	7/16	7/23	7/30
Call To Worship	Jonah Dawes	David Gulledge	Jonah Dawes
Scripture Reading	Peyton Nash	Carson Hopkins	Austin Tittle
Song Leader	David Gulledge	Stan Mitchell	Charles Nash
Prayer	Eric Hagin	Steve Hopkins	Tim Tittle
Preside Lord's Supper	Holden Cella	Clay Posey	Ray Russell
Usher	Ron Biles	Cliff Nash	Ron Biles
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge
Closing Prayer	Andy Johnson	Paul Lyons	Jimmy Garner
	Evening Worship		
Announcements	Jonah Dawes	David Gulledge	Jonah Dawes
Song Leader	David Gulledge	Stan Mitchell	Charles Nash
Prayer	JD Branch	Jim Garner	Greg Nash
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Singing Night	David Gulledge
Lord's Supper	Holden Cella	Clay Posey	Ray Russell
Prayer	Larry Rose	Keith Killingsworth	Jack Sorrell
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Worship Assignment Coordinator for July: Dale Findley

# **Communion Preparation**

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#### Nursery July

16 Amy Nash, 23 Melody Johnson 30 Crystin Gulledge <u>August</u>

6 Katherine Hopkins 13 Melanie Boelsterli 20 Staci Killingsworth 27 Giuli DeBrown

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#### **Visitors' Center**

23 Susie Graham/Linda Armstrong 30 Janine Esler/Lisa Tittle 8/6 Sally Wallace/Sue Riley 13 Sandy Garner/Barbara Edmonds 20 Kathleen Johnson/Denise Greene 27 Allene Scoma/Theresa Green

#### Care of Building

7/16-31 Eric Hagin/David Hopkins 8/1-15 Hugh Kelly/Jack Sorrell 16-31 Charles Nash/Denny Graham

#### **Media Center**

#### **July 23**

**Sound Board** — DJ Phillips **Streaming** — Steve Esler **Projector Computer** — Dennis Graham July 30

**Sound Board** — David Hopkins **Streaming** — Dennis Graham **Projector Computer** — Eric Hagin

#### **Wednesday Devotionals**

July 19 — Jonah Dawes

#### Assembly Schedule: Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Worship Service

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#### Georgia School of Preaching-**South Metro Campus**

http://gsoponline.org/ gsop-fayetteville-campus Holden Cella, Campus Director

# Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:00 am (Classes begins Sept 12 - May 16)

Wednesday Evening

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

# **Elders**

Tom Durden(770) 652-7389 Jim Garner (770) 461-3197 Greg Nash (404) 455-1546

#### Deacons

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

#### Records You Made - July 9, 2023

Bible Classes 9-9 Units Online 10 am Worship 152-10 Units Online 5 pm Worship 65-4 Units Online Offering \$9,814.82 Wednesday Bible Study 70-5 Units Online



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# Basic Facts from...The REVELATION (Part 2)

by Dave Rogers

The basic *purpose* of the Revelation is to provide comfort and consolation to Christians facing or experi- around the number seven, which symbolic literature encing **persecution** because of their faith.

To the modern (western-culture) reader, this may not seem obvious because the symbols and figures the Holy Spirit employs seem so "strange" to us – we don't typically relate to images or recognize parallels as readily as we grasp plain, straightforward statements. (People in "eastern" cultures, however, often do not struggle in this way since they are often much more accustomed to identifying with parables and compari-Kings 5). In the Revelation we find... sons.) The Revelation was written in figurative language so that the message of hope and endurance it presents could be understood by Christians who were being persecuted for the "crime" of being Christians, while this message would not be obvious to unbelievers. The persecuted believers – whose spiritual "roots" connected them to (uninspired) Jewish apocalyptic writings of that period - could recognize the essential message and draw hope from it even as their tormentors would discard it as merely a fanciful story. In addition, the old testament books of Ezekiel and Daniel from which John drew so many of the symbols in the Revelation provided enlarged the foundation for their understanding, since they could look back in history and see the interpretation of those symbols in their historical settings.

There are several "messages" in the Revelation that are clearly intended to strengthen and encourage Christians as they confront challenges to their faith:

- God does see their tears, 7:17 and 21:4
- Their prayers "rule" the world, 8:3-4
- Their death is precious in God's sight, 14:13 and 20:4
- Their **final** victory is assured, 15:2
- Their blood will be avenged, 6:9 and 8:3
- Christ rules forever, 5:7-8
- Christ is coming again to receive His own, chapters 21-22.

Much of the symbolism in the Revelation is built represents the concept of completeness, fulness, or "totality." This number is a figure that has deep roots in the old testament, where we read of the Sabbath (seventh day - Genesis 2, cf. Exodus 16), Israel's priests sprinkling the blood of sacrifices seven times (Leviticus 4:6 & 17, 16:14 & 19, etc.), Israel circling Jericho's walls seven times (Joshua 6:4), and Naaman being told to dip seven times in the Jordan River (2)

- Seven **letters** to the seven churches, chapters 2-3
- Seven **seals** and seven **trumpets**, chapters 4-11
- Seven vials, chapters 15-16
- Seven candlesticks, 1:12-20
- Seven **stars**. 1:16-20
- Seven angels, 1:20
- Seven **spirits**, 1:4
- A lamb with seven **horns** and seven **eyes**, 5:6
- Seven lamps, 4:5
- Seven **thunders**. 10:3-4
- A red dragon with seven **heads** and seven **crowns**, 12:1
- A leopard-like beast with seven **heads**, 13:1
- A scarlet-colored beast with seven **heads**. 17:3-7
- Seven **mountains**. 17:9
- Seven kings, 17:10
- And seven "beatitudes" (statements of blessing 1:3, 14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, & 22:14).

The numbers three and twelve are also significant in Revelation (as are multiples or divisors of these numbers, such as 3, 4, and 6). Three is generally understood as a representation of Deity (three persons of the Godhead), and twelve is usually read as a symbol of all of God's people (as of the twelve tribes of Israel).

# **Youth Calendar**



**July 18** — Movie Night at the Firepit

July 20-23 — Legacy @ Faulkner



July 28 — Frog's Day

# **Calendar Events**

**Today** - 4th Sunday Covered Dish Meal, followed by our PM Song Service.

Bring lunch for yourself and some to share with our visitors!

There will be no 5:00 PM Service.

Please consider this great opportunity to fellowship with one another and then lift our voices in praise to our God every 4th Sunday afternoon.

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, 3:30pm

Ian & Mallory (Chapman) Agnew Baby "Girl" Shower Join us as we celebrate with Mallory, Gail, Michele & Burma



**September 24** — Jon & Autumn Buckner's Baby "Boy" Shower

#### **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

### **Keep in Prayer**

Sue Riley – Has been diagnosed with bladder cancer.

Charles Nash – Will have outpatient surgery to repair an on-the-job injury from last winter.

Brenda Mitchell – Is recovering at home.

Ed Hall (Charity Nash's father) – Is recovering a home after surgery last week.

Our brethren on both sides of the war in Ukraine.

#### **Continue Prayers for:**

Jim & Sharon O'Brien – Jim is feeling a little better, and continuing immuno-therapy.

Jim Pelfrey – Is continuing immuno-therapy.

Ray Russell – Is doing well after surgery on his ankle.

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

Mary Lawrence – Is experiencing a lot of back pain right now. (She lives at the Oaks at Fayetteville).

# **Members With Health Issues:**

Arnie & Maggie Miller, Ivan Gonzalez, Denise & Marlene Etheridge, David & Sue Riley, Ray & Tina

Russell, Margie Fields, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Luann Rogers, Rick & Rupearl Sharpe, Jeanelle McNease, Doris Buckner, Brian Harris, Tom & Christie Belk

#### Shut-ins:

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

## Missionaries and their families:

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

## **Others With Health Problems:**

Mark & Kim Royal (Allene Scoma's stepson & daughter-in-law), Harry Smith, Vicki Huckaby (friend of Autumn Buckner), Anthony Ravenell, Patsy Gaffney (friend of Brenda Mitchell); Vernon Woodall (Sally Wallace's handyman); Aukse Harris (Linda Armstrong's adopted daughter); Earl Hopkins (David's father); Jerry Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's brother); Patricia Walker (Mattie Williams's sister); Catherine Burton (Jeanelle McNease's stepmother); Karen Gower (Holley Dalman's mother); Duane Esler (Steve's brother); Joyce Brown (Janine Esler's grandmother); Benson Smith (Harry's brother); Eyvonne King (Annette Butler's cousin); Chris Lee (Cathy Harris' cousin); 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 (Connie Kelly's sister); 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).

#### **Area Wide Events**

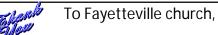
**August 12** - Ladies Day at Lithia Springs Church of Christ Speaker: Kristy Woodall, Theme: Bee a Worker for the Lord

August 28 - Ladies' Event at Shannon CoC
October 14—Ladies' Day at Conyers CoC
Speakers: Dr. Lawanna Twaites, Debbie Kea,
Kim Chalmers & Dr. Sarah Keyton,

# Birthdays July

18 Greg Nash

23 Carla Sorrell



Thank you so much for welcoming us, to the Fayetteville congregation, we are so happy to be members, me and my son can't wait to see all of you in person, thank you.

In Christian love, Maria Liciaga and Ivan Gonzales