

	4/30
Call To Worship	David Gulledge
Scripture Reading	Peyton Nash
Song Leader	Jimmy Garner
Prayer	Steve Hopkins
Preside Lord's Supper	JD Branch
Usher	Gayle Pelfrey
Sermon	Dave Rogers
Closing Prayer	Jack Sorrell
Evening Worship	
Announcements	David Gulledge
Song Leader	Jimmy Garner
Prayer	Hugh Kelley
Sermon	Dave Rogers
Lord's Supper	JD Branch
Prayer	Ethan Boelsterli
Worship Assignment Coordinator for March: Jon Buckner	

**Communion Preparation**  
Available on the table in the foyer

**Nursery**  
30 Katherine Hopkins  
**Visitors' Center**  
30 Toni Stinson/Janis Libby  
May 7 Connie Kelly/Theresa Greene  
14 Susie Graham/Linda Armstrong  
21 Janine Esler/Lisa Tittle  
**Care of Building**  
May 1-15 Jack Sorrell/Hugh Kelly  
16-31 Steve Esler/Stan Mitchell  
**Media Center**  
30  
**Sound Board** Carson Hopkins  
**Streaming** Steve Esler  
**Projector Computer** Dennis Graham  
**Training** David Hopkins  
May 7  
**Sound Board** Carson Hopkins  
**Streaming** Dennis Graham  
**Projector Computer** Eric Hagin  
**Training** David Hopkins  
14  
**Sound Board** Ethan Boelsterli  
**Streaming** Eric Hagin  
**Projector Computer** Holden Cella  
**Training** Carson Hopkins  
21  
**Sound Board** DJ Phillips  
**Streaming** Holden Cella  
**Projector Computer** Steve Esler  
**Training** Ethan Boelsterli

**Wednesday Evening**  
**Devotionals**  
May 3 — Tucker Hopkins  
May 10 — David Gulledge  
May 17 — Charles Nash

<b>Assembly Schedule:</b>
<b>Sunday</b>
9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Worship Service

	5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28
Call To Worship	Jonah Dawes	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	David Gulledge
Scripture Reading	Ethan Boelsterli	Peyton Nash	Tucker Hopkins	Carson Hop-kins
Song Leader	Charles Nash	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Larry Rose	Stan Mitchell	Hugh Kelly	Greg Nash
Preside Lord's Supper	Anthony Stinson	Dale Findley	Rick Sharpe	JD Branch
Usher		Steve Hopkins		Steve Hopkins
Sermon	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers	Jonah Dawes
Closing Prayer	Curtis Hurt	David Hopkins	David Gulledge	Andy Johnson
Evening Worship				
Announcements	Jonah Dawes	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	David Gulledge
Song Leader	Charles Nash	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Cliff Nash	Holden Cella	Rick Sharpe	Curtis Hurt
Sermon	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers	Singing Night
Lord's Supper	Anthony Stinson	Dale Findley	Rick Sharpe	JD Branch
Prayer	Jon Buckner	Cliff Nash	Eric Hagin	Larry Rose
Worship Assignment Coordinator for May: Cliff Nash				

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Rick Sharpe, Campus Director

<b>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</b>
10:00 am
(Classes begins Sept 13 - May 16)
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>
Bible Classes at 7pm

**Our Mission Works**  
Graham & Elizabeth McDonald, Scotland

Victor & Esperanza  
González-Geronimo. Mexico

Raintree Village Children's Home

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

In SEARCH of  
the Lord's Way  
With Phil Sanders  
Sunday at 7:30am,  
Stations 69 or 45  
April 30—Can A Christian Be Lost?

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JD Branch  
Steve Esler  
Dennis Graham  
Eric Hagin  
David Hopkins  
Hugh Kelly

Andy Johnson  
Stan Mitchell  
Charles Nash  
David Poskevich  
Rick Sharpe  
Jack Sorrell

<b>Records You Made – April 23, 2023</b>	
Bible Classes	50-16 Units Online
10 am Worship	159-14 Units Online
5 pm Worship	69-5 Units Online
Offering	\$7,423.85
Wednesday Bible Study	71-3 Units Online



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## Basic Facts from... (John 1 Part 2)

by Dave Rogers

The words of 1 John 2:7-11 echo our Lord's are *at best* temporary – the cares, desires, and own commandment in John 3:34-35, about His pleasures of the present world (note Hebrews disciples' responsibility to love each other. The 11:24-26) *that are **already** passing away* Holy Spirit here “amplifies” the Master's words (remember vs. 8).

by showing that Christians who **practice** His words amid the present world's darkness are *highlighting* the fact that the **end** of sin's “darkness” is imminent (vs. 8)! Verses 9-11 caution believers to **not** be drawn back into ungodly attitudes or actions because those things will make us hypocrites who lose the blessing of salvation we have received through Jesus the Christ (cf. 1 Peter 2:1).

John's beautifully poetic “explanation” of his (inspired) reasons for writing this letter (in 2:12-14) emphasize the **confidence** with which we should live as Christians, and these reasons set the stage for the familiar commandments of verses 15-17, about **not** loving the world. **If we are confident** that our sins are forgiven (vs. 12); that we **do** “know” Jesus (the Greek word used in vs. 13 means *to know with certainty, to be sure*, cf. 1 John 1:7 & 9), that we **have** “conquered” our adversary (cf. John 16:33 & 1 Peter 5:8-9) and we also “know” the eternal Father of all (same Greek word); and that we **are** strong enough to overcome the evil one because the word of God is living within us (vs. 14, cf. John 8:31), then there is no temptation in the present world that we cannot resist and conquer (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:13). The choice John is illustrating for us is the difference between things that **abide** (that last in eternity) and things that

It is fascinating to consider how focused many modern-day “prophets” seem to be with matters and events of the “last days/end times.” When we compare their calculations and predictions with John's inspired, matter-of-fact statement in 1 John 2:18, we learn that Christians have been living in the “last hour” (of human existence) **since the time he wrote these words** (note also Hebrews 1:2). Not only does he *tell* us this, but the presence of *many* “antichrists” is actually positive proof of this fact! (*Therefore, any* religious teacher who is still trying to “find” the beginning of the last days/end times/last hour is contradicting the Holy Spirit's plain statement here, and is thus by definition a *false* teacher.) John goes on in verses 21-29 to reemphasize the **certainty** of our hope for eternal life in Christ Jesus. He contrasts the *promise* God has made here with the lies of those who would argue about the nature of Jesus as the Christ – which he presents as an incontrovertible **fact** – as a way of highlighting that certainty. Those who are new creatures in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17 & Galatians 6:15) can be perfectly confident in our salvation as long as we abide in Him (vs. 28), because we can “know” (a different Greek word than before, which means *we can distinguish, recognize* something) that we are “born” of Him (vs. 29).



## Youth Calendar

May 7 — Senior Dinner

May 30 — White-water Rafting

June 2 — FROG's Day



June 5 — Guys'/Girls' Day

June 8 — Movie Night at Firepit

June 11-16



June 18 — VBS Decorating Day

June 21-24 — VBS—MAROONED

June 26 — "Make Me a Servant" Week

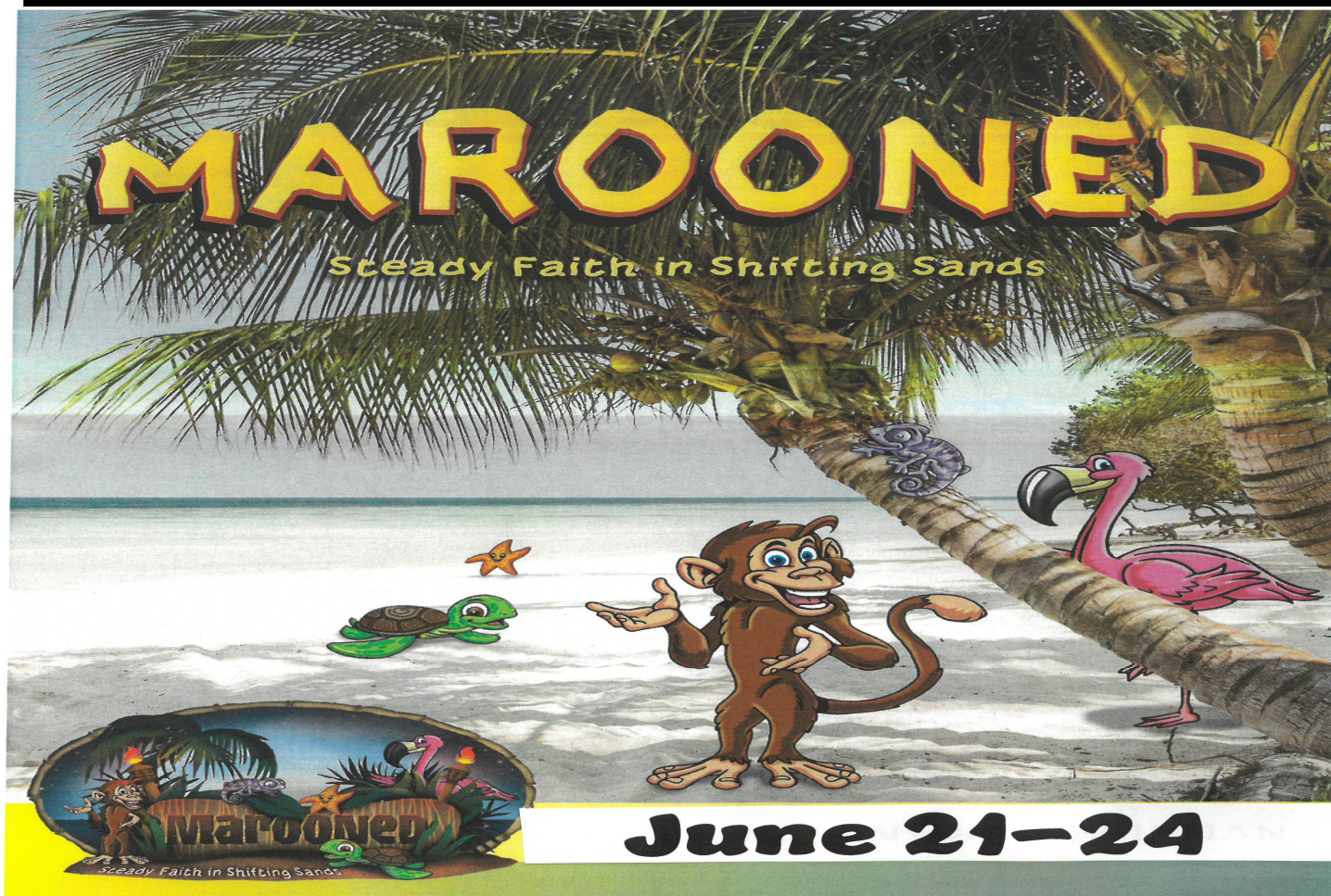
July 1 — Six Flags Day

July 7 — FROG's Day

July 18 — Movie Night at the Firepit

July 9-13 — VBS ... Mission trip to

Warrenton, GA.



Brothers & Sister,

**Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.**

With every kind thought, comforting word, cards, meals, and every gesture of care including prayers, you have sent the love of Christ. We received it and are overwhelmed. I never understood as well as now what it means to be blessed.

You are appreciated more than words can say.

**Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.**

Jim, Susan & Gayle

### May Birthdays

4	19
Jim Pelfrey	Clara Nash
David Riley	21
5	Keith
Justin Burdette	Killingsworth
10	24
Kessler Gullledge	Jo Hart
Susan Smith	Jim O'Brien
13	Susan Posey
Clay Posey	25
Larry Rose	Cliff Nash
15	26
Destiny Findley	Aaralyn Phillips
16	31
Carson Hopkins	Tony Burdette

## 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

**Sympathy** — We offer our heartfelt condolences to brother Holden Cella and his family on the loss of his paternal grandmother last week. Keep this family in your prayers.

### Keep in Prayer

Andy Johnson — Is recovering from outpatient surgery last week.

Donna Hagin — Is recovering at home after outpatient surgery.

Ginny Couch — Is home with the flu.

Mary Lawrence — Is currently suffering from severe Lymphedema; she is in a wheelchair and will start physical therapy soon.

Margie Fields — Is fighting conjunctivitis, sinus and ear infections & laryngitis.

Martha Vickery — Is recovering at home and doing well.

Emmett Libby — Will have back surgery this month.

Joyce Brown — Janine Esler's grandmother has been moved to rehab.

**Our brethren on both sides of the war in Ukraine.**

### Continue Prayers for:

Jim Pelfrey — Is continuing chemo & radiation treatment.

Jim O'Brien — Is continuing chemo treatments, and hopes to begin immuno-therapy in August.

Burma Chapman — Hope Center Memory Care in Fayetteville, 355 Brandywine Blvd, Sunny Suite #10, Fayetteville, GA 30214. Visitors are welcome.

Shelby Killingsworth — (Keith's mother) Hope Center Memory Care in Fayetteville (Safe Harbor room 15).

Mary Lawrence — The Oaks at Fayetteville, 1294 Hwy 54 West, Room 107, Fayetteville, 30214. Visitors are welcome.

### Members With Health Issues:

Andrew Williams, Ron Biles, Jeanelle McNease, Tom & Christie Belk, David & Sue Riley, Doris Buckner, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Jim & Sharon O'Brien, Brian Harris, Rick & RuPearl Sharpe, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge

### Shut-ins:

Una Fortson, Ruby Fowler, Harry & Mattie Williams and Estell Higginbotham,

### Our Missionaries and their families:

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

### Others With Health Problems:

Benson Smith (Harry's brother), Richard & Cathy Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's mother and stepfather), Eyvonne King (Annette Butler's cousin), Chris Lee (Cathy Harris' cousin), Aukse Harris (Linda Armstrong's adopted daughter), Myrtie Robinson (Sue Riley's sister), Jackie Couch (Ginny's husband), Xernonia Fortson, Ruth King (Melanie Boelsterli's aunt), Frankie Griffin (RuPearl Sharpe's sister), Lamar Elder, Carol Waites (Martha Vickery's daughter), Shirley Johnson (Andy's mother), Bob & Nancy Neff (Amy Nash's parents), Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry's parents), Lil Cauthen (Poskevich family) and Joe & Judy Hand (Scoma family).

## Our Mexico Mission trip will be June 10-17, 2023

### We need YOUR support!

We have an opportunity to serve the Lord in June by helping our brethren in Villa Ocuiltzapotlan, Tabasco, Mexico. We're planning a mission trip to support the church there, and to introduce others to the gospel for the first time.

The dates for this trip are **June 10-17, 2023**. We will have Bible classes each afternoon, and a gospel meeting in the evenings. We will also visit shut-ins. The members are interested in purchasing the land and building their currently worship in, but your help is needed. See Dennis Graham for information. **One reason to help other congregations like this is because it strengthens the church here!**

## Calendar Events

**Today** — 5th Sunday & LTL Luncheon after the AM Services

**May 7** — Everyone is invited to Celebrate our Senior's at the Dinner hosted by the Elders' Wives

**May 19-21** — Fayette County Rose Show all day  
**June 30, July 28 & Aug 25** — "Ladies' Night Light," a summer series for Women & Girls.

Join us for fellowship, bible study, and a fun activity!

### Updates

**New Phone**

**Number**

**Mary Lawrence**

**470 471-6699**

## Area Events

**May 6** — Douglasville Church of Christ Ladies' Day

**May 20** —

GSOP 18th Annual Bible Lectureship & Graduation, at Piedmont Rd./Marietta.