

## The Significance of the Names of Christ

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People throughout the world study Jesus Christ from almost every aspect possible. They consider His humanity and His deity. They review His roles and His relationship with God, the Father. Christians scrutinize His character in order to emulate Him. Preachers investigate the various texts that center on Him. He is the subject of prophecies, biographies and doxologies. He is the object of our worship, the means of our redemption and the author of our faith. Yet in all of this, we can only touch the hem of the garment regarding the complexity of Jesus Christ. His Person, His Life and His work are so complex that one name cannot come close to describing who He is and what He has done. Therefore, the Holy Spirit has inspired numerous names, titles, designations and descriptions of our Lord in order to provide a verbal portrait of our Savior.

The Bible contains much evidence indicating that names carried great importance. Parents gave names to their children either to commemorate the occasion (Gen. 29:32-30:24; 35:18) or to attach a trait that they believed the child had or hoped the child would develop (Gen. 38:4). They would often name cities, wells and other places in the same way (Gen. 11:9). The Lord named Simon "Cephas" (Jn. 1:42) and James and John "the sons of thunder" (Mk. 3:17). Saul of Tarsus renamed himself Paul in accordance with a new attitude he had developed (Acts 13:9). God demonstrated His own appreciation for the meaning of names when He changed Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah (Gen. 17:5, 15) and Jacob's name to Israel (Gen. 35:10). God often named children in order to make a point (Is. 8:1; Hos. 1:4-9; Lk. 1:13). However, at no time have names held so great a significance as when God the Father, whether through a messenger or through the Holy Spirit and inspired writ, names His Son (Mt. 1:21-23).

We often read through the pages of the Bible and gloss over the names of Christ because we know the identity of the One mentioned. What we miss in the process are the subtleties of these names that emphasize a particular aspect of His character and work. To think "Jesus" when we read "Son of Man" is to miss the point. Sometimes, because of our eagerness to "get through" the text, we fail to realize that the name makes reference to the Christ. This is particularly true in the Old Testament. It was quite impossible to properly describe Jesus Christ in just one or two names. A description of God who took on flesh requires far more explanation than the common appellations usually given to men. Combining identity, role and character, they range from describing His exalted existence before incarnation to the depth of His human suffering to the glories of His victory. How could one name possibly tell the half of it? If after studying more deeply the names of Christ you begin to contemplate the significance of each inspired word in the text, then you will not only have grown in your appreciation for Jesus Christ but also in your appreciation for the intricacies and subtleties of God's inspired word.

# Keep Running!

(Conclusion)  
by Dave Rogers

To be a Christian is to accept the challenge God issues in Hebrews 12:2. This challenge is twofold: First, we must “lay aside” every weight and sin that would hold us back. Second, we must understand that we are in “marathon,” and run with patience. Consider Paul's description of the Ephesian Christians' condition before they obeyed the gospel, Ephesians 2:12: They were “Savior-less;” aliens, strangers, hopeless and Godless. **They weren't even “on the track!”**

We mustn't forget that we're not competing with one another; rather, we're “racing with the Devil!” First Peter 5:8 says, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” Again, in 2 Corinthians 2:10-11 we can read, “Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, **11** lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.” Thus, we are commanded to **flee** from sin (**run!**), not saunter casually away (1 Peter 2:11).

Last, to be a Christian is to learn contentment (Philippians 4:11); we must learn to “run with patience.” It may be a very long race, over rough terrain, Matthew 7:14. We may sometimes be tired and discouraged, Jeremiah 20:9. We may be tempted to stop to rest, or even quit, Galatians 5:7. But we only win if we **FINISH!** Therefore, **clear the track!** Get your “running shoes” on (Ephesians 6:15)! Fix your eyes on the goal, Luke 9:62 – **and run to WIN!**

# Something To Consider...

Johnny Hinton

Naaman the leper was cleansed after dipping (the Septuagint translation uses a form of bapto) seven times in the Jordan River. At first he objected; it did not make sense to him, until a lowly servant pointed some things out to him. Once he fully complied with the command, Naaman was as pure as a new-born babe.

Did he say “Wow, that Jordan River water is sure powerful”? No.

Did he say “Man, did you see me save myself?” No.

Did he say “Boy, did you see how well I dipped myself? What a form!”? No.

Did he believe that his obedience of dipping was what actually did the saving? No.

He gave all the credit and glory to God; “Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel.” He did not even mistakenly give Elisha the credit, but God alone.

We are commissioned to preach the gospel and baptize people. The people are even passive as contrasted with Naaman who was active. Many refuse to acknowledge God's orders as Naaman initially did. But Naaman was smarter than some, he eventually complied. He did God's will when, where, and how he said.

Naaman did not heal himself. Elisha did not heal Naaman. The water did not of itself heal him. God healed Naaman of his leprosy. But when, and where did he do it? It is a parallel for people today!

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## Class Schedule Fayetteville (South Metro)

### Winter Classes:

#### Exodus

Monday, December 5, 2016 - Monday, March 13, 2017

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Randy Kea

#### Preparation and Delivery of Sermons

Monday, December 5, 2016 - Monday, March 13, 2017

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Instructor: Dave Rogers

#### Leadership in the Local Church

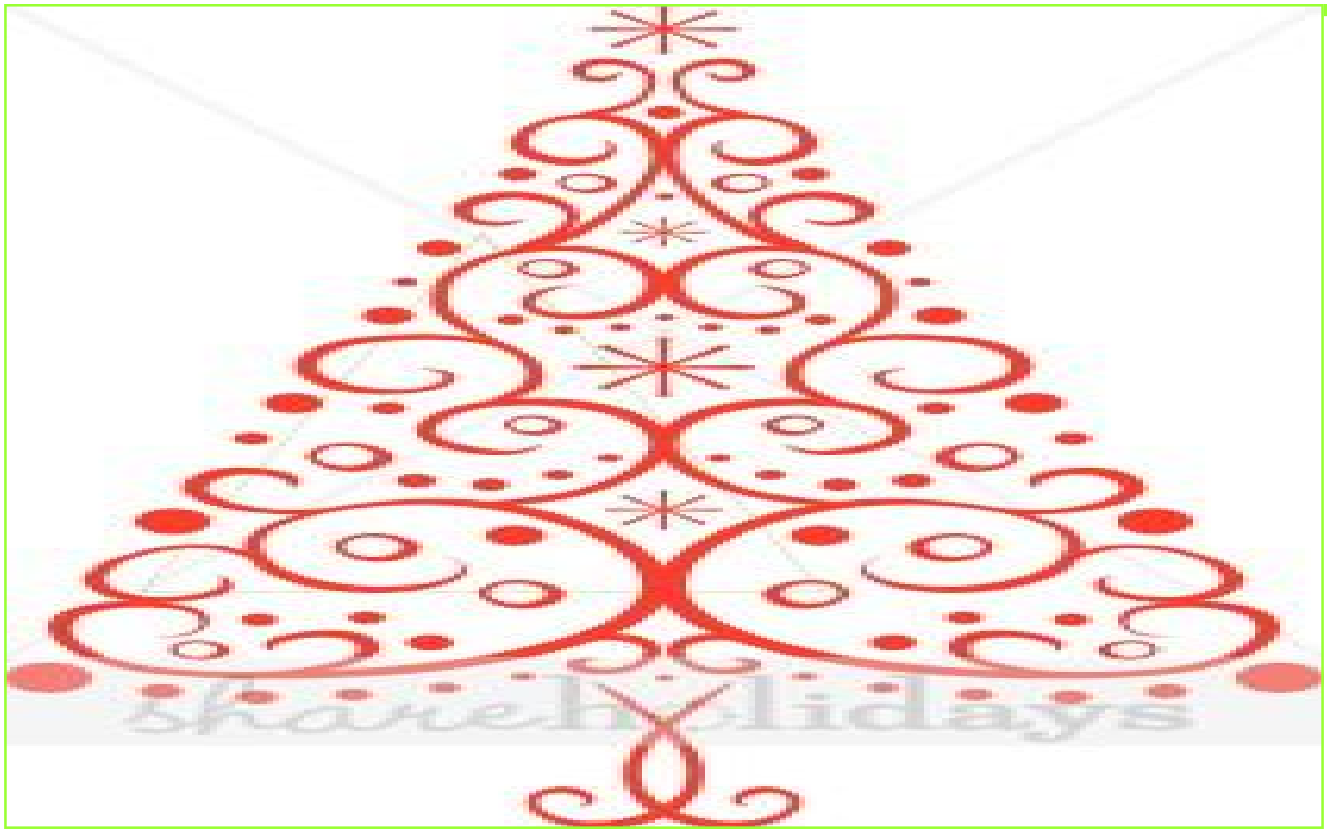
Thursday, December 8, 2016 - Monday, March 16, 2017

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Instructor: David Decker

#### Between the Testaments

Thursday, December 8, 2016 - Monday, March 16, 2017

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Instructor: David Decker



# Holiday Party December 3rd at 7pm

Fried chicken, ham, dressing, rolls and delicious holiday cakes will be provided.

**Please bring your favorite side dish  
and an elephant gift**

**(something funny that you will enjoy seeing someone open)**

# Family Matters

Hick Higginbotham – Is in Piedmont Fayette Hospital, room 255.

Wayne Nash – Will have outpatient surgery on Dec. 5th.

Ray Cozart – Will have kidney stone surgery in December.

Luke & Laura Quinn - Laura had a miscarriage last week.

Samuel Kemp - Joan Poskevich's 17 year old nephew will have heart surgery December 15th.

Betty Land – Jill Nash's sister had a stroke and is having difficulties talking.

Doug Hinely – Kelly Nash Hinely's father-in-law has been diagnosed with cancer.

## Deepest Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to **Dave Rogers and his family** for the passing of his aunt, Margaret Jones.

**Members With Health Problems:** Bernice Gillespie, Sarah Beth Haney, Holly Dalman, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Jim Garner, Mattie Croix, Mary Lawrence, Decieta Lyons, RuPearl Sharpe, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Lucille Amon, Marlene Etheridge, Mattie Williams, Maylon Swann, Una Fortson, Forrest & Burma Chapman

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

**Others With Health Problems:** Ray & Keven Barton, Kresta Braswell & Kyla Barton, Rose Osborn (friend of Marlene Etheridge), Harold Holt (Shirley Lee's brother), 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 dau.-in-law), Gregory Crook (Lucille Amon's nephew), Tom Holcomb (Annette's Son-in-law), 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), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's bro./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 & Missy Campbell are both deployed.



Dear Fayetteville family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, beautiful flowers, and words of encouragement during my recent back surgery.

The success of my surgery, as well as my quick recovery has undoubtedly been a result of your prayers on my behalf.

I am truly blessed to be part of such a caring and wonderful church family!

Love in Christ, Holly Dalman



Frogs & Helpers,

Thank you so much for the fruit and cookies! They were delicious & decorated so pretty. Ya'll were so sweet to spend so much time making them. Love Greg & Amy

To the Youth Group at Fayetteville, Thank you so much for the fruit and goody bag- your thoughtfulness was appreciated. In Christian love, David & Jill

Dear Frogs, We appreciate so much the fruit basket. We are already enjoying it. Love to you all, Forest & Burma Chapman

Thanks to Jean Johnson and all the ladies who helped her, and especially thank for all the young boys and girls, they did a fantastic job on the fruit and cookies baskets. Barbara Edmonds

Thanks to our frog's and ladies for the delicious cookies and sweet fruit. We enjoyed both!

Dennis & Susie Graham

Thank you all so very much for the fruit and cookies. I am enjoyed them.

Thanks again, Martha Vickery

To the kids & adult helpers,

Thank you so much for the fruit & cookies baskets. Everything was delicious! We especially appreciate your thoughtfulness. We love you all! Tom & Terri Durden & Bernice Gillespie

To all the "Loving Hands" who filled and delivered the beautiful, delicious fruit and cookies. What a delightful act of kindness to all of us who are without loved ones we held so dear!

My deepest appreciation for your "labor of love" and for your kind remembrance, also for your precious parents who are doing a wonderful service in teaching your to be one of God's special servants! May His blessings be magnified through each one of you.

In Christian love, Sis. Doris Buckner

We are excited to welcome our new brother in Christ, **Bobby Johnson**, to our church family. Bobby was baptized last week by his father, Andy.

His address is: 106 Pemberton Place  
Sharpsburg, GA 30277



**Deadline to sign up is Dec 30th.**  
Cost is \$100.00

## Bible Bowl Snacks/Light Lunch Sign-Up

Dec

4 Linda Armstrong - snacks  
11 Needed someone - Snacks  
18 Catherine Kelly - light lunch

## Calendar

**Dec 3** – Adult Holiday Party at 7pm in the fellowship hall

**Dec 11** - Wedding reception for Josh Findley from 3-4:30pm. The couple would like gift cards from WalMart or Target.

**Dec 11** – Ladies' Ornament Exchange hosted by Melanie Boelsterli

**Dec 31** - New Year's Eve Family Game Night at 8:30pm



**Wedding reception for Josh & Destiny Findley**

**December 11th from 3-4:30.**

## Youth Events

**Dec 4** - LTL Paperwork is due

**Dec 9** – Frog Holiday Party/ Movie

**Dec 18** – Area Wide Youth Devo - Tara

**Feb 4, 2017** – Providers/Keepers Class

	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/25
<b>Call To Worship</b>	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Randall Bell	Morris Jones	Brad Hopkins	Zeke Poskevich
<b>Song Leader</b>	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner
<b>Prayer</b>	David Poskevich	Wayne Nash	Jack Sorrell	Tommy Chapman
<b>Preside Lord's Supper</b>	Dale Findley	Brad Hopkins	Larry Rose	James Walker
<b>Server</b>	Ben Rogers	Morris Jones	Ben Rogers	Morris Jones
<b>Server</b>	Andy Johnson	Jim O'Brien	Andy Johnson	Jim O'Brien
<b>Server</b>	Ray Russell	Hugh Kelly	Ray Russell	Hugh Kelly
<b>Server</b>	Thomas Quinn	Anthony Stinson	Thomas Quinn	Anthony Stinson
<b>Server</b>	Anthony Ravenell	Jerry Kendrix	Anthony Ravenell	Jerry Kendrix
<b>Server</b>	Bill Ruffer	Keith Killingsworth	Bill Ruffer	Keith Killingsworth
<b>Server</b>	Paul Lyons	Dennis Ethridge	Paul Lyons	Dennis Ethridge
<b>Server</b>	Coney Johnson	Ken Fincher	Coney Johnson	Ken Fincher
<b>Sermon</b>	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
<b>Response Elder</b>	Jim Garner	Jim Garner	Jim Garner	Jim Garner
<b>Announcements</b>	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b>	Jim Garner	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash
<b>Evening Worship</b>				
<b>Announcements</b>	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
<b>Song Leader</b>	Stan Mitchell	Rory Bell	Stan Mitchell	Coney Johnson
<b>Prayer</b>	Lewis Armstrong	Luke Quinn	Steve Hopkins	Larry Fields
<b>Sermon</b>	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Song Service
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Andy Johnson	Jim O'Brien	Thomas Quinn	Keith Killingsworth
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Ray Russell	Hugh Kelly	Bill Ruffer	Ken Fincher
<b>Prayer</b>	Eric Hagen	Paul Lyons	Anthony Ravenell	Brad Hopkins

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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

**Communion Preparation**

Linda Howell

**Nursery**

**Care of Building**

1-15 Shirley Allender/Tommy Chapman

16-31 David Hopkins/Dennis Etheridge

**Ushers**

4 Shirley Allender/Morris Jones

11 Rory Bell/Jim Lindsey

18 Michael Madison/Larry Rose

25 Jack Sorrell/Anthony Ravenell

**Media Center Helpers**

Dec 4 Zeke Poskevich

Dec 11 & 18 Gayle Pelfrey

Dec 25 & Jan 1 Jordan Madison

**Open Arms**

4 Susie Graham, Barbara Edmonds,

Margaret McCain, Anne Siebert,

Rick & RuPearl Sharpe

11 Martha Vickery, Sally Wallace,

Connie Kelly,

Linda Armstrong,

Tommy & Gail Chapman

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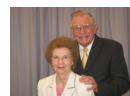


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# December 2016

## Evangelism

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." 2 Peter 3:18

Response Elder - Jim Garner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																			
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