



## No Titles, Please!

*by Joe Slater*

One of the minor annoyances of being a preacher is that well-meaning people frequently put some sort of title before your name. It may be Reverend, Pastor, Father, or some other. They are trying to be respectful, which I appreciate despite the fact that I repudiate the titles. I tell them that my mom named me Joe, and that's what I go by!

As with other unusual aspects of the Lord's church, people wonder why we reject such titles. We owe them a courteous and Biblical answer. Jumping down someone's throat feet-first for using religious titles is counterproductive. Just smile as you explain; most people will listen and respect you even if they disagree or don't understand.

Be certain your reasoning is Biblical. Shortly after I began learning the Scriptures, someone taught me that the title "Reverend" was wrong because it was used in the Bible only of the name of God: "holy and reverend is His name" (Psalm 111:9). That sounded convincing; it even appeared Biblical as long as you were using the KJV English Bible. However, as it turns out, the apostles could not have made this argument. The Psalmist's word for "reverend" is used over 300 times in the Hebrew Bible. It is usually translated "fear" or "afraid." The idea is that God's name is awe-inspiring.

Reverend is not a "title" for God any more than holy is a title ("holy and reverend is His

name"). Holiness is an attribute of God which He commands us to imitate: "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). His name is also "reverend" (worthy of great respect). Joshua 4:14 speaks approvingly of the fact that Israel also "feared" (revered, held in high esteem) Moses and Joshua. Who can doubt that Christians ought to seek to be respectable people? Even the pagan Chaldeans are spoken of in Scripture as reverend (fearful, terrible, awe-inspiring, Habakkuk 1:7). The problem with using "Reverend" as a religious title, then, is not that the word is somehow reserved for God alone.

Jesus showed that the root issue is the very nature of religious titles. Like special religious garments, they serve to divide brethren, setting certain ones above others and fostering a spirit of pride and competition. Rejecting the use of contemporary titles such as Rabbi, Father, and Teacher, Jesus told His disciples, "you are all brethren" (Matthew 23:8-10). It is not the **words** Rabbi, father, and teacher that are forbidden. The New Testament uses these words repeatedly. The point is, they are not to be turned into titles that would exalt certain brethren above others. Our highest honor is that we are brothers and sisters in Christ, children of the same Heavenly Father. May we always be content with that!

(Joe Slater preaches for the church in Justin, Texas)

# Thoughts On Strength Through Prayer

by William Woodson

Numerous statements of the Bible alert God's people to the importance and benefits of regular, earnest, genuine prayer. David's words have a haunting ring we cannot soon forget: "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Psalm 55:17). One indication of the strength of Daniel was his resolve to continue in prayer even when the deceitful ploy of his enemies had influenced Darius, the king, to forbid such; in spite of this prohibition, therefore, we read: "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime" (Daniel 6:10). Of Jesus we read: "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" (Mark 1:35). Other statements would but elaborate the thoughts given in these examples.

Prayer, whether in our public worship services or the private communion we have alone with God, develops from the love, reverence, and trust we have in God as we give thanks, offer petitions, confess sins, or intercede for others of ourselves. Deep within our hearts is the awareness of God as guided by His word and the example of Jesus. We draw close to God, truly and openly, in sincere prayer; such prayer benefits us in being offered, in being heard of God, and when answered strengthens our bond with God as our Heavenly Father. While thinking along these lines, the words of an ancient writer, Gregory of Nyssa, were noted as both lyrical and

beautiful concerning the nature and blessings of genuine prayer. Gregory wrote:

"The effect of prayer is union with God, and, if someone is with God, he is separated from the enemy. Through prayer we guard our chastity, control our temper and rid ourselves of vanity. It makes us forget our injuries, overcomes envy, defeats injustice and makes amends for sins. Through prayer we obtain physical well-being, a happy home and a strong, well-ordered society ... Prayer is the seal of virginity and a pledge of faithfulness in marriage. It shields the wayfarer, protects the sleeper, and give courage to those who keep vigil ... It will refresh you when you are weary and comfort you when you are sorrowful. Prayer is the delight of the joyful and the solace of the afflicted ... Prayer is the enjoyment of things present and the substance of things to come."

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## Wasted Years

*I looked upon a farm one day, That once I used to own;  
The barn had fallen to the ground, The fields were overgrown.*

*The house in which my children grew, Where we had lived for  
years—  
I turned to see it broken down, And brushed away the tears.*

*I looked upon my soul one day, To find it too, had grown  
With thorns and thistles everywhere, The seeds neglect had sown.*

*The years had passed while I had cared, For things of lesser  
worth;*

*The things of heaven I let go, While minding things of earth.*

*To Christ I turned with bitter tears, And cried, "O Lord forgive!  
I haven't much time left for thee, Not many years to live."*

*The wasted years forever gone, The days I can't recall;  
If I could live those days again, I'd make him Lord of all.*

*(Author unknown to editor)*

# Family Matters

Steven Burdette - Will have shoulder surgery Friday.

Bob Howell - Is home and visits are welcome.

Ruby Fowler - Has been moved to Southland Rehab in Peachtree City, room 604.

Mary Lawrence - Is recuperating from surgery. No visits during her recovery.

Mattie Croix - Has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatments.

Lillie Jones - Will have cataract surgery next week.

Prayer request for the Group traveling to Scotland for a Gospel Meeting and VBS.

**Members With Health Problems:** Amy Nash, Decieta Lyons, Ru-Pearl Sharpe, Sally Wallace, Becky Higginbotham, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Theresa Green, Ruby Fowler, Bill Benton, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Marlene Etheridge, Mattie Williams, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Una Fortson, Forrest & Burma Chapman

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

**Others With Health Problems:** Craig Johnson (Jean's son), Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's niece), Earl Hopkins (David's father), 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), Jean Benefield (Annette's daughter-in-law), Norma Tolle (Lewis Armstrong's cousin), Greta Newsome (Jill Nash's sister), Joanne Daugherty (David & Wayne Nash's Sister), Carol Bomar (Charity Nash's aunt), Dylan Carter (11 month-old daughter of the Hagins' friends), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Tom Holcomb (Annette Benefield's S-in-L), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xernonia 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:** Missy Campbell is in West Virginia for a few months.



Join us to celebrate  
the anniversary of  
**Curtis & Jo Hurt**  
Saturday, August 20th 2016  
2pm-4pm  
**Fayetteville Church of Christ**

RSVP: Text to Liz Morgan, 678 986 1099  
\*\*\*No Gifts Please\*\*\*\*

## Fall Gospel Meeting

September 18-21  
Speaker: Joey Barkley  
Member at East Main  
Church of Christ  
Murfreesboro, TN

## Calendar

**Aug 4-13** - The church office will be closed during our Scotland Mission Trip. If you have any questions you can call Greg Nash or Jim Garner during this week.

**Aug 16** - Ladies' Night Out hosted by Catherine Kelly.

**Aug 17** - Graham McDonald USA Visit

**Aug 20** - Hurt's 50th Anniversary

**Aug 19-25** - Polishing the Pulpit Week

**Aug 29** - GSOP classes will resume (fall quarter)



**September 11** - Bridal Shower for Maggie Mobley at 3pm

**September 18-21** - Fall Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Joey Barkley

**October 7-8** - Ladies' Retreat at Calvin Center. Please let Luann Rogers know if you would like to help organize it. If you plan to attend, please sign up; the cost will be \$80.00 for overnight (Dinner & Lunch) and \$15.00 for Saturday.

## Youth Events

**Aug 19** - Youth Program - Movie Night at 6pm

**Aug 21** - Area Wide Youth Devo - Fayetteville

**Sept** - Stone Mountain Trip - All L2L, leaving the church building at 2 - late

**Sept 18** - Area Wide Youth Devo - Shannon

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

**October 29** - God's Ranch - Feed the Homeless

**Nov 13** - Area Wide Youth Devo - Fairview

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

## Area Events:

**Aug 7** - Forest Park COC 57th Homecoming, Speaker: Jason Obert

**Aug 7-10** - Eatonton COC Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Randy Kea

**Aug 13** - Lithia Springs COC 24th Annual Ladies' Day, Speaker: Diane W. Hutcherson, Active Sojourner

**Aug 19 - 20** - Deacon Seminar at Peachtree City COC, Speaker: Bro. Aubrey Johnson

**Sept 10** - Gordon Rd COC Ladies' Day

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

### Call To Worship

	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28
Scripture Reading	Jordan Madison	Zeke Poskevich	Jordan Madison	Zeke Poskevich
Prayer	Thomas Quinn	Bobby Lawrence	James Walker	Rory Bell, SR
Song Leader				
Preside Lord's Supper	David Riley	Ray Cozart	Curt Hurt	Jack Sorrell
Server	Shirley Allender	Shirley Allender	Shirley Allender	Shirley Allender
Server	Randal Bell	Randal Bell	Randal Bell	Randal Bell
Server	Rory Bell, JR	Rory Bell, JR	Rory Bell, JR	Rory Bell, JR
Server	Ray Russell	Ray Russell	Ray Russell	Ray Russell
Server	Gayle Pelfrey	Gayle Pelfrey	Gayle Pelfrey	Gayle Pelfrey
Server	Jake Garner	Jake Garner	Jake Garner	Jake Garner
Server	Jimmy Garner	Jimmy Garner	Jimmy Garner	Jimmy Garner
Server	Morris Jones	Morris Jones	Morris Jones	Morris Jones
Sermon	Greg Nash	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Song				
Closing Prayer	Greg Nash	Jim Garner	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey

### Evening Service

Prayer	Ray Russell	Ray Russell	Ray Russell	Ray Russell
Sermon	Greg Nash	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash	Song Service
Server	Jimmy Garner	Rory Bell, JR	Gayel Pelfrey	Jimmy Garner
Server	Jake Garner	Morris Jones	Ray Russell	Jake Garner
Closing Prayer	Jim Garner	Curtis Hurt	Jim Pelfrey	Tom Durden

### Communion Preparation

Denise Greene

### Nursery

7 Stacy Killingsworth  
14 Sally Wallace  
21 RuPearl Sharpe  
28 Tara Johnson

### Care of Building

1-15 Paul Lyons/Bill Ruffer  
16-31 Bob Howell/Dennis Graham

### Ushers

8/7 Michael Boelsterli/Paul Lyons  
14 Steve Burdette/Bill Ruffer  
21 Jimmy Garner/Rick Sharpe  
28 David Hopkins/Harry Williams

### Media Center Helpers

Aug 7 & 14 Rory Bell, Jr  
Aug 21 & 28 Brad Hopkins

### Open Arms

7 Linda Johnson, Jo Hurt,  
Estell Higginbotham,  
Linda Armstrong,  
Thomas & Meggi Quinn  
14 Jo Ruffer, Margaret McCain,  
Sandy Garner, Theresa Green,  
Paul & Decieta Lyons  
21 Susie Graham, Zeke Poskevich,  
Barbara Edmonds, Anne Siebert,  
Rick & RuPearl Sharpe

### Wednesday Evening Devotional

10 Paul Lyons  
17 Brad Hopkins  
24 Eric Hagens  
31 Jake Garner

## Fayetteville Church of Christ 2016 Goal - Evangelism

### Address:

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Fayetteville, Georgia  
30215

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Web Page: <http://www.fcoc.com>



[www.Facebook.com/Fayettevillecoc](http://www.Facebook.com/Fayettevillecoc)

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Greg Nash  
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(770) 629-2061

### Deacons:

Dennis Graham  
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)

### The Fountain of Life with Larry Acuff

Saturdays at 7 am, on channel 57

### In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Sunday at 7:30 am, on channel 57

8/7 - Hearing the Gospel  
8/14 - Believing in Jesus  
8/21 - Repentance  
8/28 - Baptism

## Our Missionaries



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# August 2016

## Evangelism

Response Elder - Tom Durden

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58

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