

## Members Directory Update

The online church directory is up for you to use. If your email address is in the system you should have received a welcome email from "Lightpost" asking you to "Create a New Password". If you did not receive this email let the church office know so we can get it corrected. This system is email access only for your security.

### Communion Preparation

Available on the table in the foyer

#### Nursery

29 Donna Hagin

#### Visitors' Center

29 Kathleen Johnson/

Denise Greene

#### November

5 Allene Scoma/Theresa Green

12 Toni Stinson/Janis Libby

19 Carla Sorrell/Linda Johnson

#### Care of Building

16-31 Andy Johnson/Steve Esler

Nov 1-15 Stan Mitchell/

Dennis Graham

16-30 Eric Hagin/

David Poskevich

#### Media Center

#### 29th

Sound Board — Jon Buckner

Streaming — Steve Esler

Projector — Eric Hagin

#### Nov 5th

Sound Board — DJ Phillips

Streaming — Steve Esler

Projector — Eric Hagin

#### Wednesday Devotionals

November 1 — Ethan Boelsterli

## Birthdays

### October

29

Andrew Williams

30

Joshua Kelly

### November

4

Jon Buckner

Regan Esler

10

Grayson Dalman

11

Linda Armstrong

Amelia Pakiz

12

Jennifer Pakiz

Isalah Phillips

14

David Hopkins

21

Oakleigh Findley

22

Fairyon Cella

Debbie Walding

24

Barbara Edmonds

28

Jim Garner

## Worship

### Assignments

Call to Worship - Greg Nash

Scriptures - Ethan Boelsterli

Song Leader - Jonah Dawes

Prayer - Jack Sorrell

Lord's Supper - Tom Durden

Usher - Bobby Johnson

Sermon - David Guldedge

Closing Prayer - Jimmy Garner

## Evening

Announce - Jonah Dawes

Song Leader - Jonah Dawes

Prayer - Ray Russell

Sermon - David Guldedge

Lord's Supper - Tom Durden

Prayer - Cliff Nash

## 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

### Records You Made – October 22, 2023

Bible Classes	61-9 Units Online
10 am Worship	135-16 Units Online
5 pm Worship	N/A Units Online
Offering	\$6,287.37
Wednesday Bible Study	60

### Attendance

### QR Code

Use your phone  
and add your  
family  
information



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## DO NOT BE AFRAID

David Guldedge

If you were to ask me who I would want to meet if I could meet anyone in the bible, aside from Jesus, I would tell you Joshua. I love Joshua! In fact, it is interesting to note that Jesus and Joshua are the same name; Joshua is the English spelling of the Hebrew name *Yehoshua*, and Jesus is the English spelling of the Greek form of the same name. When I think about the person Joshua, I think of someone who is a real man. When one reads the opening verses of the book of Joshua, Moses, the servant of the Lord, has died. Israel now needs a new leader. God needs someone to step up and lead His people into the promised land. God did not ask Israel to vote for their next leader; God appointed Joshua and he was ready and willing. Joshua is a man whose name means, "savior or deliverer," and he will be the one to deliver Israel into the land of Canaan (the promised land). Joshua was a man who often woke up early in the morning, who marched all night, who prayed to God, who confronted sin, and who fought many battles. He was strong, faithful, dedication, convicted, shameless, and of course brave. Over and over again in the book of Joshua God tells Israel, "do not be afraid." Israel was constantly being reminded that God was with them.

Fear and faith cannot reside in the same heart. God wanted Joshua to have faith in Him and not fear the people of the land. God was with Joshua and God is with His people (the church) today. While Jesus walked this earth, He would often tell people to not be afraid. One such occasion is found in Mark 4:35-41. Jesus and His disciples found themselves in the midst of a storm while sailing the sea of Galilee. The storm was great and the disciples feared for their lives. Where was Jesus? He was in the boat asleep. They woke Him up and asked Him, "do you not care that we are perishing?" (vs. 39). Jesus woke up, got up, and rebuked the storm by saying, "peace be still" (vs. 39). Immediate calmness. Then Jesus turned to His disciples and said, "why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" (vs. 40). Again, fear and faith cannot reside in the same heart. When we find ourselves in the midst of a storm of life, we often times focus on the waves, the wind and the rain, and we take our attention off of Jesus, the one who controls the storms. There are several reasons why the child of God should not fear. Let us consider just a few:

**God is with us and God always wins.** Just like God was with Joshua, God is with us today. God has never lost a battle; nor will He ever. In the Old Testament, God used many different people to fight battles. However, God was the same God and His army always won. The church is involved in a spiritual battle today, and in the end, God will win. It may not seem like it right now, but faith is the victory! Jesus is the victorious king!

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## Bible Bowl & Snacks

### October

29 – Michele Chapman

### November

5 – Susie Graham

12 – Susan Pelfrey

26 – Sandy Garner

**Man can only do so much.** Jesus made the statement in Matthew 10:28, "do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather, fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Man can only do so much; they have limited power. If I am faithful to God and my life is taken because of it, then I will enjoy my reward in heaven. To stand before God in judgement unprepared is truly a frightening thought, for He is able to destroy the soul in hell fire.

**God has not given us a spirit of fear.** You are created in the image of God, and therefore, He has not given you a spirit of fear (2 Tim. 1:7).

**Fear is disabling.** Fear will spiritually disable us. Spiritual paralysis needs to be avoided because there is so much work to do! We are to be evangelizing the world (Mk. 16:15-16). Those who are afraid of rejection or persecution will not strive to make disciples; they will become inactive in their Christian duties. But love is stronger than fear. We need to love the souls of lost men to the point that we overcome fear.

This is a very short list of reasons why the Christian should not be afraid. The ultimate reason is simply because God said not to be. This is not to say that fear will not creep in and that Satan will try his very best to make us afraid, but it is to say that we need to remember that we have the ability to overcome this fear and anything else that Satan uses to hinder us in our Christian walk. When you find yourself afraid or in that storm, just remember the words of God to Joshua when He said, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord you God is with you where you go" (Josh. 1:9).

## Calendar Events



**Nov 5** - Daily Light Saving Time Ends

**November 18, 2 - 4:30pm**

ThanksSinging!

**November 23—26** - Office Closed

**December 2** - Family Holiday Dinner

See Katherine Hopkins if you can help.

**December 8** - Ornament Exchange for Southside Ladies. See Luann Rogers

**December 10th** - Christmas Cards  
Bags for members will be placed in the foyer for your convenience.

### Area Wide Church Events

November 4 — Buford Ladies' Day,

Speaker: Kathy Ferguson

November 10-11 — Peachtree City Church of Christ will have a Holiday Market

They are looking for vendors with home-based businesses. Everyone is invited. No vendor fee. If you are interest call or text

Gail Sims 404 583-8339 or Regina Jennings 205 826-0430.

## Youth Calendar

**29 - Trunk n Treat**



Nov 4 - Frog Day

Nov 5 - Teen Sing at Greg & Amy Nash

Nov 11 - Friends—Giving

Nov 15, 5:30pm - Family Fellowship

Dec 3 - Teen Sing at David & Katherine Hopkins

Dec 16 - Progressive Dinner

Dec 27-30 - Exposure Youth Camp, Huntsville, Al

January 27, 2024 - Youth Day at FCOC

## 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) or click on "live broadcast."

## Family Matters

### Keep in Prayer

Jennifer Pakiz - Will have shoulder surgery November 12th.

Jeanelle McNease - Is recovering at home with high blood pressure.

Sue Riley - Is recovering at home and received a good report from her doctors last week.

Sally Wallace - Is recovering at home.

Maggie Miller - Is having migraines again.

Marlene Etheridge - Is recovering at home..

### Members Who Need Prayers

Rick & RuPearl Sharpe, Tom & Cristy Belk, Arnie & Maggie Miller, Melinda Armstrong, Margie Fields, Jim Pelfrey, Ginny Couch, Annette Butler, Brenda Mitchell, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Dennis Etheridge, Ray & Tina Russell, Yvonne Bettis, Ivan Gonzalez, Brian Harris

### Continue Prayers for:

Doris Buckner - Doris Buckner c/o Palmetto Parks, 519 Perkins Road, Unit #137, Palmetto, GA 30268

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

Mary Lawrence - Fayetteville Center for Nursing & Healing, 110 Brandywine Blvd, Fayetteville, GA 30214

### Shut-ins:

Harry & Mattie Williams, Ruby Fowler, and Estell Higginbotham

### Our Missionaries and their families:

Graham & Beth McDonald - Scotland, Victor & Esperanza González Geronimo - Mexico

Scott & Rebecca Shanahan - Italy

### Others With Health Problems:

Jenene Johnson (Tara Nash's mother), Susan Little (Jenny Gwinn's family), Jonelda Hutson (Susan Smith's family), Karen Lepore (Giuli DeBrown's mother), Aukse Harris (Linda Armstrong family), Mark & Kim Royal (Allene Scoma's family), Jerry & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's bro./sis.-in-law), Bridget Sharpe (Rick's sister), Evelyn King (Annette Butler's aunt), Candy Krafft (Giuli DeBrown's cousin), Anthony Ravenell, 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); Xernona 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); and Joe & Judy Hand (Scoma family).

## Congratulations

**We are excited for Chelsey Russell and Kyle Smart who were united in marriage on Friday, October 20, 2023. Please let the new couple know how happy we are for them.**