

	10/11	10/18	10/25
Call To Worship	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash
Scripture Reading	Jake Garner	Ethan Boelsterli	Jake Garner
Song Leader	Coney Johnson	Stan Mitchell	Rory Bell, Sr.
Prayer	Charles Nash	Jack Sorrell	Greg Curtis
Preside Lord's Supper	Reggie Graham	John Mullis	Anthony Stinson
Usher	Steve Burdette	Steve Hopkins	Steve Burdette
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Garner	Tom Durden
Evening Worship			
Announcements	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash
Song Leader	Coney Johnson	Stan Mitchell	Charles Nash
Prayer	Gayle Pelfrey	Curtis Hurt	Brad Hopkins
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Lord's Supper	Reggie Graham	John Mullis	Anthony Stinson
Prayer	Eric Hagin	Anthony Ravenell	JD Branch

Worship Assignment Coordinator for October: **Cliff Nash**

Assembly Schedule:

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
Adults in the Auditorium
Cradle Roll - 5th Grade
in the Fellowship hall

10:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Worship Service

**Tuesday Bible
Men's & Ladies' Classes**
Start back on
October 20th at 10am

**Wednesday Night
Bible Study 7 pm**
(on Zoom for now)



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Basic Facts from ... Ezekiel, Pt. 1

by Dave Rogers

The prophet Ezekiel was a contemporary of both Jeremiah and Daniel, as well as Habakkuk and Zephaniah. He was a **priest** as well as a prophet, and the focus of his "ministry" was mainly among the common people of Judah. Like Daniel, he was taken into captivity in Babylon, where he lived by the river *Chebar* among the "middle class" captives (unlike Daniel, who served in king Nebuchadnezzar's palace). Some biblical scholars identify the Chebar as one of the large Babylon canals that emptied into the Euphrates River.

There are two basic parts to the inspired book Ezekiel wrote; the first twenty-four chapters chronicle his efforts **before** Jerusalem was destroyed, trying to persuade those of his people already in captivity to repent of their sins and meekly accept the punishment God had already decreed. Chapters 25-48 record Ezekiel's efforts to *reassure* his people – including the "new" captives – that they had not been abandoned by their God, and that He would keep His promise to restore them to their land when their seventy years of punishment in exile were finished.

In an example of the bible "commenting" on itself, Revelation chapter four explains the first chapter of Ezekiel – both contexts emphasize God's sovereignty over **all** of creation, especially all the nations of humanity. The image of the Lord's glory here (Eze. 1) is one of the most vivid in all the scriptures, and Ezekiel's "commission" as a prophet (chapter two) is the focus of this heavenly vision. There are two points of emphasis in the Lord's instructions: **1)** Ezekiel is to speak *regardless* of whether or not the people accept his message (2:5), and **2)** he is *not* to fear the consequences of delivering God's message, no matter how scary those consequences might seem (2:6-7). God repeatedly warns Ezekiel that he will be speaking to a "rebellious house," but he is to "*speak my words to them*" (3:4). In Ezekiel 3:17-21 the prophet learns that his role is to be a "watchman" or **sentinel** for his people, and that he would be *personally responsible* to deliver the Lord's warning; failure to speak would result in Ezekiel's own condemnation and destruction!

Chapters 4-5 record some of the most graphic

warning signs God ever sent His people about their impending destruction, and Ezekiel is the "star" of these warnings. First, he is to depict the siege of Jerusalem on a tile, in a way that all who saw it could recognize it; next, he is to lie on one side (left – evidently in a public place – perhaps with the tile in sight) for **390 days**, while prophesying about Israel's punishment. Following this, he was to turn and lie on the *other* (right) side **for forty more days** while foretelling Jerusalem's destruction. During this time, he is to dramatically alter his diet so that he becomes thin and emaciated in appearance, as a sign of the deprivation that would come from the Babylonians' siege of Jerusalem. In chapter five, Ezekiel is to shave his head and beard with a sword, and then publicly divide and dispose of the hair (1/3 burned, 1/3 chopped up with the sword, 1/3 scattered in the wind) as a sign of God's judgement against Jerusalem.

In Ezekiel 12:10-14, the prophet foretells – **in detail** – the capture and exile of King Zedekiah (cf. 2 Kings 25:1-7) by the Babylonians. What makes Ezekiel's record significant is that he records this event five years **before** it occurred!

Ezekiel chapter eighteen presents what may be the most direct statements in the entire bible on the subject of personal, individual responsibility. The Jews of Ezekiel's day, even before they were in captivity, had already begun to complain that they were suffering unfairly because of their ancestors' sins rather than their own (verse 2, "*The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge*"). God's response (vv. 4 & 20) is simple and explicit; "*the soul who sins shall die.*" It is important to note that there are no "degrees" of sin specified here (i.e., there is no distinction between "petty" sins and "serious" sins, nothing that says God will only judge and punish us "if we commit more than **X** number of sins"). Since there is no "threshold" specified, we should conclude that any sin and all sins carry the death penalty (cf. Ezekiel 28:15). The **guilt** of sin is not inherited from parents, nor from anyone else; each of us is completely responsible, before God, for the things we do in the body!

(More to come)

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**
WUPA TV 69,
Sunday at 7:30am

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Eric Hagin	David Poskevich
David Hopkins	Anthony Ravenell
Hugh Kelly	Rick Sharpe
Andy Johnson	Jack Sorrell

Records You Made – Sept 27

Bible Classes	n/a
10 am Worship	109 & 32 Units Online
5 pm Worship	66 & Online
Offering	\$9,426.00
Wednesday Bible Study	online

Communion Preparation

October – Individual Sets

November – Individual Sets

Nursery

(closed for now)

Care of Building

Oct 1-15 Dennis Graham/Steve Esler

Oct 16-31 Eric Hagin/Reggie Graham

Media Center

Dennis Graham, Eric Hagin, Steve Esler,
Brad Hopkins & Preston Morgan

Wednesday Evening

Devotional

October

14 David Riley

21 Tom Durden

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Rick Sharpe, Campus Director

Assembly Schedule: Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes (postponed)

10:00 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Worship Service

Worship Schedule:

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes are
being conducted online only: Please go
to www.fcoc.com for further details.



Pumpkin Carving Party/ Chili Cook-off at the Church Building Friday, October 23rd at 5:30pm (For all ages)

Youth 2020-2021 Calendar

Oct 23 - All age kids
Pumpkin Carving

& Movie Night
Oct 25 - Trunk n Treat
Dec 4—Bible Bowl
Jan 9—Feed the Hungry
Feb 12— Bible Bowl
Feb 16—Bible Bowl



Trunk-n-Treat
October 25th
after the
evening service

Ladies Brunch

Please join us at the Fayetteville Church of Christ

for food, fellowship!

Saturday, November 7th

9:30 - 11:30am

Where do I fit into the puzzle?

Finding my place to serve

This has been a tough year for many. We can all benefit from the fellowship time with our sisters. . . No one should feel any pressure to attend. Some are not comfortable gathering at all yet, and that is okay, but for those that need the encouragement and the uplifting time together, we welcome you. We will remain watchful of the statistics in our area and take precautions and make changes as necessary.

Please RSVP by November 1st

by phone or text to 813-390-1997

or email janineesler@yahoo.com

Family Matters

Sympathy: Our deepest sympathy to the family of Bro. Bill Benton. Bro. Bill passed away last week after a long rewarding life. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Our Sick:

Equillar Butler - Is in Piedmont Fayette Hospital with heart issues.

Mary Lawrence - Waiting on CT scan results. She is waiting on an endoscopy procedure.

Forest Chapman - Is having health issues. Keep him and Burma in your prayers.

Larry & Margie Fields - Is recovering at home after a fall last month.

Paul Lyons - Is at home recovering from rotator cuff surgery last week.

Ray Cozart - Keep him in your prayers. Send cards of encouragement PO Box 143, Tyrone, GA 30290.

Dale Findley - Is home with heart issues. Send cards of encouragement 108 Quail Run Circle, Stockbridge, GA 30281.

Una Fortson - Has been moved to Encompass Health Newnan Rehab. She is alert & talking. Keep her in your prayers.

Jean Johnson - Is being treated for stage 3 lung cancer, that spread to the bones. It is not curable but treatable. Send her a card! Her address is 165 Country Line Road, Fayetteville, GA 30215.

Doris Buckner - Has developed nerve end damage. She is working with the pain doctor and is a little better. Send cards of encouragement.

Debbie Decker and Kathy Gullidge - Both continuing chemotherapy treatments.

Members With Health Issues:

Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Kirsten Mullis, Preston Morgan, Hugh

Kelly, Ray & Barbara Cozart, Sharon O'Brien, Linda Howell, Jim & Allene Scoma, Lewis & Linda Armstrong, Lucille Amon, Ru-Pearl Sharpe, Margie Fields, Harry & Mattie Williams, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Ray & Tina Russell, David & Sue Riley, Sally Wallace, Mary Lawrence, Joann Crook, Forest & Burma Chapman, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge

Shut-ins:

Kathleen Garner, Alyce Hubbert, Joanne Crook, Joe Clark, David Nash, Bernice Gillespie, Una Fortson, Equillar Butler, Frances Elder, Ruby Fowler and Jane Lankford

Our Missionaries and their families:

Graham & Beth McDonald, Victor & Esperanza González Geronimo, Forest & Burma Chapman & Scott & Rebecca Shanahan.

Others With Health Problems:

Cathy Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's mother), Ed Hinely (David Nash's son-in-law), Evelyn Walker (Mattie Williams' sister-in-law), Bob & Nancy Neff (Amy Nash's parents), Karen & Ed Byrd (friends of Una Fortson), Sherry Etheridge & Kelly Stoneheart (Dennis/Marlene's daughters), Angela Hollis (Equillar's daughter), Glenda Moore (Una Fortson's friend), Braxton Fortson (Una's nephew), Linda Hall (Charity Nash's mother), Lisa (Cathy Harris' friend), Whitnee Ricigliano (Lyons' friend), Doris Johnson (Wayne & David Nash's sister), Johnnie Ray, Maggie Mills (preacher's wife at Eatonton, GA), Mindy Sims, Alvin Elder (Decieta Lyons' brother), Mia Marques (Chrystine Fields' mother), Treston Hamilton (former member), Phil Shaw (Catherine Kelly's cousin), Ruby June Cotter (Andrew Dalman's 6 month old cousin), Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry's parents), Richard Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's stepfather), Lyn Launch & Aden Clarke (Jim & Sharon O'Brien family), Zane Canty (3 yrs. old), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother), Mary Mackie (Linda Johnson's mother), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Lil Cauthen (Poskevich family) and Joe & Judy Hand (Scoma family). **(NOTE: Please help us keep this list up-to-date!)**

Friday, November 6, 2020

6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Fossils 'n Fast Food 'n Film Fellowship

Bring your favorite F-A-S-T food and a dessert!

After we eat, we will be watching:

"Is Genesis History?"

Invite Friends to enjoy the fellowship, food, and especially the movie!

2020 ThanksSinging

8th Annual Area Wide Singing

Wear your mask!

We may be socially distant but our voices will lift as ONE in praising our Father!

Refreshments to follow in the Fellowship building.

Sunday, November 22, 2020
2:00 - 4:00 pm

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Address Update

Jewel Green
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Welcome Our New Youth

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IN-PERSON Sunday morning Bible Classes will resume on October 18th at 9am. The kids' classes will meet in the fellowship hall with Luann Rogers & Sandra Hopkins, and adults will meet in the auditorium with Dave Rogers.