

Communion Preparation

Available on the table in the foyer

Nursery

7 Kelley Branch
14 Guilli Debrown
21 Staci Killingsworth
28 Fairyon Cella

Visitors' Center

7 Susie Graham/Linda Armstrong
14 Janine Esler/Lisa Tittle
21 Sally Wallace/Sue Riley
28 Sandy Garner/
Barbara Edmonds

Care of Building

April 1 –15 Steve Esler/
Charles Nash
16-20 Jack Sorrell/Andy Johnson

Media Center

April 7

Sound Board — Peyton Nash
Streaming — Steve Esler
Projector — Eric Hagin

Wednesday Devotionals

April

10 — JD Branch
17 — Jon Buckner
24 — Ethan Boelsterli

May

1 — Eric Hagin
8 — Peyton Nash
15 — Keith Killingsworth
22 — Stan Mitchell
29 — Tom Durden

Worship Assignments

Call to Worship - Jonah Dawes
Scriptures - Ethan Boelsterli
Song Leader - Jimmy Garner
Prayer - Tom Durden
Lord's Supper - Hugh Kelly
Usher - David Hopkins
Sermon - Dave Rogers
Closing Prayer - Steve Hopkins

Evening Service

Announce - Jonah Dawes
Song Leader - Jimmy Garner
Prayer - Greg Nash
Sermon - Dave Rogers
Lord's Supper - Hugh Kelly
Prayer - Keith Killingsworth

WATCH!

The Fountain of Life
With Larry Acuff
Saturdays at 7 am
on channel 57

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Holden Cella,
Campus Director

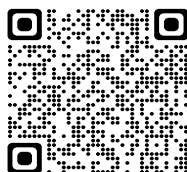
**In SEARCH of
the Lord's Way
with Phil Sanders**

**Sunday at 7:30am,
Stations 69 or 45**

Records You Made – March 31, 2024

Bible Classes	82—9Units Online
10 am Worship	158-10 Units Online
5 pm Worship	N/A Units Online
Offering	\$8,444.43
Wednesday	49—0 Units Online

**Attendance
QR Code
Use your phone
and add your family**



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Who ARE You? (Part 4)

by Dave Rogers

What does the word “married” bring to mind? For most folks, it means “a man plus a woman, committed for life” (this agrees with Jesus’ words in Matthew 19:5, quoting Genesis 2:24 – “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh”). The most significant part is what He then said in verse 6; “...what God has joined together, let not man separate.” This has been the basic concept of “married” since the dawn of time. Because marriage was designed **by God**, He gets to “regulate” it (that’s why Jesus pointed out that GOD “joins” in marriage).

The essence of a marriage is relationship: God said, “It is not good that man should be alone;” (Genesis 2:18). Marriage produces a “whole” (a man without a wife is incomplete, and vice versa)! Solomon wrote that a man should seek contentment and satisfaction with his own wife (and NOT look “elsewhere,” Proverbs 5:15-20). What God designed is based on commitment and dedication, where each seeks the OTHER person’s well-being even above their own (Ephesians 5:28). It is also an *exclusive* relationship, so there should be no “additions or substitutions” in a marriage!

In Ephesians 5 Paul offers several comparisons between the Savior’s relationship with His church and the marriage of a man with a woman. The connection he makes is that, **as members of the “bride of Christ”** (Revelation 21:9), **there is a sense in which Christians are “married” to Him!** The comparisons include:

JESUS is the head – “ruler” – of the body/church/bride, who willingly submits to Him, vs. 23; His rulership is benevolent and self-sacrificing (vv. 25-27), and our “submission” is voluntary (vv. 22/24).

- Jesus loves the church and “measured” that love by what He did for us, vs. 25. As His “bride,” we should be grateful for that cleansing!
- Just as He nourishes/cherishes His bride (vs. 29), so the bride accepts His blessings.
- Every time we see a faithful, devoted, successfully-married couple, we should think “there is a copy of the relationship between Jesus and His bride!”

These qualities parallel the image of Jesus Christ as our ONLY spiritual “bridegroom!” Ephesians 5 shows that Jesus’ relationship with the church is a “model” for marriage! Paul told the Corinthians, “...I have betrothed you...as a chaste virgin to Christ” (2 Corinthians 11:2). “Chaste” means *pure, free from fault*. In His relationship with the church, we KNOW that Jesus has been perfectly pure (see 2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 4:15): He likewise has a right to expect His bride to do everything possible to keep herself pure for Him!

Who ARE you? An essential part of “Christian identity” is being part of the Savior’s “bride!” Are **you** being faithful and committed to your spiritual “Groom?”

Youth Calendar

April

April 13 — Camp Inagehi 5K

See Jonah for details

April 14 — FROG's Kite Day

April 20 — Area Wide Youth Day at
Snellville congregation

27 — FROG's Breakfast, 8:30am

April Birthdays

8	Nala Findley
Sarah Johnson	21
9	Christian Belk
Dennis Graham	24
16	Tim Tittle
Charity Nash	27
17	Doris Buckner
Steve Hopkins	Jim Lindsey

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.foc.com | click on "live broadcast."

Family Matters

Sympathy

Jimmy Hodgkinson, nephew of Ginny & Jackie Couch, died in a motorcycle accident last Tuesday. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Keep in Prayer

Margie Fields – Will have surgery on her hand and arm on April 10th.

Greg Nash – Struggling with declining vision.

Evonne King – Annette Butler's cousin remains hospitalized in Columbus, GA.

Charles Nash – Is recovering after hip surgery last Friday.

Betty Jo Nash – Remains at Southland Rehab in PTC (room 505), and is improving.

Sharon Ezell – Is recovering at home.

Yvonne Bettis – Is recovering at home after eye surgery. Her quarantine period ends this week. Calls are welcome.

Denise Greene – Is having back issues.

Sally Wallace – Her foot is still painful and infected.

Members Who Need Prayers

Mack Ezell, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Linda Armstrong, Jeanelle McNease, Jim & Sandy Garner, Greg & Amy Nash, Ray & Tina Russell, Harry & Susan Smith, Clay & Susan Posey, Arnie & Maggie Miller, Dyan Correll, David & Sue Riley, Hugh & Connie Kelly, Theresa Green, Tom & Christy Belk, Rick & RuPearl Sharpe, Paul & Decieta Lyons, & Brian Harris

Continue Prayers for:

Doris Buckner – Doris Buckner, 519 Perkins Road, Unit #137, Palmetto, GA 30268

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

Jeanelle McNease – 3969 Camellia Trail, Conley, GA

Shut-ins:

Harry & Mattie Williams, Ruby Fowler, Estell Higginbotham, Ivan Gonzalez & Maria Liciaga

Our Missionaries and their families:

Graham & Beth McDonald – Scotland
Victor & Esperanza González Geronimo – Mexico
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan – Italy

Others With Health Problems:

Bro. Lucio Montero (Mexico), Randy Ognio (Melody Johnson's father), Cathy Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's mother), Sue Gallaher (Frances Kelly), Earl Hopkins, Jenene Johnson (Tara Nash), Susan Little (Jenny Gwinn), Jonelda Hutson & Benson Smith (Susan Smith), Aukse Harris (Linda Armstrong), Jerry & Lynn Cauthen (Joan Poskevich), Bridget Sharpe (Rick), Patricia Walker (Mattie Williams); Joyce Brown (Janine Esler), Jackie Couch (Ginny); Ruth King (Melanie Boelsterli); Frankie Griffin (RuPearl Sharpe); Lamar Elder (Decieta & Connie Elder); Shirley Johnson (Andy); Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry); and Joe & Judy Hand (Allene Scoma).

Calendar Events

April 7- Evangelism Group 1 — Compassion Cards

April 21, 3pm

"Baby Boy" Dawes Shower

Jonah & Cara are registered at
BABYLIST.COM

They would like to purchase a wagon
to use for their baby during youth events.
See Susie for information.



April 29, Monday - LifeLine Screening

Screening of Carotid Artery, Peripheral Arterial Disease,
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm & Atrial Fibrillation

To register call 844-5917160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607,

OR register online at <https://lisa.social/HC>

Area Wide Events

April 12-14 — Seminar at Avondale church of Christ - Speaker, Allen Webster, "The Importance of Knowing God"

April 20 — Spring Singing at Buford church of Christ. The van will leave the church building at 1:30.

April 21 — Cedar Grove 50th Anniversary — Guest Speaker: Jimmy Pulliam

April 28-May 1 — Gospel Meeting at Forest Park COC — Speaker, Glenn Colley

April 29 — May 1 — Ladies' classes at Forest Park COC (10 AM daily), "Be Still and Know...Psalm 64:10" — Speaker, Cindy Colley

"Back to the Bible"

If you are interested in learning to lead/conduct a bible study using the "Back to the Bible" study series, David Gullledge will have training sessions starting April 7, 14 & 21 from 3:30-4:15pm. Everyone is invited to attend.