

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

Communion Preparation
Available on the table in the foyer

Nursery—May
14 Giuli Debrown
21 Melanie Boelsterli
28 Staci Killingsworth

Visitors' Center
14 Janine Esler/Linda Armstrong
21 Susie Graham/Lisa Tittle

Care of Building
May 1-15 Jack Sorrell/Hugh Kelly
16-31 Steve Esler/Stan Mitchell

Media Center
May 14
Sound Board Ethan Boelsterli
Streaming Eric Hagin
Projector Computer Holden Cella
Training Carson Hopkins
May 21
Sound Board DJ Phillips
Streaming Holden Cella
Projector Computer Steve Esler
Training Ethan Boelsterli
May 28
Sound Board Jon Buckner
Streaming Steve Esler
Projector Computer Dennis Graham
Training DJ Phillips
June 4
Sound Board Carson Hopkins
Streaming Dennis Graham
Projector Computer Eric Hagin
Training David Hopkins

Wednesday Evening
Devotionals
May 17 — Charles Nash
May 24 — Tucker Hopkins
May 31 — Paul Lyons

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PTP 2023 Early Bird
Registration is Now Open



Our Mission Works
Graham & Elizabeth McDonald, Scotland

**Victor & Esperanza
González-Geronimo. Mexico**

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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
5/14—I AM NOT ASHAMED
5/21—REJOICE IN THE LORD
5/28—CAN I REPENT?

Elders
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Deacons

JD Branch	Andy Johnson
Steve Esler	Stan Mitchell
Dennis Graham	Charles Nash
Eric Hagin	David Poskevich
David Hopkins	Rick Sharpe
Hugh Kelly	Jack Sorrell

Records You Made – May 7, 2023	
Bible Classes	89-4 Units Online
10 am Worship	157.-24 Units Online
5 pm Worship	109-4 Units Online
Offering	\$17,114.23
Wednesday Bible Study	83-5 Units Online



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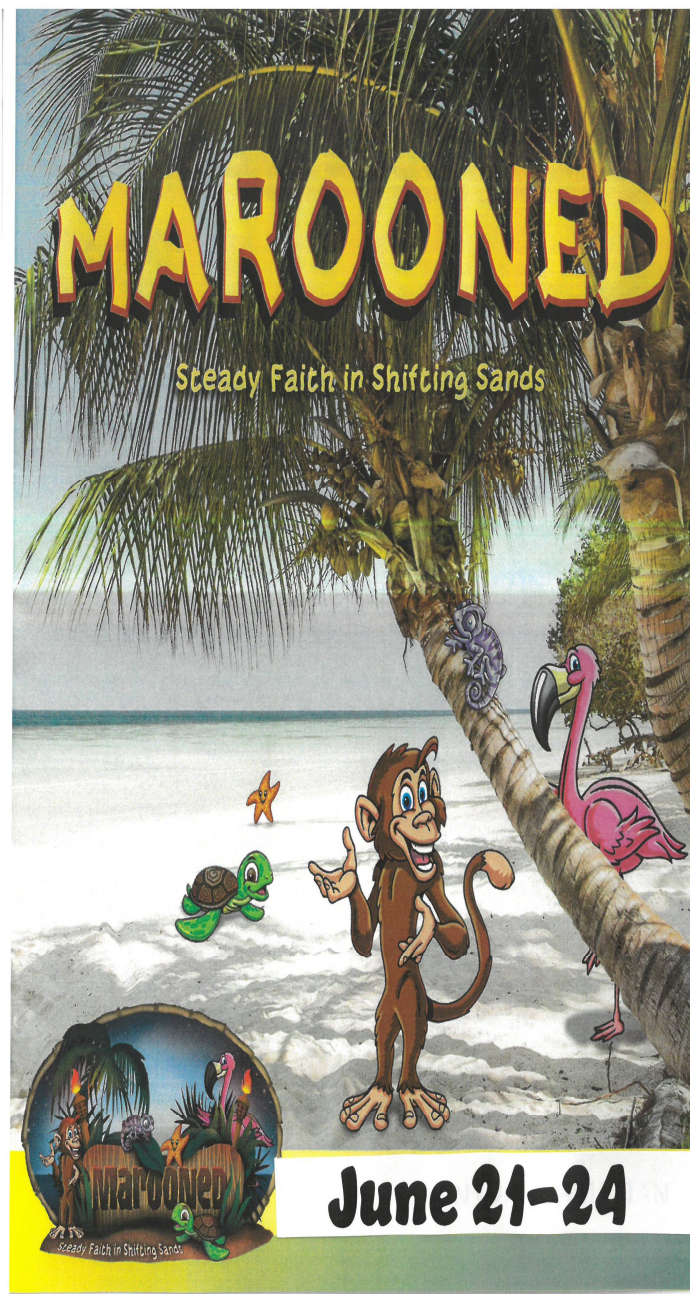
Basic Facts from...1 John (Part 4)
by Dave Rogers

“Don’t reflexively believe everything you hear.” This is the gist of the commandment at 1 John 4:1, and the inspired penman goes on in the same statement to explain **why** Christians should “vet” or *verify as true* every doctrine or claim made by someone who professes to speak on behalf of God – because many “pseudo” prophets are present in our world. Conscientious Christians try to see the good side of people and give others the “benefit of the doubt,” but these good traits DO (potentially) leave us open to being misled by people with unscrupulous motives. In vv. 2-6, John’s words emphasize the same point Peter had made in Acts 4:12, that there is **NO** “alternative” to Jesus when it comes to salvation from sin. In the immediate context of *John’s* time these words would stand as a rebuke to the “Gnostic” false teachers who were beginning to trouble the church at the end of the first century. Among other things, they taught that *Jesus* was merely a man who died on the cross, while *Christ* was an entirely separate entity, the spirit of God (who merely “inhabited” Jesus *up to* the crucifixion). In a twenty-first century context, John’s words here form a **rebuke** of the religious pluralism and egalitarianism that are so much fixtures of modern christendom’s perspective. (Religious pluralism asserts that the denominational divisions of christendom constitute the “branches” on the “vine” in John 15:1-8. Religious egalitarianism says that all religious beliefs – including those which do not include belief in Jesus – are

all equally valid and effective for salvation from sin.)

From 1 John 4:7 through 5:3, John explains how God is Himself the “definition” of **real love**. The practical application he makes in 4:7-8 is that for Christians to genuinely love others, **our** motives and actions should mirror God’s. In His incarnation (Hebrews 2:9 & 17) and sacrifice, Jesus provides the ultimate *illustration* of what it means to love as God does – He put the (eternal) comfort and welfare of others ahead of His own (cf. 1 John 4:9-11).

Christians are *able* to love one another (and others) in the same way God does because His example of love – in providing Jesus to redeem us – demonstrates what “love” actually means. Just as Jesus by His actions embodies and reflects for all people what the love of God really is, John points out in vv. 20-21 that *claims* of love will be exposed as lies by hateful actions that contradict the Father’s commandment that we should LOVE each other. God **commands** love among His children (5:1-3) and this **should not** be a “burdensome obligation” to fulfill. As our Maker, it is **not** unreasonable on His part for God to require that His children love one another, because there is no one **He** is unwilling to love and save (even though many people freely **reject** His love, and therefore the salvation He offers them).



Youth Calendar

May 30 — White-water Rafting
June 2 — FROG's Day
June 5 — Guys'/Girls' Day
June 8 — Movie Night at Firepit
June 11-16 — Camp Inagahi

June 18 — VBS Decorating Day
June 21-24 — VBS—MAROONED
June 26 — "Make Me a Servant" Week
July 1 — Six Flags Day
July 7 — FROGS' Day
July 18 — Movie Night at the Firepit
July 9-13 — VBS Mission trip to Warrenton, GA
Your help is needed!

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 Ocuilzapotlan, 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!**

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

Deepest Sympathy — We offer our heartfelt condolences to brother Keith Killingsworth and his family for the loss of his mother, Shelby Killingsworth of Fayette, Alabama. Her funeral was Saturday in Alabama. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Prayer Request: Cathy Harris came forward last Sunday morning to request prayers for God's strength as she struggles with various issues. Keep Cathy and her family in your prayers.

Keep in Prayer

Catherine Burton — Jeanelle McNease's stepmother fell and broke her leg last week. She is in Piedmont Henry Hospital.

Keith Killingsworth — Will have shoulder surgery in June.

Emmett Libby — Will have back surgery this month.

Harry Smith — Susan's husband was in a very bad automobile accident last Saturday, and is now in Grady Hospital. He underwent surgery on Thursday.

Karen Gower — Holley Dalman's mom, had a stroke last week. She lives in Chattanooga, TN, and is a member of the Central church of Christ there.

Our brethren on both sides of the war in Ukraine.

Continue Prayers for:

Jim Pelfrey — Continuing chemo & radiation treatment.

Jim O'Brien — Continuing chemo treatments, and hopes to begin immunotherapy in August.

Burma Chapman — Hope Center Memory Care in Fayetteville, 355 Bran-

dywine Blvd, Sunny Suite #10, Fayetteville, GA 30214. Visitors are welcome.

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

Members With Health Issues:

Andrew Williams, Martha Vickery, Donna Hagin, Ginny Couch, Margie Fields, 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:

Duane Esler (Steve's brother), Joyce Brown (Janine Esler's grandmother), 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).



On behalf of the congregation, the Elders would like to thank Brother Rick Sharpe for his service as Deacon over the GSOP program. We are grateful for your time, energy, and dedication to the GSOP program and the church. Rick Sharpe will be recognized for his service with GSOP at the lectureship on May 20, 2023. As we go forward, brother Holden Cella will take oversight of the GSOP program for the church.

The Elders

Calendar Events

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!

July 30 — 5th Sunday Potluck Luncheon.
Bring our lunch and some for our visitors.

Needed for VBS

Toilet Paper Rolls, Metallic & Blue Sharpies, Red Duck tape, Orange foam, green & red feathers, pipe cleaners & light weight wire

Area Events

May 20 — GSOP 18th Annual Bible Lectureship & Graduation, at Piedmont Rd./Marietta.

May 19-21 — Living with Loss Workshop, Conyers church of Christ

May 28, Sunday at 5pm — Areawide Worship in Song, at Tara Church of Christ

May Birthdays

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Destiny Findley
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Carson Hopkins
19
Clara Nash
21
Keith
Killingsworth
24
Jo Hart
Jim O'Brien
Susan Posey
25
Cliff Nash
26
Aaralyn Phillips
31
Tony Burdette