Austin Tittle	Zeke Poskevich
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Charles Nash
Prayer	Clay Posey	Mack Ezell
Preside Lord's Supper	Andy Johnson	Anthony Stinson
Usher	JD Branch	Larry Rose
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Jonah Dawes
Response Elder	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash
<b>Evening Worship</b>		
Announcements	Jonah Dawes	Tom Durden
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Dale Findley	Keith Killingsworth
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Andy Johnson	Anthony Stinson
Prayer	Rick Sharpe	Jake Garner

Worship Assignment Coordinator for December: Ron James

<p><b><u>Communion Preparation</u></b> Individual Sets on the table in the foyer</p> <p><b><u>Nursery</u></b> (closed for now)</p> <p><b><u>Care of Building</u></b> 16-31 Hugh Kelly/Andy Johnson <b>2022</b> 1-15 David Hopkins/Keith Killingsworth 16-31 Dennis Graham/Steve Esler</p> <p><b><u>Media Center</u></b> Dennis Graham, Eric Hagin &amp; Steve Esler</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday Evening</u></b> <b><u>Devotionals</u></b> <b><u>Dec</u></b> 23 Mike Richardson 30 David Decker</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></p> <p><a href="http://gsoponline.org/gsop-fayetteville-campus">http://gsoponline.org/gsop-fayetteville-campus</a> Rick Sharpe, Campus Director</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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Members, please  
pick up your  
Christmas  
card bag  
after worship

<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>Dec 26—The Second Coming</b></p> <p><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>
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Jim Garner	(770) 461-3197
Greg Nash	(404) 455-1546
Jim Pelfrey	(770) 629-2061

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

<b>Records You Made – December 12</b>	
Bible Classes	85-15 Units Online
10 am Worship	131–26 Units Online
5 pm Worship	74-10 Units Online
Offering	\$17,869.07
Wednesday Bible Study	72-10

	
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Dearest Brethren,

At this time of year we reflect on our blessings and the events of the past year. We want each of You to know that YOU are among the greatest blessings in our lives. Together we have endured struggles and losses as God's family, while seeing God add people to our family here at Fayetteville. Our common faith has kept us together and strong!

We love each of you, and want you to know that we look forward to more years serving God together with you. Thank you for being such a loving and caring Family — our hearts rejoice when we think of you. We hope you have a great Holiday, and we wish you a Happy New Year!

In Him, Dave and Luann



# Basic Facts from...SECOND CORINTHIANS (PART 5)

by Dave Rogers

Paul notes in 2 Corinthians 11:12-15 that some in the first-century church were not faithful in their teaching, not honest in their motives, and not open about their intentions, when they presented themselves to the Corinthian Christians as teachers and “leaders.” Our world thrives on the notion that all beliefs and ideas (and therefore, all who present them) are equally valid and worthy of respect. Paul clearly did **not** subscribe to this opinion! In verse 12 he plainly states his intention is to “cut off” opportunities for such individuals to have any influence among the saints (the Greek word refers to cutting down a tree). He goes on to describe these self-proclaimed “apostles” as **false** apostles and **deceitful workers** (vs. 13), who “disguise” themselves as apostles of light! These sound like harsh words in today’s world, but the people Paul describes here were fundamentally dishonest – **liars**, presenting a fraudulent version of the gospel in order to gain influence and a following for themselves among the Corinthian Christians. Paul goes on to say that they were disciples of Satan for following his methods (disguising themselves as “ministers of righteousness” when they were **not** – note also **Jesus’** words in Matthew 7:15).

What **we** should understand in reading these verses is that *the motives, methods, and character of false brethren have not changed* in the twenty-first century. The gospel is still the **only** measure of a person’s faithfulness and acceptability to the Lord. No degree of personal popularity can excuse an “uncertain sound” (1 Corinthians 14:8) or a false gospel. As Paul pointed out so vividly in 2 Corinthians 6:14-16, truth and righteousness have no common ground with lies and unrighteousness.

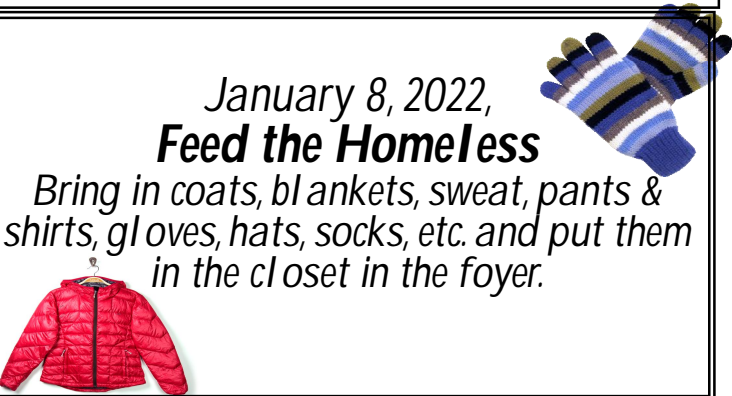
Paul’s mention of a “thorn in the flesh” in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 has led many to speculate about what it actually was. Various commentators have suggested everything from poor eyesight to crippling shyness to epileptic seizures. Nothing in the text actually explains “what” the “thorn” was, so we have no way to say definitively. What actually matters (and should interest **us**) is that Paul described it as a **messenger** (literally, an “angel”) of Satan. He also says it was imposed on him to prevent him from being egotistical or conceited about the revelations God had allowed him to see (vv. 2-6). Christians need to understand that faithfulness to the Lord does **not** “guarantee” that we will no longer have troubles or trials in this life. Rather, difficulties test **our** willingness to trust in depend on the Lord (“*My grace is sufficient...*” vs. 9), in order to grow stronger in the faith.

One of Paul’s final instructions (in 13:5) relates to the previous point; as Christians, we need to “test” ourselves against the gospel. The words “examine” and “prove” (KJV) in this verse are actually legal terms that describe “putting oneself on trial” to make sure we “measure up” to the gospel’s ideal. God’s people are supposed to “know” ourselves thoroughly because of the presence and influence of Jesus Christ within us (cf. John 6:56; Colossians 1:27). In Ephesians 3:16, Paul shows the “how” of Christ’s dwelling within us – by means of **faith**. The alternative to Christ’s presence in our lives is for us to be “reprobates,” those who have not “passed the test!” In other words, we are supposed to conduct a sort of “personal inventory” or review – a **self**-examination to find and correct whatever we must, while we have the opportunity! This way, we can be sure we **do** measure up to our Lord’s standard (vv. 6-7).

## Calendar

Dec 24-25  
Christmas—Office Closed

Dec 31  
New Years Even— Office Closed



January 8, 2022,  
**Feed the Homeless**  
*Bring in coats, blankets, sweat, pants & shirts, gloves, hats, socks, etc. and put them in the closet in the foyer.*



## Youth Calendar

Dec 20—Christmas Party/Progressive Dinner

# Family Matters

**Sympathy:** We offer our condolences to Jewel Green for the loss of her brother. Also Annette Butler for the loss of her aunt, Connie Jones of Florida. Mrs. Jones passed away unexpectedly last week, and her funeral was yesterday. Keep these families in your prayers as they travel to the funeral.

**Our Sick:**  
Preston Morgan – Remains at Piedmont Atlanta Hospital. Please keep him and the whole family in your prayers.  
Brian Harris – Has been diagnosed with cancer, and will begin treatment in January.  
Tom Belk – Is having health issues. Also keep Christy’s mother in your prayers she fell last week and suffered bumps and bruises.  
David Nash – Has ongoing health issues and appreciates our prayers.  
Una Fortson – Is home recovering from breathing issues. She would appreciate calls.  
Mariellen Jackson – Is in Riverdale Center Nursing & Healing with bleeding on the brain. Visits are welcome.  
Lamar Elder – Decieta Lyons and Connie Elder’s brother has feeding tube and in a center for rehab.

**Continue Prayers for families of:**  
Forest & Burma Chapman – Forest is continuing under hospice care.  
Joyce Greene – Denise’s 98 year-old mother is now on home hospice. Her diagnosis is dementia, blindness and benign brain tumors.

**Members With Health Issues:**  
Elizabeth Belk, Hugh Kelly, Martha Vickery, Jim & Sharon O’Brien, David & Joan Poskevich, Doris Ramsey, Lewis & Linda Arm-

strong, Doris Buckner, Margie Fields, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Mary Lawrence, Ray & Tina Russell, Tom Belk, Dale & Susan Findley, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Rick & RuPearl Sharpe, Harry & Mattie Williams, David & Sue Riley, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge

**Shut-ins:**  
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:**  
Cynthia Baldwin (Charity Nash’s aunt), Chip Bennett (Leann’s husband), Carol Waits (Martha Vickery’s daughter), Evelyn King (Annette Butler’s aunt), Shirley Johnson (Andy’s mother), Zack Self, Jackie & Brian Couch (Ginny’s husband & son), Janet McCulloch, Mary Sanford, Richard & Dixie Harp, Maude Hornsby (Sharon O’Brien’s cousin), Cheryl Richards (Tara COC), Stan Ward, Bob & Nancy Neff (Amy Nash’s parents), Marvin Cook (Coney Johnson’s uncle), Kathy Gulledge, Evelyn Walker (Mattie Williams’ sis-in-law), 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).