

### Communion Preparation

Available on the table in the foyer

### Nursery

#### August

13 Melanie Boelsterli  
20 Staci Killingsworth  
27 Giuli DeBrown

### Visitors' Center

#### August

13 Sandy Garner/  
Barbara Edmonds  
20 Kathleen Johnson/  
Denise Greene

27 Allene Scoma/Theresa Green

#### September

3 Toni Stinson/Janis Libby  
10 Carla Sorrell/Linda Johnson

### Care of Building

16/30 Charles Nash/  
Dennis Graham

### Wednesday Devotionals

August 16 — Tom Durden  
August 23 — J.D. Branch

### 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

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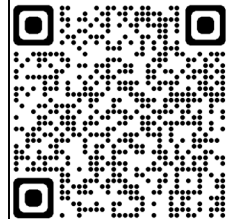
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Georgia School of Preaching-  
South Metro Campus  
<http://gsoponline.org/gsop-fayetteville-campus>  
Holden Cella, Campus Director

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**  
10:00 am  
(Classes begins Sept 12 - May 16)  
**Wednesday Evening**  
Bible Classes at 7pm

28 July 2023



Dear Fayetteville church family  
What a splendid week we enjoyed at Warrenton!  
The VBS program was an unqualified success.  
We appreciate the hard work that everyone put in to accomplish the program. The team started early and stayed late every day. We appreciate the work of many others who helped make the preparations in advance. We are thankful for the support of the church leadership as well.  
Overall, it was a wonderful project! Our friends at the Warrenton church expressed great appreciation, too. We are already beginning to make plans for next year.  
Brotherly, Ross Anderson,  
Cedar Grove Church of Christ

### 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

Aug 13—Trustworthy  
20—All-Sufficient  
27— Authoritative

### 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 – August 6, 2023

Bible Classes	92-7 Units Online
10 am Worship	158-18 Units Online
5 pm Worship	55-6 Units Online
Offering	\$13,206.02
Wednesday Bible Study	82-4 Units Online



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## Basic Facts from...The REVELATION (Part 6)

by Dave Rogers

The eighth chapter of the revelation brings us to the conclusion of John's vision of the book (scroll) with seven seals. After the opening of the first six seals in chapters 4-6 and the "pause" seen in chapter 7, the final seal of the book is now opened. The opening of the seventh seal, which had concealed the contents of the book, might **seem** to suggest that "the end is near." The appearance of the Lamb (ch. 6) had begun the revelation of the book's contents, and the breaking of each seal had revealed coming tribulations on the earth because of the persecution of the saints. It might therefore **seem** logical that opening the seventh seal would represent the **conclusion** of God's judgement; instead, it serves as the introduction to the next series of symbols, the sounding of seven trumpets (chapter 8:2-11:19).

In chapter 7, the servants of God were identified ("sealed") *for their own protection*; the sounding of the trumpets now indicates that God is ready to proceed with judgement against a stubborn world! Note that a dramatic silence (lasting half an hour) takes place when the final seal is opened (8:1), seemingly signifying the "the calm before the storm" (cf. Habakkuk 2:20; Zephaniah 1:7; and Zechariah 2:13). During this silence, all sounds, voices, announcements, and even praises cease. Some commentators think the brief period of time here represents God's judgement being delayed (God forbearing "just a little while longer"), while others see it merely as a pause for dramatic effect. Regardless of its purpose, opening this seal reveals seven angels standing ready – in God's presence – to signal the next series of judgements upon the earth! Before they act, however, the prayers of the saints come up before God (vv. 3-5) and the noise and violence that result in vs. 5 seems to represent Heaven's response to those prayers.

Notice that in this vision, the altar for incense actually stands in God's presence before His throne, whereas in both the tabernacle and the temple it was in front of the veil in the "Holy Place" (the "outer" room),

**not** in the "Holy of Holies" (the "inner" room). The fact that an angel is given much *additional* incense to add to the prayers of the saints (vs. 3, cf. 5:8) may represent the intercessory help of Christ and the Holy Spirit (cf. Romans 8:26 & 34; Hebrews 7:25; and 1 John 2:1).

John "sees" the trumpeters prepare themselves in vs. 6, and as each one sounds we see a new series of "judgements" revealed against the earth. The first judgement in this series reminds us of the plagues on Egypt in Moses' day (cf. Exodus 9:24), and also echoes various calamities that happened during the first century. While the judgements unleashed by the fourth horseman (Revelation 6:8) only affected one-fourth of the earth, these judgements are **larger** (though still "limited"), impacting one-third of it.

The angels each now blow their trumpets in rapid succession, heralding the devastation of sea life and ocean-going commerce by a "burning mountain" cast into the sea (vv. 8-9 – Mount Vesuvius had erupted in 79 A.D., utterly burying the city of Pompeii and devastating the port of Naples, an image that would still be fresh in the minds of many in the Roman Empire). Mountains often symbolized political power, military strength in the old testament, and the "movement" (Psalm 46:2; Isaiah 54:10) or burning/melting (Micah 1:4; Nahum 1:5) of mountains in the old testament symbolized great **trouble**. Babylon, which Jeremiah depicted as a "destroying mountain," was itself made a "burnt mountain" by the Lord (Jeremiah 51:25).

As each successive trumpet is heard, John sees more and more of the world being affected by God's judgement. The image of a falling star suggests the decline of a great power, and ancient Babylon (called "Lucifer" in the KJV) is pictured as the daystar or morning star, fading as daylight grows (Isaiah 14:12). **Note that the term "Lucifer" in the KJV comes from the Latin for "day-star," but the scripture NEVER applies this term to Satan.**



## Calendar Events

**August 16-24 Polishing the Pulpit Week**

**August 20, 3pm**

*Jon & Autumn Buckner's*

*Baby "Boy" Shower*



**August 25, 6:30pm** — "Ladies' Night Light," a summer series for Women & Girls. Join us for fellowship, bible study, and a fun activity!

**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 on the 27th.)

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.



**September 12, 10am** — Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume.



**October 6-9**

**Ark Encounter Trip**

Please sign up by August 23rd if you plan on going.



### **Area Wide Events**

**August 25-27** — Buford church of Christ "Harvest Weekend"

Speaker: Craig Evans, Mt Juliet CoC

**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?

### 2023-2023 Bible Bowl Sessions

**It's that time of year!**

Bible Bowl study sessions will begin **Sunday, September 10th!** We will be studying the book of ROMANS. Parents and students, please visit the sign-up table in the foyer to learn about our program.

Church family, we need your HELP to encourage our Bible Bowl kids, so...If you can provide an item for study session, like bottle water, a snack, or a gift card fro the Bible Bowl Store, please sign-up to help at the tables in the foyers...it is GREATLY appreciated!

Thanks, Your Bible Bowl Coaches

### **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 the family and friends of our brother Jim O'Brien, who passed away Sunday, August 6th. Their was a memorial Saturday. Keep Sharon and their family in your prayers.

**Prayer Request** – Denise Greene responded last Sunday, asking prayers as she confronts medical tests and possible treatments.

### Keep in Prayer

Tom Belk – Is being treated for hemiplegic migraines.

Sue Riley – Is waiting on MRI results to determine her course of treatment.

Pam Fortune – Janine Esler's mother is in ICU after heart surgery. She address is 8836 Pritcher Rd, Lithia, FL 33547

Cathy Steinbach - Debby Walden's sister in Texas is undergoing medical tests.

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

### Continue Prayers for:

Jim Pelfrey – Is continuing immuno-therapy.

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

Mary Lawrence – The Oaks at Fayetteville, 1294 Hwy 54, Room 107, Fayetteville, GA 30214. Visitors are welcome!

### Members With Health Issues:

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

### Shut-ins:

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:

Ross Anderson (preacher at Cedar Grove coC), Candy Gruff (Giuli DeBrown's cousin), 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).

### Welcome, New Member!

Yvonne Bettis

108 Red Maple Drive

Peachtree City, GA 30269

678 481-7985

Dear Ladies,

The family of Kathleen (Gigi) Garner would love to share the costume jewelry she collected through several decades. It will be on display at the far end of the fellowship hall during our meal on Sunday August 27th. Please feel free to look, take home, and enjoy Gigi's jewelry.



### Birthdays

**August**

17

Kyndal Garner

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Tom Belk

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90th Birthday  
Bill Ruffer

26

Sandy Garner

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Malia Pakiz