

	7/23	7/30
Call To Worship	David Gulledge	Jonah Dawes
Scripture Reading	Carson Hopkins	Austin Tittle
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Charles Nash
Prayer	Steve Hopkins	Tim Tittle
Preside Lord's Supper	Clay Posey	Ray Russell
Usher	Cliff Nash	Ron Biles
Sermon	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge
Closing Prayer	Paul Lyons	Jimmy Garner
<b>Evening Worship</b>		
Announcements	David Gulledge	Jonah Dawes
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Charles Nash
Prayer	Jim Garner	Greg Nash
Sermon	Singing Night	David Gulledge
Lord's Supper	Clay Posey	Ray Russell
Prayer	Keith Killingsworth	Jack Sorrell

Worship Assignment Coordinator for July: Dale Findley



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## Basic Facts from...The REVELATION (Part 3)

*by Dave Rogers*

The first three verses of the Revelation provide its readers both the "title" of this book and explain its *Source* (i.e., "where it came from, and how it was transmitted to them"):

***"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants-- things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John,<sup>2</sup> who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. <sup>3</sup>Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near."***

These verses *also* tells us the basic "character" of this book (that it is written mostly in signs, symbols, and figures), and they show us that all the images and scenes it presents were first shown to the apostle John. Notice that vs. 3 **also** promises a blessing to those who read, "hear" (*listen to*), and "keep" (*maintain, observe*) the things written here. There is a similar blessing near the conclusion (ch. 22:7), and this "bookending" theme emphasizes that this is a message God **wants** His people to read, understand, and **apply!**

This letter is addressed to seven congregations in the Roman province of Asia Minor (modern-day *Turkey*), with the number "seven" emphasizing that the message here is intended for ALL Christians, not only those in the named congregations. (The book of Acts, as well as 1 Peter 1:1, shows that there *were* other congregations in Asia Minor at this time.) As we read the individual "letters" in chapters 2-3, we should notice that the named congregations "span the spectrum" from very faithful to badly in need of repentance

(another detail that suggests that the letter is actually meant for all Christians everywhere, not "just" these congregations).

An interesting and significant statement appears in 1:6, as John concludes his opening salutation – he notes that Jesus has "...made **us** kings and priests to God" – a description that echoes His own status as both our High Priest and King (Zechariah 6:13 & Hebrew 8:1, cf. Matthew 25:21-23, 2 Timothy 2:12, & Revelation 5:10). This perfectly parallels the description Peter gives in 1 Peter 2:9!

John now begins the actual message of this book with a two-part declaration about Jesus in 1:7, telling us that our Lord **will** return (cf. Acts 1:9), and that when He does, **everyone will see Him** (cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). The Lord's own words in vs. 8 describe Him as the "A" and the "Z" (the "starter and finisher," or beginning/end of the alphabet) and then give us a definition of what it means to be **Diety** – He **was**, He **is**, and He **is to come**. These words describe the ideas of infinity and eternity, and these are qualities that distinguish God from humanity. By mentioning these essential differences between Jesus and us, the Holy Spirit is emphasizing the Lord's authority to say the things that will follow!

The rest of chapter 1 explains that John was – like those who first received this letter – being persecuted and tested for his faith. The vision he recounts, which came to him "on the Lord's day" (vs. 10) is meant to remind Christians that our Lord is very aware of the trials and challenges His people face for their faith, and that He **is** "with" us even when we are tested, just as He had promised (cf. Matthew 28:20).

### Communion Preparation

Available on the table in the foyer

#### Nursery

23 Melody Johnson  
30 Crystin Gulledge

#### August

6 Katherine Hopkins  
13 Melanie Boelsterli  
20 Staci Killingsworth  
27 Giuli DeBrown

#### Visitors' Center

23 Susie Graham/Linda Armstrong  
30 Janine Esler/Lisa Tittle

#### Care of Building

7/16-31 Eric Hagin/David Hopkins

#### Media Center

##### July 23

Sound Board — DJ Phillips  
Streaming — Steve Esler

Projector Computer — Dennis Graham

##### July 30

Sound Board — David Hopkins  
Streaming — Dennis Graham  
Projector Computer — Eric Hagin

#### Wednesday Devotionals

July 26 — Cliff Nash  
August 2 — David Hopkins  
August 9 — Rick Sharpe

#### Assembly Schedule: Sunday

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

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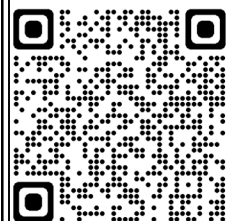
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<http://gsoponline.org/gsop-fayetteville-campus>  
Holden Cella, Campus Director

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

10:00 am  
(Classes begins Sept 12 - May 16)

### Wednesday Evening

Bible Classes at 7pm

### Our Mission Works

**Graham & Elizabeth McDonald, Scotland**

**Victor & Esperanza González-Geronimo, Mexico**

**Raintree Village Children's Home**

### 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

### Elders

Tom Durden(770) 652-7389

Jim Garner (770) 461-3197

Greg Nash (404) 455-1546

### Deacons

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

### Records You Made – July 16, 2023

Bible Classes	87-7 Units Online
10 am Worship	147-34 Units Online
5 pm Worship	81.-9 Units Online
Offering	\$6,460.06
Wednesday Bible Study	74-2 Units Online

# Youth Calendar



July 28 — Frog's Day



## Calendar Events

**Today** — 4th Sunday Covered Dish Meal, followed by our PM Song Service.

Bring lunch for yourself and some to share with our visitors!

There will be no 5:00 PM service today.

Please take full advantage this great opportunity to fellowship with one another and then lift our voices in praise to our God! We will do this every 4th Sunday afternoon.

**July 28, & Aug 25** — “Ladies’ Night Light,” a summer series for Women & Girls. Join us for fellowship, bible study, and a fun activity!

**July 30, 3:30pm**

Ian & Mallory (Chapman) Agnew Baby “Girl” Shower  
Join us as we celebrate with Mallory, Gail, Michele & Burma



**August 27th** — 4th Sunday Covered Dish Meal, followed by our PM Song Service.

Bring lunch for yourself and some to share with our visitors!

There will be no 5:00 PM Service.



**September 24** — Jon & Autumn Buckner’s Baby “Boy” Shower

## 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) – click on “live broadcast.”*

## Family Matters

### Deepest Sympathy

To Cara Dawes and her family for the loss of her grandfather, Charles Raymond Lambert, Sr., of South Carolina last week. Also to the family of Bro. Bob Cadenhead (member at Tara), who passed away last week.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

### Keep in Prayer

Burma Chapman – Fell and fractured her right fibula. She is not currently able to walk.

Charles Nash – Will have an MRI this week and outpatient surgery in August.

Beth McDonald – Is home after a hospital stay. She is still working on her medications to find the right balance and having heart issues.

Denise Greene – Is home after a hospital stay for migraines.

Tom Belk – Is now home after a stay at Piedmont Fayette Hospital for treatment of a hemiplegic migraine.

Mary Lawrence – Needs help getting to two doctor appointments. Let the office know if you can help.

### Our brethren on both sides of the war in Ukraine.

### Continue Prayers for:

David & Sue Riley – Sue will start chemotherapy for bladder cancer in the near future.

Jim & Sharon O’Brien – Jim is feeling a little better, and continuing immuno-therapy.

Jim Pelfrey – Is continuing immuno-therapy.

Burma Chapman – Hope Center Memory Care, 355 Brandywine Blvd,

Sunny Suite #10, Fayetteville, GA 30214. Visitors are welcome.

### Members With Health Issues:

Ray & Tina Russell, Yvonne Bettis, Stan & Brenda Mitchell, Arnie & Maggie Miller, Ivan Gonzalez, David & Sue Riley, Ray & Tina Russell, Margie, Mike & David Fields, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Luann Rogers, Rick & Rupearl Sharpe, Jeanelle McNease, Doris Buckner, Brian Harris, Tom & Christie Belk

### Shut-ins:

Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Harry & Mattie Williams, Una Fortson, Ruby Fowler, and Estell Higginbotham

### Missionaries and their families:

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

### Others With Health Problems:

Ed Hall (Charity Nash’s father), Mark & Kim Royal (Allene Scoma’s stepson & daughter-in-law), Harry Smith, Vicki Huckaby (friend of Autumn Buckner), Anthony Ravenell, Patsy Gaffney (friend of Brenda Mitchell); Vernon Woodall (Sally Wallace’s handyman); Aukse Harris (Linda Armstrong’s adopted daughter); Earl Hopkins (David’s father); Jerry Cauthen (Joan Poskevich’s brother); Patricia Walker (Mattie Williams’s sister); Catherine Burton (Jeanelle McNease’s stepmother); Karen Gower (Holley Dalman’s mother); Duane Esler (Steve’s brother); Joyce Brown (Janine Esler’s grandmother); Benson Smith (Harry’s brother); Eyvonne King (Annette Butler’s cousin); Chris Lee (Cathy Harris’ cousin); Myrtie Robinson (Sue Riley’s sister); Jackie Couch (Ginny’s husband); Xernonia 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).

## Area Wide Events

**July 23–26** — Gospel Meeting Revival

at Church of Christ at Atlanta Airport Area,

Speaker: Dan Jenkins of Palm Beach Gardens, Fl

**August 12** — Ladies’ Day at Lithia Springs Church of Christ,

Speaker: Kristy Woodall, Theme: Bee a Worker for the Lord

**August 26** — Ladies’ Event at Shannon CoC, Speakers:

Debbie Kea & Jackie Thornton, Theme: We must empty

EVERYTHING to Be fully devoted to Christ.

**October 14** — Ladies’ Day at Conyers CoC, Speakers: Dr.

Lawanna Twaites, Debbie Kea,

Kim Chalmers & Dr. Sarah Keyton,

Theme: What Fruit are you Bearing?



To brothers and sisters in Christ,

The cards of encouragement have truly been a blessing through challenging times. I appreciate the cards, caring, concern, calls and prayers.

Words cannot express the deep gratitude I feel. Thank you, In His love, Mary Lawrence



To brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous contributions, prayers and encouragement that gave us the opportunity to serve the Lord during the 2023 Mexico Mission. It was successful and there were 7 new Christians added to the Lord’s church.. Mexico Team