

## What Are “They” Doing Here?

by Dave Rogers

If you ever want to feel conspicuous, go someplace where most of the people don't look like you do, don't dress like you do, or don't speak the same language you do (for adults, this might be as simple as visiting a local Junior High School!). In Jamaica, the population is about 95% black, and even black Americans “stick out;” in Mexico, most of the people don't speak “our” language (some of us might feel the same way about Scotland, too!). In visits to these countries, we have noticed the unusual interest our presence generates (little children sometimes follow us around, just to see what we'll do next). Jesse Jackson and Mark Cuban both made news when they admitted to feeling “uneasy” about groups of young men, until they realized that the kids in question didn't fit the “profile” of muggers! Incidents like this should remind us that even in the body of Christ we can become “walled off” from the world around us, secure in our own “comfort zones” without even realizing what is happening to us!

The inspired writer James warns about the danger of allowing our “comfort zone” to dictate our behavior in the church; he noted in chapter 2:1-4,

*“My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. 2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, 3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, ‘You sit here in a good place,’ and say to the poor man, ‘You stand there,’ or, ‘Sit here at my footstool,’ 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?”*

Maybe what should stand out to us here is NOT that these Christians made a distinction between the

rich and the poor, the beautifully-dressed and the poorly-attired, but the fact that they seem to have done it without giving their hypocritical actions a second thought. In general, people tend to associate with those who “look” like they do, who share common backgrounds, interests, styles and standards of dress, and manners of speech: We tend to avoid (“shun”) people who “don't fit the profile.” Jesus highlighted exactly this behavior among the rulers of the Jews when He presented the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37). By mentioning both a priest and a Levite in an unflattering contrast with a Samaritan (whom the Jews considered “beneath” them), the Master highlights their unholy prejudice and hypocrisy. Are modern Christians any better, if we hold ourselves aloof from others because they look or dress differently, or live in a different part of town, or speak another language as their mother tongue?

**James shows us (James 2:5) that we need to “get our minds right” with God on the subject of who should be in the church!** As Peter had to learn, in Acts 10:28 & 34, it is God who gets to “choose” who is in the church, not us, so **we** need to be reminded that God's “sorting mechanism” for who gets to be in the church and who doesn't is **His gospel**, not a bank statement or a list of references! If our reaction to a visitor is based on that person's clothing, or the “clunker” they park in the parking lot, we are practicing the partiality James 2:9 condemns. If our willingness to teach and encourage someone in the gospel is mitigated by the fact that this person lives in “the projects” (or on the street), or is a “welfare/unwed mother,” or doesn't have a job, or doesn't speak the same language we do, we need to remember the words of Paul to the Corinthians (in 1 Corinthians 1:18-27, echoed here in James 2:5-6), that God did not choose those WE consider

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“worthy” as His people, but those willing to accept Him! If we prejudge someone as “not really the kind of person we want here (in the church),” we need to remember that because of our own stinking sins, **neither are we**. Anytime we are tempted to ask “What are **they** doing here?” (about someone who don’t fit our own personal profile of who “should” be in the church), we need to remember that the angels in heaven, observing the work God is doing through the church (1 Peter 1:12), may very well be asking the same question about **US!** “What are **they** doing here?”

## “Sure, I’m a Christian!”

Well, no, I don't get to Bible Study much, I would have to get up at least an hour earlier, and since I have to get up early during the week, I like to stay in bed later on Sunday mornings, you know. We don't go much on Sunday nights, either... to worship, that is. You see, after a little trip on Sunday afternoons, it's hard to get back on time for evening services. Wednesday nights? I'm nearly always too tired, or have something I just have to do.

Do I visit sick people? Well, no. I just have so much to do. I'm not good at that anyway, and I feel that somebody that can do it better, ought to do it. And besides it always makes me feel depressed. I guess I wasn't "cut out" for that sort of work; besides, I have my house to keep. If I have any free time, I like to call a friend and go shopping, or read a magazine, take a nap, maybe watch TV or go to a movie. A person needs some change. No, I don't get much time to read the Bible... 'don't seem to get much out of it anyway.

As for giving, well, that's mighty hard nowadays. I have to give the children money for movies, and we have so many things and make so many payments on TVs and things. Of course, we always put in something, and I remember one time when I got caught without change, I put in a dollar bill.

Heaven? Yes, I'm going. What do you think I'm faithful for? Of course, I intend to go to heaven. If it wasn't for that, I wouldn't be here most Sunday's to partake of the Lord's Supper. I think anybody that claims to be a Christian ought to at least be present most Sundays for the Lord's Supper. At least, that is what I've been taught.

via Erick, Okla. church bulletin

# Fifteen Reasons

Why We Say

## “THE CHURCH OF CHRIST”

1. Christ built it (Matthew 16:18).
2. Christ called it "His" (Matthew 16:18).
3. It is "His" body (Ephesians 1:22).
4. He is the chief cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20).
5. It is His own house (Hebrews 3:6).
6. He gave Himself for it (Ephesians 5:26-27).
7. It is His wife (2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:9).
8. He is the Savior of the body (Ephesians 5:27).
9. He is the Head of all things to it (Ephesians 1:22).
10. The Lord added to it "all that should be saved" (Acts 2:47).
11. We are all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13).
12. The one body is the church (Ephesians 1:22).
13. All baptized believers are the church (1 Corinthians 1:12).
14. The connecting link through the ages is the "Seed," the Word of God (Luke 8:11).
15. Eternal life in Christ is the goal of all (John 10:27-28).

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via [The Eastside Edifier](#), Muskogee, Okla.



**Save the Dates. . . . November 11 – 12, 2016**



# 2016 Fayetteville Church of Christ Marriage and Relationship Enrichment Weekend

**FRIDAY – 11 NOVEMBER - 7:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.**

- KICK OFF THE WEEKEND WITH A **DATE NIGHT!**
- DINNER (NOMINAL COST PER COUPLE)
- GAME NIGHT / ENTERTAINMENT

**SATURDAY – 12 NOVEMBER - 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

- BROTHER DAVID SHANNON PRESENTING UPLIFTING MESSAGES ON BUILDING / STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES AND RELATIONSHIPS BASED ON BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES
  - LIGHT BREAKFAST
  - ICE BREAKERS
  - MULTIPLE SESSIONS
- LUNCH PROVIDED BY CONGREGATION



**FREE CHILD CARE is AVAILABLE Friday & Saturday**



**RSVP BY SUNDAY, 6 NOVEMBER TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AT [MAIL@FCOC.COM](mailto:MAIL@FCOC.COM) OR (770) 461.3617**

**PLEASE INDICATE WHICH DAY/S YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AND IF YOU WILL NEED CHILDCARE.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING TOGETHER AND SHARING THIS TIME OF FELLOWSHIP!**

**FAYETTEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST – 870 REDWINE ROAD, FAYETTEVILLE, GA 30215**



## 4th Annual Atlanta Area-Wide *ThanksSinging*

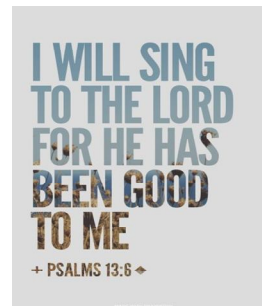
*Join us the Sunday before Thanksgiving for a joyous, time-honored tradition*

**Date:** Sunday, November 20, 2016

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Fayetteville Church of Christ  
870 Redwine Road  
Fayetteville, GA 30215

Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall  
For info call 770-461-3617 or email us at: [mail@fcoc.com](mailto:mail@fcoc.com)



# Family Matters

Ruby Fowler – Is staying at her daughter's house as she recuperates from a broken leg.

Betty Jo Nash - Fell last week and broke her rib.

Darrell Holt – Shirley Lee's brother has been diagnosed with cancer.

Mattie Croix – Is continuing treatments for cancer.

Rose Osborn – Friend of Marlene Etheridge, has stage 4 cancer.

Kresta Braswell – Dennis & Charmaine Barton's daughter has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Their sister-in-law Kyla Barton has liver cancer.

## Deepest Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to **Jim Garner and family** for their loss of his 26 year old cousin, Jorie McMahan. Please the family in your prayers as they travel to Arkansas.

**Members With Health Problems:** Becky Higginbotham, Shelby Garner, Jim Garner, Steven Burdette, Mattie Croix, Mary Lawrence, Amy Nash, Decieta Lyons, RuPearl Sharpe, Sally Wallace, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Marlene Etheridge, Mattie Williams, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Una

Fortson, Forrest & Burma Chapman

**Shut-ins:** Valerie Whitaker, Butch & Joann Trawick, David & Shirley Lee, Annette Benefield, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

**Others With Health Problems:** Sybil Hedden, Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's niece), Cole Gilman, David Fredricks (Jeannie Pyron's brother), Meg Wallace (Sharon O'Brien's cousin), Willard Mann, Bree Couch (Ginny's daughter-in-law), Gregory Crook (Lucille Amon's nephew), Tom Holcomb & Jean Benefield (Annette's Son & daughter-in-law), Greta Newsome (Jill Nash's sister), Joanne Daugherty (David & Wayne Nash's Sister), Carol Bomar (Charity Nash's aunt), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xemonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's B-i-L/S-i-L), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's B-in-L) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

**Prayer Requested** – Scott Kelly's email address jpay.com (Web site) #1001380630 (Scott / Robert Kelly)

**Prayer Requested** – Jamie & Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy's sons).

**Military Members Deployed:** AM3 Candace Butts (Connie Elder's daughter), US Navy

**FEMA Deployed:** Sylvester Campbell is in Louisiana for 2 months.

**Today is MakeUp Photo Day Pictures will be taken on the front porch by Donna Hagin.**

## Congratulations

To the Jerry & Lynn Riner, proud grandparents of a new baby girl. Elizabeth was born last Wednesday, September 21st. Both baby Elizabeth and her parents are doing well.



## Calendar

**October 7-8** – Ladies' Retreat at Calvin Center. The Theme is "Setting My Table with Soul Food". Ladies, You will need your Bibles, PLEASE BRING THEM! (paper one, not electronic)

**Oct 21** - Silverwings Apple Barn Trip, the bus will leave the building at 9:30am

**Nov 6** - Service Sunday, Worship, lunch, devotional & service. Using service time for upcoming Marriage Weekend & ThanksSinging, we will divide up that night and attend different congregations to promote the two events.

**November 11-13** – Fayetteville's Marriage Enrichment Week-end

**Nov 20** – ThanksSinging at Fayetteville COC



**Service Sunday & Luncheon  
November 6th  
Promoting the Marriage Weekend  
& ThanksSinging**

## Youth Events

**Oct 23** - Area Wide Youth Devo – Forest Park

**October 29** – God's Ranch - Feed the Homeless. Coats, gloves, scarves & blankets are needed.

Oct 30 - Trunk-n-Treat



**First Annual Benefit Dinner & Live Auction  
October 8th, from 6-9pm  
Rainwater Conference Center in Valdosta**

See Tom or Terri Durden to purchase a ticket for this event (\$25 per person) or make donation to the children's home.

## Area Events:

**Oct 2-5** – Piedmont COC Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Alan Highers, editor of The Spiritual Sword

**Oct 9-12** – Middle Fayette COC Revival, Speaker: Randy Kea

**Oct 15** – Bremen Church of Christ Ladies' Day, Speaker: Nicci Leonard

**Oct 16** – Forest Park COC Ladies' Day

**Oct 19-23** – World Mission Forum at Forest Park COC

	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30
Call To Worship	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Scripture Reading	Rory Bell, Jr	Morris Jones	Brad Hopkins	Ben Rogers	Rick Sharpe
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Dennis Ethridge	David Poskevich	Steve Hopkins	Jack Sorrell	Eric Hagen
Preside Lord's Supper	Jim O'Brien	Thomas Quinn	Hugh Kelly	Luke Quinn	Mike Fields
Server	Anthony Stinson	Jerry Kendrix	Anthony Stinson	Jerry Kendrix	Anthony Stinson
Server	Zeke Poskevich	Larry Rose	Zeke Poskevich	Larry Rose	Zeke Poskevich
Server	Randall Bell	Charles Nash	Randall Bell	Charles Nash	Randall Bell
Server	K Killingsworth	Paul Lyons	K Killingsworth	Paul Lyons	K Killingsworth
Server	Bill Ruffer	Ken Fincher	Bill Ruffer	Ken Fincher	Bill Ruffer
Server	David Hopkins	Curtis Hurt	David Hopkins	Curtis Hurt	David Hopkins
Server	Jim Lindsey	Coney Johnson	Jim Lindsey	Coney Johnson	Jim Lindsey
Server	Gayle Pelfrey	Anthony Ravenell	Gayle Pelfrey	Anthony Ravenell	Gayle Pelfrey
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	Jim Garner	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey
<b>Evening Worship</b>					
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Rory Bell	Coney Johnson	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner
Prayer	Dale Findley	David Riley	Rick Sharpe	Rory Bell	Jim O'Brien
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Song Service	Dave Rogers
Lord's Supper	David Hopkins	Ken Fincher	K Killingsworth	Larry Rose	Randall Bell
Lord's Supper	Bill Ruffer	Curtis Hurt	Hugh Kelly	Anthony Ravenell	Zeke Poskevich
Prayer	Lewis Armstrong	Ron Biles	James Walker	Michael Boelsterli	Larry Fields

**Fayetteville Church of Christ - 2016 Goal - Evangelism**

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David Hopkins  
Hugh Kelly  
Jerry Kendrix  
Andy Johnson  
Paul Lyons  
Stan Mitchell  
David Poskevich  
Anthony Ravenell  
Jack Sorrell

**Assembly Schedule:**

Sunday  
9:00 am Bible Classes  
10:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
  
10:00 am Tuesday Morning  
Bible Class  
(September 11—May 14)  
  
7:00 pm Wednesday Night  
Bible Study  
  
7:00 pm Thursday Night  
Ladies Class  
(September-May)

**Communion Preparation**

Kyndal & Sandy Garner

**Nursery**

2 Gail Chapman, 9 Michele Chapman,  
16 Lorette Keith, 23 Miranda Kendrix  
30 Terri Durden

**Care of Building**

1-15 Keith Killingsworth/Luke Quinn  
16-30 Jerry Kendrix/Jimmy Garner

**Ushers**

10/2 Rory Bell/Sammy Hugh  
9 Ron Biles/Gayle Pelfrey  
16 Andy Johnson/Thomas Quinn  
23 Keith Killingsworth/David Poskevich

**Media Center Helpers**

Oct 2 & 9 Ben Rogers  
16 & 23 Morris Jones

**Open Arms**

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**Wednesday Evening Devotional**

5 Thomas Quinn  
12 David Riley  
19 Greg Nash  
26 Anthony Stinson

**Our Missionaries**



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# October 2016

## Evangelism

"But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." James 1:25

Response Elder - Jim Pelfrey

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