

	4/17	4/24
Call To Worship	Tom Durden	Dave Rogers
Scripture Reading	Jon Buckner	Peyton Nash
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Charles Nash
Prayer	Paul Lyons	Dale Findley
Preside Lord's Supper	Eric Hagin	Anthony Ravenell
Usher	JD Branch	Emmett Libby
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Vance Hutton
Response Elder	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Shepherd's Prayer	Greg Nash	Jim Garner
Evening Worship		
Announcements	Tom Durden	Dave Rogers
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Bill Ruffer	Keith Killingsworth
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Vance Hutton
Lord's Supper	Eric Hagin	Anthony Ravenell
Prayer	Jim Garner	Tom Durden

WATCH!
The Fountain of Life
With Larry Acuff
 Saturdays at 7

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way
With Phil Sanders
 Sunday at 7:30am, Stations 69 or 45

Worship Assignment Coordinator for April: Rick Sharpe

Communion Preparation

Individual Sets on the table in the foyer

Nursery (closed for now)

Care of Building

16-30 JD Branch/Rick Sharpe

Media Center

Steve Esler, Dennis Graham, Eric Hagin, Holden Cella, David Hopkins, Jon Buckner & Ethan Boelsterli

Wednesday Evening Devotionals

April 20 — Mike Richardson
 April 27 — Rick Sharpe
 May 4 — Jimmy Garner
 May 11 — Eric Hagin
 May 18 — Ron James
 May 25 — Jim O'Brien

Our Mission Works

Graham & Elizabeth McDonald - Scotland
 Victor & Esperanza González-Geronimo - Mexico
 Raintree Village

Assembly Schedule: Sunday

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

10:00 am

Wednesday Evening

Bible Classes at 7pm

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Saturday, May 14, 2022

FAITH OVER FEAR

9:00 AM - "Timothy Hour" - FAITH Over Peer Pressure & Culture, Spencer Hall
 9:30 AM - Faculty Lecture - FAITH Over Disease / Pandemic, Daniel Stearsman
 10:00 AM - Current Student Lecture - FAITH Over Political Allegiance, David Koeberlin
 10:30 AM - Alumni Lecture - FAITH Over Things That Divide Us, Jim Gentry
 11:00 AM - Keynote Lecture - FAITH That Leads To Godly Fear, David Decker
 11:30 AM - Commencement, Awards & Announcements
 12:30 PM - Reception

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

Records You Made – April 10

Bible Classes 98-8 Units Online
 10 am Worship 140-16 Units Online
 5 pm Worship 85-8 Units Online
 Offering \$9,229.88
 Wednesday Bible Study n/a



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Basic Facts from ... COLOSSIANS (Part 1)

by Dave Rogers

Like Ephesians, Philippians and Philemon, Paul's letter to the church at Colossae is one of the "prison epistles," penned while he was a captive in Rome. "Christ" is the theme of this letter, and Paul writes about both the deity of Jesus and His superiority to all human ideas and concepts. While there are some words of correction here, this letter is very similar to Philippians, in that it is focused on encouragement rather than condemnation.

After beginning with a typical expression of thanksgiving for the Christians at Colossae, Paul expresses his wish for these brethren to continue growing spiritually so that they could enjoy all the blessings of salvation in Christ. As he writes about the great change that had occurred when they became Christians, he also begins (at chapter 1:13) to describe the church with a series of words that should help us understand some very basic facts about it. Those who are "partakers of the inheritance of the saints" (vs. 12) are also those who have been "conveyed...into the kingdom of the Son of His love" (vs. 13). **Did you notice?** Paul told these Christians, living in the first century, that they were **in the kingdom** of God's Son! He did not say they "would be" in the kingdom "someday," or that the kingdom "would come" at some point in the future. Paul's words indicate very plainly that the kingdom of Christ was present in the world **right then!** In verse 18 (in this same context), Paul also equates the "body" of Christ and the "church." Paul uses these three terms – *kingdom, body, and church* – as **synonyms**, meaning that the kingdom IS the body of Christ, which IS the church. Therefore, if we are now in the church, we are also now parts of ("members" of, Romans 12:4; 1 Corinthians 12:12-20) Christ's body, which also means that right now we are citizens (Philippians 3:20) in His kingdom.

This last point is important because it shows that

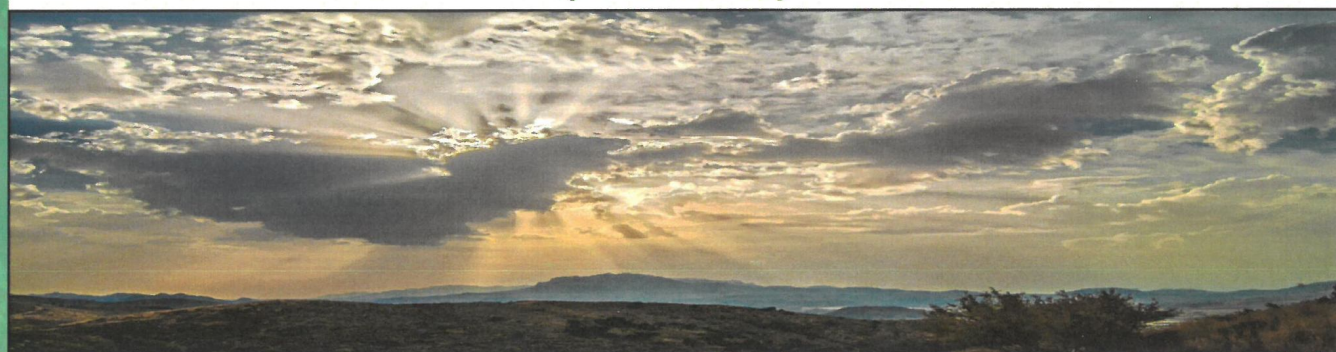
the claim of many denominations – that the effect that the church is merely a "placeholder" until Christ returns to establish an earthly, political (millennial) kingdom – **is wrong**. Christ's kingdom has existed in our world since the day when the apostles first preached the gospel on Pentecost in Acts 2. Christians are told to "serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" because we **have already received** that kingdom (Hebrews 12:28).

Next, we need to understand what the term "firstborn" means, in Colossians 1:13 and 18. On the surface, we might assume that it simply denotes an oldest child, "the first one born." In biblical usage, however, "firstborn" refers to "rank" or position, a place of pre-eminence – **NOT** order of birth. (Judah, Jacob's *fourth* son in order of birth, was given the position and authority of "firstborn" in Genesis 49:8-10). Far from suggesting (as the Jehovah's Witness cult claims) that Jesus is merely the "first one born" or created by God, Paul is actually telling us here that Jesus is the "Chief" of creation (cf. John 1:3-4) – the One who existed before creation. In verse 16, Paul says that "all" things were created **by Him**, and His being the "beginning" in verse 18 means he is the **origin**, the source of all things. This harmonizes perfectly with Paul had written about the Christ in Philippians 2:6, that He was equal with the Father (i.e., not a "creation" of the Father).

In verses 21-23 Paul writes of the fact that we can be **reconciled** (*brought back*) to the Father through the sacrifice of Jesus. He offered His body (vs. 22) to pay the penalty of our sins. In verse 23, however, Paul says in no uncertain terms that we must "continue" consistently in the faith, without being shifted or moved away from the hope presented by the gospel. This agrees exactly with the words of Hebrews 3:14, which admonish us to "hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end."

You Are Invited! Weekend Seminar Fayetteville Church of Christ April 23-24, 2022

“Let Us Follow On To Know The Lord”
(Hosea 6:3)



Vance Hutton's Sermons Double Springs Church of Christ April 23rd, Saturday

9:30 a.m. - 11:00a.m - Draw Nigh To God
(Breakfast and Lesson)

7:00 p.m. - A Fivefold Challenge Of The Gospel

April 24th, Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Sunday Class - Marks Of Maturity

10:00 am - Worship - I Died Last Night

5:00 p.m. - Evening Service - It Is Written

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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

Our Sick:

Una Fortson – Has now been able to return home.
Loretta Keith – Is recovering from ankle surgery.
Linda Ravenell – Is recovering from spinal surgery.
Martha Vickery – Is having health issues.
Mary Lawrence – Is having some health issues, and would appreciate cards and calls.
David Nash - Is having health issues. Calls and visits are welcome.
Debbie Decker – Is continuing to struggle with a viral infection following knee replacement.
Charles Davis – Susie Graham's brother has been moved to hospice in Wichita Falls, TX .

Our brethren on both sides of the war in Ukraine.

Continue Prayers for:

Burma Chapman – She is at Hope Center Memory Care in Fayetteville, Sunny Suite #10. Visitors are welcome.

Members With Health Issues:

Margie Fields, Brian Harris, Brenda Mitchell, Jim & Sharon O'Brien, Doris Buckner, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Ray & Tina Russell, Dale & Susan Findley, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Rick & RuPearl Sharpe, Harry & Mattie Williams, David & Sue Riley, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge

Shut-ins:

Joanne Crook, Alyce Hubbert and Ruby Fowler

Our Missionaries and their families:

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

Others With Health Problems:

Terrell Dry (friend of Libby's), Frankie Griffin (RuPearl Sharpe's sister), Mark Royal (Allene Scoma's stepson-in-law), Paul & Ruth King, Lee Stewart, Lamar Elder, Carol Waits (Martha Vickery's daughter), Evelyn King (Annette Butler's aunt), Shirley Johnson (Andy's mother), Jackie & Brian Couch (Ginny's husband & son), Stan Ward, Bob & Nancy Neff (Amy Nash's parents), Marvin Cook (Coney Johnson's uncle), Evelyn Walker (Mattie Williams' sis-in-law), Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry's parents), Richard & Cathy Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's stepfather & mother), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Lil Cauthen (Poskevich family) and Joe & Judy Hand (Scoma family).

Baby Girl Shower!

For Fairyon & Holden Cella
Saturday, May 21st at 12:30 PM
in the fellowship building
Guys and gals are **both** invited to come and celebrate the Cella's growing family—Hugh Kelly will be preparing Bar-B-Q for lunch!

Youth Calendar

April

17 - Teen Sing
20 - Singing Class
23 - Service Saturday

May

7 - FROG's Day
8 - Teen Sing
11 - Family Fellowship
14 - Service Saturday
25 - Singing Class

June

12-17 Camp Inagehi
(Parents sign up online)

July

16 - Super Saturday
VBS

“FEARLESS”

Deeds of the Defenders



Calendar for April

22 – **Singing!** Around the fire pit, 7 PM 'til dark.

Come for the singing, stay for fellowship!

Bring your lawn chairs!

23-24 – **Weekend Seminar at Fayetteville with Vance Hutton**

April 24 –27 Gospel Meeting at Forest Park Church of Christ

Speaker: Robbie Eversole

Apr 29 – May 1 Rose Show Weekend (in the Fellowship Hall)

May 8 – Mother's Day appeal for Raintree Village Children's Home

May 14 – NAMI Family & Friends Mental Illness

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is invited to attend.

May 15 – House Warming Shower for the family of Denise Greene,

Chad & Mellissa Vickers

(To help replace some of the things they lost in the fire last year.)

May 21, 12:30pm – Baby Shower for the Cella's

July 19 – LifeLine Screening(in the Fellowship building)