

God Has A Place For You!

by Dave Rogers

One of the many amazing facts of our existence (cf. Psalm 139:14) **is that we are each made in God's image** (Genesis 1:26), **but no two of us are alike!** Each has different abilities and potential in God's kingdom (Romans 12:3-8), and each Christian should be appreciated and enabled to serve within the range of those abilities!

Every Christian belongs somewhere, but we're not interchangeable. Paul stressed that "...the body is not **one** member, but **many**" (1 Corinthians 12:14). We don't all have the same abilities, but we all have work to do for the Master! This is why it's foolish for a Christian to be jealous of another's abilities, or to "lay out" of the church's work simply because someone else is better able to do a certain job (see 1 Corinthians 12:15-17)! **Titus 2:1-8** stresses some of the works God has set for us, and shows how we are differently qualified for them.

God **HAS** a place for you to work in His kingdom; are you there?

The places and duties God assigns us "befit" sound doctrine, verse 1. Paul shows this with a contrast between the speech of the impure and the pure, Titus 1:15-2:1. (The contrast lies in the content as well as the conduct!) The Cretans in Titus 1 correspond to folks today who demand that "everything" (including what we believe and do) should be exactly "equal" in every way. The gospel, however, teaches that our different qualifications are part of what makes us valuable to God! What Paul said next – about the roles of men and women, and old and young – highlights this point; these ARE things that befit ("beautify") sound doctrine! God is **not** the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33), so the roles He assigns in the church do not conflict with our liberty in Christ. Paul's comparison is between the "healthy, hygienic" teaching of God, and the "sick" thinking of the world! God's plan for Christians **complements** His teachings in other matters!

Our duties in the kingdom DO vary, verses 2-6. Here, the Holy Spirit acknowledges distinctions of AGE and GENDER, and Paul's instruction flies in the face of modern attitudes that "younger is always better" and "gender doesn't matter." His words are calculated to help the church grow strong and function smoothly. The aged are the presented as leaders because;

- Mature men can be reasonably expected to possess qualities like self-control, reverence, and prudence, as well as possessing "healthy" beliefs (teaching/doctrine), healthy Christian love, and endurance.
- Mature Christian women are reverent in conduct (as befits priests), not "defamers," and can be counted on to teach their younger sisters about things like sobriety (self-control), holy love, discretion and chastity, and industriousness, kindness, and obedience.

The younger Christian men are told to be sober-minded just like the older men (this expression means "thinking it through, looking at the consequences"). The whole point of trying to encourage these things is so that **God's** name will not be blasphemed! When we all do the things God has assigned us, the church functions like a body.

Principles that apply to all, verses 7-8. Here, Paul emphasizes that God intends us to participate in "good" works; this is why we are created in Christ Jesus, Ephesians 2:10. We should be enthusiastic about good works, according to Titus 2:14, but we cannot get them done if we are focused on "who gets to do what" instead of on doing what we can!

If we're not serious about the mission and message of the gospel, we are rejecting God's grace, Titus 2:11-12. Where are **you** in God's scheme of things?

No Security in High Walls

In ancient China, the rulers wanted protection from the barbaric tribes to the North, so they built the great wall of China. It was so high they felt sure no army could climb over it, and so thick that nothing could break it down.

During the first century of the wall's existence, China was invaded by the barbarians several times. Not once did the armies scale the wall or break it down: They simply bribed the gatekeepers and marched right through the massive wall. Instead of building walls of stone, the Chinese could have been teaching virtues like honesty and integrity!

To Mrs. Jean and all of those who helped assemble and deliver the wonderful, delicious fruit, and cookies, I am truly grateful! Someone said "The best use of life is Love." Everyone of you provided each of us with your "Labor of Love." Many star-studded crowns await you! "The best expression of love is time," and your time was a very special gift to each of us. May God bless you always.

In His love, Mrs. Doris

To Jean Johnson, all her helpers, and especially to the children that made the fruit-and-cookies bags, We say "Thank You" again this year. We love all of you for your kindness in thinking of us.

Love, Betty Jo & Wayne Nash

To the Youth — Thank you so much for the goody bag. It was delicious and we appreciate the time and effort everyone put into making them.

Love, Greg & Amy

Dear Youth Folks, Thank you and Mrs. Johnson for the delicious goodie bag. We have enjoyed every bite. We love and appreciate all of you.

Forrest & Burma Chapman

I want to give a big "Thank you" to Jean Johnson and all the youth and parents who made up the beautiful baskets; the cookies were delicious and the fruit was great and it looked so pretty. Thanks again, Barbara E.

Dear Youth Group, We want to thank you for remembering us with the lovely fruit basket. You are a special group of young people and we are fortunate to have you. You are to be commended for all your acts of kindness. We are also thankful for Jean Johnson and others who helped you with this project.

Again thank you, Love David & Sue Riley

Dean Youth, Thank you for the delicious fruit and cookies bag. We enjoyed it. Thank you again for remembering us. Love Paul & Decieta Lyons and Frances Elder

Dear Ones, Thank you for thinking of me with the fruit and cookies. Y'all are the best and I love you bunches! Judy Beckwith

Dear Youth — Thank you so much for the fruit and cookies. We enjoyed all of it.

Love Mr. Dennis & Mrs. Susie

Youth Events

(See David Gullede with any questions)



Dec 8 – Breakfast & Selfies with Santa at 8:30 in the fellowship hall

Dec 8 – Youth Cheesecake Factory Dinner. The bus will leave at 4pm.

Dec 15 – Youth Progressive Dinner. The bus will leave at 5pm.

Dec 16 – AreaWide Youth Devotional at Tara.

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Jan 12 – "Feed the Homeless" – We will meet in the fellowship building to organize and prepare the lunch bags at 9am. The bus will leave the building at 10am.

Bible Bowl 2018-19,
Sunday 3-5 pm
Exodus
Convention
April 18-21, 2019
"I AM" Exodus 3:14

Snacks:

12-2 – Catherine Kelly
9 – Linda Armstrong
16 – Katherine Hopkins
1/6/19 - Linda Armstrong
13 - Catherine Kelly
20 Janine Esler
27 Susan Pelfrey

Family Matters

Cory Roberson – Is having a problem with his wrist.

Mary Lawrence – Is recovering from cataract surgery last week.

Katherine Garner – Is home sick.

Sandy Garner – Is home sick.

Debbie Walding – Is recovering at home from knee surgery.

Lilly Walker – Is having health issues.

Members With Health Issues: Larry & Margie Fields, Bernice Gillespie, Decieta Lyons, Estell Higginbotham, David Riley, Susan Voyles, Gail Chapman, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Sally Wallace, Joann Crook, Doris Buckner, Mary Lawrence, Brenda Mitchell, Mattie Williams, Una Fortson, RuPearl Sharpe, Lucille Amon, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Forest & Burma Chapman, Jim & Sharon O'Brien

Shut-ins: Equillar Butler, David Nash, Annette Benefield, Ruby Fowler, Lillie Jones, Joe Clark, Frances Elder & Jane Lankford

Others With Health Problems: Ashley Johnson, Cassandra Wright (Friend of Cory/Ruth Roberson), Mary Zackary (Theresa Green's sister), Zane Canty (3 yrs. old), Marilyn Newby (member at Forest Park COC), Mark Etheridge (Dennis' brother), Kandy Myers (Sally Wallace's sister), Nancy Neff (Amy Nash's mother), Patrick Kelly (Hugh/Connie's Son), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's

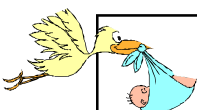
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brother), Cecil Hester (Tina Russell's father), Frances Jones & Hugh Knopp (neighbors of Sally Wallace/Denise Greene), Mike Giles (Jim O'Brien), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Dr. Joan Wollie (colleague of David Poskevich), Mary Mackie (Linda Johnson's mother), Teresa Bryan (friend of Amy Nash), Nathan Schober (Andrea Laney's coworker), Diane Brown (Dave Rogers' cousin), Fred Mack (Andy Johnson's friend), Barbara McDowell, Alvin Elder (Decieta Lyon's bro.), Steve Watts, Joyce Greene (Denise's mother), Patrick Shanahan (Linda Howell's nephew), Nita Mayfield (David/Katherine Hopkins' friend), April Adams, Greg Brown & Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's cousin & niece), Betty Land (Jill Nash's sister), Tom Holcomb (Annette's son-in-law), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's bro./sis.-in-law) and Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's bro.-in-law)

(NOTE: Please help us keep this list up-to-date!)

We will always remember, with grateful appreciation, the consoling gesture of sympathy and condolence you have extended to us after the death of my mother and grandmother.

The R. Graham's



(Grandmother) Baby Shower for "Nana Lu"

December 9th at 3:30pm

Everyone is invited to attend a baby shower for "Nana Lu" (Luann).

Dave & Luann's youngest daughter, Katie, is having a baby boy due January 17th in Texas.

We would like to celebrate this new addition with Nana Lu. The parents are registered at Buy Buy Baby Store & Target.

The Elders will teach a combined Sunday Morning Adult Class

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23: Jim Garner,

*"The Word Became Flesh:
Lessons From The Book of John"*

Dec. 30: Greg Nash,

"Why Do You Hate Me?"

Calendar

Dec 1 – Family Holiday Party at 6:30pm.

Dec 7 – Family Game Night 6pm

Dec 9 – Rogers' Baby Shower

Dec 16 – All Christmas Card's are due and bags can be ready on December 21st.

Dec 16 – Ladies' Day Meeting after the AM Service, room 121.

Dec 16 – Ladies' Ornament Party after the PM service

Dec 24 & 25 – Office Closed

Dec 31 – New Year's Eve Party at 8pm

Jan 1, 2019 – Office Closed

Jan 12 – Feed The Homeless, we have a box in the office for coats, gloves, scarves & blankets

Jan 18 - SilverWings' Organizing Dinner

Feb 9 – Ladies' Day, Recipe for the Heart, "A Study of the Beatitudes"

	12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/30
Call To Worship	Tom Durden	David Gulledge	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash
Scripture Reading	Jake Garner	Zeke Poskevich	Jake Garner	Zeke Poskevich	Jake Garner
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Rory Bell, Sr	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Lewis Armstrong	Larry Rose	Thomas Quinn	Hugh Kelly	Bill Ruffer
Preside Lord's Supper	Steve Hopkins	Greg Curtis	Reggie Graham	James Walker	Corey Roberson
Server	Rick Sharpe	Shirley Allender	Rick Sharpe	Shirley Allender	Rick Sharpe
Server	Tim Tittle	Brad Hopkins	Tim Tittle	Brad Hopkins	Tim Tittle
Server	Ben Rogers	Michael Madison	Ben Rogers	Michael Madison	Ben Rogers
Server	Eric Hagin	Steve Burdette	Eric Hagin	Steve Burdette	Eric Hagin
Server	Ron James	Anthony Ravenell	Ron James	Anthony Ravenell	Ron James
Server	Paul Lyons	Tommy Chapman	Paul Lyons	Tommy Chapman	Paul Lyons
Server	Andy Johnson	Dale Findley	Andy Johnson	Dale Findley	Andy Johnson
Server	Charles Nash	Cliff Nash	Charles Nash	Cliff Nash	Charles Nash
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Announcements	Tom Durden	David Gulledge	David Gulledge	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Garner	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	Jim Garner
Evening Worship					
Announcements	Tom Durden	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	David Gulledge	Greg Nash
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Dale Findley	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner
Prayer	Wayne Nash	Ray Russell	Ferdinand Brumant	Curtis Hurt	Larry Fields
Sermon	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers	Song Service	Dave Rogers
Lord's Supper	Rick Sharpe	Brad Hopkins	Eric Hagin	Dale Findley	Paul Lyons
Lord's Supper	Ben Rogers	Anthony Ravenell	Ron James	Cliff Nash	Andy Johnson
Prayer	Jim O'Brien	Tad Durden	Jack Sorrell	Steven Williams	Anthony Stinson


Worship Assignment Coordinator for December: Dennis Ethridge


Communion Preparation Brenda Mitchell Nursery 2 Susan Pelfrey, 9 Loretta Keith 16 Stacy Killingsworth, 23 Sally Wallace	& 30 RuPearl Sharpe Care of Building 1-15 Paul Lyons/Eric Hagin 16-31 Dennis Graham/Larry Fields Ushers 2 Shirley Allender/Rory Bell	9 Ron Biles, Thomas Chapman 16 Mike Fields/Steven Williams 23 Dale Findley/Michael Madison 30 Paul Lyons/Keith Killingsworth Media Center Helpers Dec 2 Gayle Pelfrey	Dec 16 & 23 Ben Rogers Dec 30 & Jan 6 Tad Durden Wednesday Evening Devotional 5 Tom Durden, 12 Cliff Nash, 19 Cory Roberson & 26 Keith Killingsworth
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Andy Johnson
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Raintree Village
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Assembly Schedule:

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

10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Class (September 4 - May 14)
7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study



December 2018

Response Elder: Tom Durden

"In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have
helped you." 2 Corinthians 6:2 (ESV)

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