

Today's Worship Assignments

September 24

Call to Worship — Dave Rogers
Scripture Reading — Ethan Boelsterli
Song Leader — Charles Nash
Prayer — Greg Nash
Preside Lord's Supper — Dave Poskevich
Usher — Emmitt Libby
Sermon — Jonah Dawes
Closing Prayer — Hugh Kelly

Communion Preparation

Available on the table in the foyer

Nursery

24 Connie Kelly

October

1 Tara Nash, 8 Cara Dawes
15 Amy Nash, 22 Kelley Branch
& 29 Donna Hagin

Visitors' Center

24 Janine Esler/Linda Armstrong

October

1 Susie Graham/Lisa Tittle
8 Sally Wallace/Sue Riley
15 Sandy Garner/Barbara Edmonds
29 Kathleen Johnson/Denise Greene

Care of Building

16-30 David Hopkins/Hugh Kelly
Oct 1-15 Jack Sorrell/JD Branch
16-31 Andy Johnson/Steve Esler

Media Center

24th

Sound Board — Ethan Boelsterli
Streaming — Holden Cella
Projector — Steve Esler

Wednesday Devotionals

September 27 — Jon Buckner
October 4 — Tucker Hopkins

Bible Bowl & Snacks

September

24 - Crystin Gullledge

October

1 - Catherine Harris
8 - Tina Russell
15 - Jeanelle McNease
22 - Yvonne Bettis
29 - Michele Chapman
November
5 - Susie Graham



September Birthdays

25	27
Annette Butler	Holden Cella
26	28
Cara Dawes	Scott Kelly

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way With Phil Sanders

Sunday at 7:30am, Stations 69 or 45

WATCH! The Fountain of Life With Larry Acuff

Saturdays at 7 am on channel 57

Records You Made – September 17, 2023

Bible Classes	96-11 Units Online
10 am Worship	173-15 Units Online
5 pm Worship	150-0 Units Online
Offering	\$20, 835.00
Wednesday Bible Study	74-11 Units Online

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family
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Gospel Meeting at Shannon Church of Christ

"Miracles of Jesus" Speaker: Bro. David Gullledge

September 24th—27th

Sunday, 10am—The man Born Blind
Sunday, 11am—Woman with the Issue
of Blood

Monday, 7pm—Raising of Jairus' Daughter
Tuesday, 7pm—The Paralytic Man
Wednesday, 7pm—Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers

Basic Facts from...The REVELATION (Part 10)

by Dave Rogers

In chapters 17-19 John presents Heaven's explanation of the vision of angels pouring out the "vials"/bowls of God's wrath. The angel introduced in 17:1 establishes that what John now sees is a depiction of *judgement* that bears out the "beginning of the end" theme that began with emptying of those bowls in chapters 15-16.

Chapter 17 paints a picture that most biblical scholars with pagan Imperial Rome – the judgement of the "Great Harlot." This chapter falls naturally into two parts; the "harlot" is described in vv. 1-6, and the symbols that identify her (to John) are explained in vv 7-18. The exclamation in vs. 9 – "*Here is the mind that hath wisdom*" – is a way of telling the reader (especially first-century readers), "**Here is a clue!**" to understanding what John sees. The angel here, who summons John to view the judgement of the harlot, will *also* be the one who shows him the Lamb's bride in Revelation 21:9. (This contrasts the **corruption** of the harlot with the **purity** of the bride.)

The Greek word for "harlot" (*whore* in most English bibles) is *por-nay*, the root of the word "fornication" in our English translations. This connection takes us back to Revelation 14:8, where the fall of Babylon was announced, with the **reason** for her fall being her fornication. This figure is *never* described in the Revelation as an *adulteress* (R.C.H. Lenski points out that, "...she was never [the] bride or wife of the Lamb...." In essence, *everything about her is defiled and unclean*; she has NO redeeming qualities.

The message of the angel who speaks in Revelation 18 adds detail to the picture of judgement in chapter 17 – it is a merciless dirge that shows "Babylon" as a city now utterly prostrated by perversion. John's description here borders on melodrama, to emphasize the catastrophe he sees befalling the great city; even as her judgement is being carried out, her people "**mourn**" the *loss of opportunities to continue feeding their lusts* (**not** the loss of their opportunity for salvation)! At the end of vs. 13 John mentions the "souls of men" as a "commodity" for which there is no longer a market. This expression represents the very lives of individuals and calls to mind *both* Rome's traffic in (and cruel use of) slaves, AND the fact that the lives of slaves were nothing more than living entertainment to such jaded and depraved people; their lives, sufferings, and deaths in the coliseum served only to amuse others.

The "Hallelujah Chorus" of chapter 19 prepares us for the final victory of God and His people over the power, persecution and persistence of Satan and his evil allies. **The scenes John sees and records here set the stage for the ultimate declaration of judgement in chapter 20.** The praises he hears are the response to the instruction in Revelation 18:20 (and vv. 1, 3, 4, & 6 are the only times in the new testament where the expression "Hallelujah" is found). There is a dramatic contrast in attitude between chapters 18 and 19; the scenery and "soundtrack" change from a dirge to celebration, from sorrow and suffering to joy and rejoicing.

The later part of this chapter describes the Lord's appearance as **Judge**, and the capture of the beast and the false prophet so they can be cast into the sulfurous lake. All others who chose to follow them — who gathered to resist the Lamb — are "slain" (sentenced, cf. John 12:48) by His word, vs. 21.

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.foc.com ☐ click on "live broadcast."

Family Matters

Deepest Sympathy – To Mr. & Mrs. Keith Thaxton for the loss of their 9 year-old daughter Kelsey last week. Their address is 365 Marilyn Drive West, Fayetteville, GA 30214. Keep this family in your prayers.

Keep in Prayer

Mary Lawrence – Fell last week and hurt her foot.
Jeanelle McNease – Is recovering at home.
Margie Fields – Is recovering at home.
Maggie Miller – Will go to the Mayo Clinic in Florida for a follow-up treatment this week.
Sue Riley – Is scheduled for surgery October 11th at City of Hope Hospital in Newnan
Sally Wallace – Will have surgery October 16th.
Melinda Armstrong – Is recovering at home following eye surgery.
Aukse Harris – Linda Armstrong's adopted daughter is recovering from cancer surgery.

Members Who Need Prayers

Jim Pelfrey, Ginny Couch, Annette Butler, Brenda Mitchell, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Ray Russell, Yvonne Bettis, Ivan Gonzalez, RuPearl Sharpe, Brian Harris, Tom Belk

Continue Prayers for:

Burma Chapman – Hope Center Memory Care, 355 Brandywine Blvd, Sunny Suite #10, Fayetteville, GA 30214. Visitors are welcome.
Mary Lawrence – The Oaks at Fayetteville, 1294 Hwy 54, Room 107, Fayetteville, GA 30214. Visitors are welcome!
Doris Buckner – Doris Buckner c/o Palmetto Parks,

519 Perkins Road, Unit #137, Palmetto, GA 30268

Shut-ins:

Harry & Mattie Williams, Ruby Fowler, and Estell Higginbotham

Missionaries and their families:

Graham & Beth McDonald-Scotland,
Victor & Esperanza González Geronimo-Mexico
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan-Italy

Others With Health Problems:

Bridget Sharpe (Rick's sister), Evelyn King (Annette Butler's aunt), Candy Krafft (Giuli DeBrown's cousin), Cathy Steinbach (Debbie Walding's sister); Mark & Kim Royal (Allene Scoma); Anthony Ravenell, Jerry Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's brother); Patricia Walker (Mattie Williams's sister); Catherine Burton (Jeanelle McNease's stepmother); Karen Gower (Holley Dalman's mother); Joyce Brown (Janine Esler's grandmother); Benson Smith (Harry's brother); Myrtie Robinson (Sue Riley's sister); Jackie Couch (Ginny's husband); Xerona 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).

Address Correction

Doris Buckner
Palmetto Parks
519 Perkins Road, Unit 137
Palmetto, GA 30268

Calendar Events

Today – 4th Sunday Covered Dish Meal
October 4 - Wednesday Bible class for adult & teens will be moved to the fellowship hall.
"Reaching Those Wondering What to Believe"
October 29 - Trunk n Treat after the PM Service
November 18, 2 - 4:30pm — ThanksSinging!

Youth Calendar

October	21 Youth Day at Oak Hill COC
14 - FROG's Day	29 Uncle Shuck's Corn
15 Teen Sing at the Pakiz home	Maze & Haunted Trail
	29 Trunk or Treat

Thank You

To My Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you, you all are doing a great job, televising the service. We really do appreciate your hard work and do enjoy the Bible Studies and Sunday service.

Thank you in Christ's love,
Maria & Ivan

Church of Christ Area Wide Events

October 14 — Ladies' Day at Conyers
October 15-19 — Gospel Meeting at Lithia Springs Church of Christ, Speaker: Glenn Colley
October 19-22 — 51st World Mission Forum at Forest Park COC