



## What DO You “Have?” (In Christ)

Part Four/Conclusion  
by Dave Rogers

In Luke 8:20, some of Jesus’ disciples told Him, “Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” The Master’s response is truly enlightening for what it shows about His perspective on “family.” In verse 21 He replied, “My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God, and do it.”

A person who is “in” Christ has a place in the church as part of the body of Christ; he has the best blessings Heaven can offer, including the perfect Savior/Sacrifice for sin; and he has an Advocate to “plead his case” in our Heavenly Father’s presence. “In” Christ **we have a family**.

The word family appears only one time in the new testament (KJV), in Ephesians 3:15. There, it speaks of those who are “descended” from God both on earth and in heaven, and it chiefly describes people who dwell together and hold their possessions in common (e.g., a husband and wife with their children). In this word we see kinship, common interest, and common characteristics. The church Jesus promised to build (Matthew 16:18) not only belongs to God (Acts 20:28), it is also described with characteristics that identify it as **God’s family**. Romans 8:16 says Christians are the “children” of God, and 2 Corinthians 6:18 says those who are the “temple of the living God” (verse 16) shall be called “sons and daughters of God” IF they separate themselves from uncleanness of the world.

The result of having this relationship with the Father is that His children (note Galatians 3:26 and 1 John 3:10) also become **brothers and sisters!** How should “family” behave toward each other?

We should be “kindly affectionate” toward each other, Romans 12:10, words that describe care and concern like that of any normal, emotionally-healthy physical family! In 1 John 5:2, the apostle also links love for God with love for His children, and 1 John 4:20 emphasizes that we cannot truly love our Father without **also** loving our “siblings.” John sums up his point in verse 21: “...this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.”

Love among Christian brethren is a “given” in Hebrews 13:1, so basic to our Christian identity that it simply assumed; Jesus commands it as a defining characteristic of Christianity in John 13:34-35. Galatians 6:2 and 10 speak to both the manner and the motive of our conduct **as** God’s “family,” in our interactions with each other. Because of love, Christians should “bear one another’s burdens” – **help each other** so that none is lost to sin through neglect! Likewise, we have a basic benevolent responsibility toward each other that even supersedes our general responsibility toward all people.

In 1624 the English poet John Donne summarized the point of these articles very well, in his “Meditation XVII” from “Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions” – he wrote,

*“No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend’s or of thine own were. Any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”*

It is crucially urgent for us to cultivate basic understanding of and a determined commitment to our “corporate” identity as the body of Christ. A Christian who has a “me versus them” attitude toward the church **cannot** enjoy the Father’s blessings; **it is not possible in such a condition**. Christians cannot survive spiritually apart from the Body; disconnected, self-amputated “body parts” **will die!** Therefore, let’s **forever** banish any feeling that “I don’t need” the encouragement, maturity and strength that associating with our brothers and sisters provides! Let’s determine to build up and benefit both ourselves and each other so that we may be united in eternity without the loss of any!

# “You REALLY Need to Learn to Sing!”

by Andy Baker

“You don’t want to sit next to me, I can’t carry a tune in a bucket.” God doesn’t want us to carry a tune in a bucket, He wants us to carry it in our hearts and upon our lips (Ephesians 5:19; Hebrews 13:15). In fact, the sound coming out of one’s heart will affect the way the sound comes out of one’s mouth (Psalm 138:1). It doesn’t necessarily make a good singer, but it does make a thankful and spiritual singer. So then, why do some sit with mouths closed during times of worship and praise? Closed mouths are often evidence of hardened hearts (Hebrews 13:15). To those it should be said, “Here are some songs you REALLY need to learn to sing:”

**“O Thou Fount of Every Blessing”** It is a song of praise and faith in God. If God is rightly seen as the source of every blessing in our lives, then we rightly sing His praises (James 1:17). What good has happened in our lives this week for which praise is due to God? What negative things have happened to help us grow to be more like Jesus (James 1:2-4)? James said, “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms” (James 5:13). When we learn to go to God in both good times and bad times, we’ll be people whose lips are tuned in worship to sing the praise of the “Fount of Every Blessing.”

**“Sing On Ye Joyful Pilgrims”** This is a song of joy and confidence in salvation. The Bible is full of pilgrims who believing the promises of God, went out of their comfort and trusted God (Hebrews 11). They sometimes worried about the things to come, yet did not stop being faithful because they knew the faithfulness of God. Do we trust in the promises of God as pilgrims and strangers in

this earth seeking a heavenly city (Hebrews 11:13, 1 Peter 2:11)? This world is not our home and we do well to remember not to get too comfortable in a place where our citizenship is not (Philippians 3:20). So we “sing on” because we’re on a journey and may we not cast away our reward. We’d better learn to sing, pilgrim.

**“Sing to Me of Heaven”** We sing this song of hope and comfort to each other. We don’t sing, “Sing to Me of Hell” because people don’t want to think about a place where the majority in this life will spend eternity (but perhaps we should). Yet, if we do not tune our lips to sing the praise of God now, then how can heaven be somewhere that we will appreciate? In the “toils that bind me” here in this life, singing about heaven is comforting, especially when we rely upon others to sing to us when we get discouraged, or when our focus drifts from Jesus and where He is and where we long to be (2 Corinthians 5:1-4).

**“Wonderful Words of Life”** It is a song of understanding God’s will for our lives. “Sing them over again to me” because I forgot to bring my Bible! Oops. Really though, how can we see more of the beauty of God’s Word when it remains in the car, at the building, in an unused app on my Ipod, or at home on a shelf? How can the words of life “teach me faith and duty” when the only time we look at it is when it’s on the preacher’s Powerpoint. Folks, these “beautiful words, wonderful words” are the only thing that will last when all is said and done (cf. Psalm 119:89, 160; Isaiah 40:8). If we really want to learn to sing, let’s put down the magazines, the novels, and the newspapers, and pick up the “Wonderful Words of Life” and live by them to help us truly learn to sing.

# Family Matters

Bob Howell – Is awaiting some test results.  
 Terry Crump – A former member was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

## Prayer Request

**Jim Lindsey and Wade Foster** came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers. Jim wants to be a more faithful, more loving husband and father. Wade asked for forgiveness and to be a better Christian. Please keep Jim and Wade in your prayers.

**Members With Health Problems:** Bill Benton, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Becky Higginbotham, Marlene Etheridge, RuPearl Sharpe, Mattie Williams, Sally Wallace, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Una Fortson, David & Shirley Lee, Butch & Joann Trawick, Forrest & Burma Chapman

**Shut-ins:** Valorye Whittaker, Annette Benefield, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Audrey Shaw, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

**Others With Health Problems:** Carol Bomas (Charity Nash's aunt), Cathy Cavenden (Tiffany Durden's mother-in-law), Bill Croix (Mattie's husband), Suzanne Oderry (friend of Gayle Pelfrey), Dylan Carter (11 month-old daughter of the Hagins' friends), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Walter Campbell (Sylvester's brother), Joyce Greene (Denise's mother), Pamela Morris (Mitchell's friend), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Tom Holcomb and Jean Benefield (Annette Benefield's son-in-law and daughter-in-law), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xermonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's brother/sister-in-law), Bill Croix (Mattie's husband), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's brother-in-law) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

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

**Military Members Deployed:** SFC Chineka McKenzie (Kuwait), 335th Signal Command (T) (P), APO AE.

Rosa Bell, ECC—A, New Kabul Compound (NKC), APO AE 09354

AM3 Candace Butts (Connie Elder's daughter), US Navy



One of the God's greatest gifts is brothers & sisters in Christ who are willing to demonstrate their love by picking through two day old garbage in order to find their sister's car keys. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to Judy Beckwith, Ray & Barbara Cozart, Marlene Etheridge, Barbara Edmonds, Susie Graham & Ray Russell who gathered around the dumpster on Monday to help look for my keys, and to Dennis Graham & Morgan Boelsterli who picked through the dumpster on Saturday. You are all awesome. You gave me one of the best birthday gifts that I have ever had.  
 God bless you all, Frances Kelly

"Remembering Your Kindness and Love...a note to say "thank you" to my Brothers and Sisters for your thoughts, cards, phone calls, and words of encouragement to me during my illness. Please continue to pray for me that our Heavenly Father will restore my health completely.  
 Once again, "thank you" for being "you".  
 Your sister in Christ, Mattie Williams

Dear Brethren,

We just wanted to thank you all for all of the support you have given to Chad and Jasi as they have begun their lives as one.

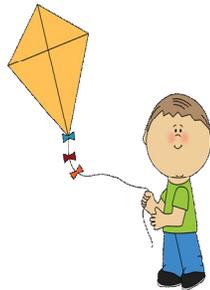
To all of the ladies, the wedding shower was perfect and appreciated! To the ladies and men that helped with the wedding and the reception, we are truly thankful!

Our thanks is not nearly enough but we do and will keep our family at Fayetteville, (and that is you) in our daily prayers.

We love you all, Jim and Bonnie Hodgkinson



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## Phone Number Correction

Anthony & Toni Stinson

Anthony # 678 814-5139 & Toni's # 404 414-0709



Luke Quinn & Laura Morgan  
 Come and Go Wedding  
 Shower  
 March 20th from 2:30-4pm  
 In the Fellowship Hall

## Calendar

**Mar 11** – Family Game Night at 6pm

**Mar 12** – Paul Bunyan Breakfast/Workday at Camp Inagehi, 8:30am

**Mar 18** – SilverWings Reorganization Meeting & Potluck. Please join us and bring your ideas.

**Mar 20** – Laura Morgan & Luke Quinn's Wedding Shower

**Apr 1** – Fellowship Game Night at 6pm

**Apr 3** – Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Potluck Luncheon. Please join us.

**May 14-15** – Rose Show

## Area Events:

**Mar 12** – Lithia Springs 5th Annual Ladies' Breakfast, 9 – 11:30am

**Mar 19, Apr 9 & 23** – McDonough Church of Christ, 9am-12:30pm, "How to Become an Effective Speaker in 10 Hours" – J.J. Turner, instructor

**April 2** – McDonough COC Ladies' Day, "The Blessings of Being a Godly

## L2L Bible Bowl

## Healthy Snacks

Mar 13 Review/Game Blitz Susie Graham  
 March 26 Convention

## Youth Events

**Mar 12** – Paul Bunyan Breakfast/Workday at Camp Inagehi, 8:30am

**Mar 13** – Kids' Kite Day after the AM Services. Hot dogs, chips and drinks for all. Kid's bring your kites.

**March 25-27** – LTL Convention

**April 3** – LTL Potluck Luncheon

**April 17** – Conyers COC at 6pm

**May 1** – Senior Recognition Dinner after

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Call To Worship</u>	<u>3/13</u>	<u>3/20</u>	<u>3/27</u>
Scripture Reading	Jordan Madison	Zeke Poskevich	Jordan Madison
Prayer	Rory Bell, Sr.	Curtis Hurt	Larry Rose
Song Leader			
Preside Lord's Supper	Brad Hopkins	Eric Hagin	Bard Hopkins
Server	Ben Rogers	Ben Rogers	Ben Rogers
Server	Randal Bell	Randal Bell	Randal Bell
Server	Ray Russell	Ray Russell	Ray Russell
Server	Gayle Pelfrey	Gayle Pelfrey	Gayle Pelfrey
Server	Jake Garner	Jake Garner	Jake Garner
Server	Morris Jones	Morris Jones	Morris Jones
Server	Cliff Nash	Cliff Nash	Cliff Nash
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Jim Garner	Jim Garner	Jim Garner
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Song			
Closing Prayer	Lewis Armstrong	Rory Bell, Jr.	Jim Pelfrey
<u>Evening Service</u>			
Prayer	Ray Russell	Hugh Kelly	David Hopkins
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Song Service
Server	Bill Ruffer	Ron Biles	Anthony Ravenell
Server	Hugh Kelly	Bob Howell	Rick Sharpe
Closing Prayer	Tom Durden	Jimmy Garner	Gayle Pelfrey

## Communion Preparation

Charity Nash

### Nursery

13 Susan Pelfrey

20 Meggi Quinn

27 Susie Graham

### Care of Building

1-15 David Hopkins/Ray Cozart

16-31 Stan Mitchell/Curtis Hurt

### Ushers

13 Bill Ruffer/Rick Sharpe

20 Harry Williams/Morris Jones

27 Shirley Allender/Lewis Armstrong

### Media Center Helpers

13 Ben Rogers,

20 Zeke Poskevich & 27 Gayle Pelfrey

### Open Arms

13 Estell Higginbotham, Rose Durden, Linda Johnson,  
Jo Hurt, Theresa Green, Tom & Terri Durden

20 Jo Ruffer, Jasi Quinn, Jean Johnson, Anne Siebert,  
Thomas & Meggi Quinn

27 Susie Graham, Zeke Poskevich, Barbara Edmonds,  
Linda Armstrong, Jack & Carla Sorrell

4/3 Sally Wallace, Laura Gibson, Connie Kelly, Martha  
Vickery, Theresa Green, Hugh Kelly & Ron Biles

### Wednesday Evening Devotional

16 Thomas Quinn, 23 David Riley & 30 David Hopkins

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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)

## Our Missionaries



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# March 2016

Response Elder: Jim Garner

## Evangelism

"So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work."  
Nehemiah 4:6

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