

Communion Preparation

Available on the table in the foyer

Nursery

28 Fairyon Cella
May Jennifer Pakiz
12 Gail Chapman
19 Shelby Garner
26 Connie Kelly

Visitors' Center

28 Sandy Garner/Barbara Edmonds

May

5 Kathleen Johnson/Denise Greene
12 Allene Scoma/Brandi Moore
19 Toni Stinson/Janis Libby
26 Carla Sorrell/Linda Johnson

Care of Building

16-30 Jack Sorrell/Andy Johnson
May 1-15 Hugh Kelly/David Hopkins
16-31 Eric Hagin/JD Branch

Media Center

April 28

Sound Board — Peyton Nash
Streaming — Holden Cella
Projector — Steve Esler

May 5

Sound Board — Ethan Boelsterli
Streaming — Steve Esler
Projector — Eric Hagin

May 12

Sound Board — Peyton Nash
Streaming — Dennis Graham
Projector — Holden Cella

May 19

Sound Board — Jon Buckner
Streaming — Eric Hagin
Projector — Dennis Graham

Wednesday Devotionals

May

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

Worship Assignments

Call to Worship - Dave Rogers
Scriptures - Tucker Hopkins
Song Leader - Charles Nash
Prayer - JD Branch
Lord's Supper - Larry Rose
Usher - David Hopkins
Sermon - Jonah Dawes
Closing Prayer - Ethan Boelsterli

No PM Worship today

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

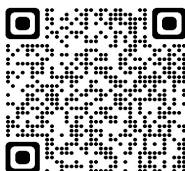
Georgia
School of Preaching
South Metro Campus
<http://gsoponline.org/gsop-fayetteville-campus>
Holden Cella,
Campus Director

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

Records You Made – April 21, 2024

Bible Classes	89-9 Units Online
10 am Worship	123-15 Units Online
5 pm Worship	74-14 Units Online
Offering	\$7,912.76
Wednesday	52-10 Units Online

Attendance
QR Code
Use your phone
and add your family



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DON'T BE "USELESS"

by Dave Rogers, based on an outline by Franklin Camp

"So whoever knows **the right thing to do** and fails to do it, for him it is sin."

(James 4:17, ESV – emphasis mine, DR)

The old statement that one can sin *actively* (by "commission") **OR** *passively* (by "omission") is accurate, but it is a mistake to think that sins of omission are somehow "not as serious" as sins of commission. An "active" sin *might* be committed "in the heat of passion" (and thus be a "once in a lifetime" offense), but "passive" sins hold the grave danger of being repeated. We might **never** consider blaspheming God (a sin of "commission"), but how easily could we fall into the sin of *neglecting* to love the Lord our God without ever feeling guilty of any sin?

"Sin" is not merely violating prohibitions: It also lies in failing to accomplish the positive requirements God has given. Neglecting things for which God has given us both ability and the responsibility makes us effectively *useless* for Him! Brother Franklin Camp once observed, "If I have an opportunity and ability to help someone, but fail, I am just as surely guilty, as if I had opportunity and ability to steal and did so."

Jesus had strong words about the sin of being "useless!" Matthew 21:18-22 tells of a fig tree He cursed: It had leaves (an indication it *should* have had fruit), yet it was fruitless. It wasn't dead, toxic, or even just "immature" – it was "just" fruitless, **a fig tree without figs**. Bearing figs was its whole reason for existing, but it wasn't doing its job. This was why Jesus "cursed" it.

In Matthew 25, the five- and two-talent men doubled what had been entrusted to them, and both received the same commendation (showing that it was not the "*amount*" of activity that mattered). The man with one talent simply returned what he had received. None of it was lost or "wasted," so what was this man's sin? **USELESSNESS.**

The rich man of Luke 16 also had an *opportunity* to do good to someone else, but did not. When we read about the judgement in Matthew 25, who do we see Jesus condemn? Those who had *opportunities* to do good, but did nothing. His judgement says that such folks – if they don't change – are fit for the company of the Devil! When we live in a world where there is need, and neither see nor look for opportunities, this is the result!

We cannot rid ourselves of responsibility by closing our eyes to opportunities: Christians are meant to be "*...ready unto every good work*" (Titus 3:1). Encourage every good work. If nothing else, you can say a good word for it. Christians who "fail" at the judgment will not do so because they violated the "thou shalt not" commandments, but because of the "positive" commands they neglected. Sins of omission tend to precede sins of commission: Neglecting bible study, neglecting one's prayer life, and neglected faithfulness all tend to precede the active violation of things God forbids. **Don't squander the opportunity to be "use-FULL" as you live for Christ!**



Youth Calendar

May 5 — Teen Sing
11 — Breakfast with the Frogs
17 — Family Game Night

Calendar Events

April 28 — 4th Sunday Luncheon & Singing after the AM Service
Evangelism Group 4 meets to sign Compassion Cards

April 29, Monday — LifeLine Screening
Screening of Carotid Arteries, Peripheral Arterial Disease,
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, & Atrial Fibrillation

April 30 — Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible class will go to Forest Park
CoC to hear Cindy Colley. We will carpool from the building at 9 AM.

May 12 — Raintree Village Children's Home Mother's Day Appeal

May 17@ 6:30pm — Family Game Night. Bring your dinner or snacks

May 19 — Senior Dinner hosted by our Elders' Wives:
Seniors please give the office a senior photo & bio for the bulletin.

May 25 — GSOP Lectureship at Fayetteville church of Christ
Help is needed with food for breakfast (sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer)

Area Wide Evens

(Information is on the bulletin board)

April 26-28 — Piedmont Rd COC Ministry League Experience:
Classes/all ages.

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

PLUS Ladies' classes with Cindy Colley, 10AM Monday-
Wednesday, Theme: "Be Still and Know...Psalm 64:10"

June, July & August — Piedmont Rd COC 2024 Summer Series,
"Asking God The Hard Questions"

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

Family Matters .

Sympathy:

We offer our sincere condolences to sister Annette Butler, in the unexpected passing of her cousin, Evonne King last week.

Keep in Prayer

Tom Belk – Is struggling with migraines.

Margie Fields – Is recovering at home after surgery last week.

Sharon Ezell – Is home recovering after reconstructive surgery last Wednesday.

Michael Jones – (Pelfrey's neighbor) Is hospitalized after suffering a stroke.

Yvonne Bettis – Is recovering at home after eye surgery. Calls are welcome.

Members Who Need Prayers

Greg & Amy Nash, Sally Wallace, Denise Greene, Mack Ezell, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Linda Armstrong, Jeanelle McNease, Jim & Sandy Garner, 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

Betty Jo Nash – Southland Rehab (rm. 505), 151 Wisdom Road, Peachtree City, GA 30268

Shut-ins:

Harry & Mattie Williams, 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).

May Birthdays

1	13	24
Brandi Moore	Clay Posey	Jo Hurt
4	15 Destiny Findley	Susan Posey
David Riley	16	25
6	Carson Hopkins	Cliff Nash
Kaydie Taylor	19 Clara Nash	26
10	21 Keith	Aaralyn Phillips
Kessler Gullede	Killingsworth	31
Susan Smith		Tony Burdette