

## FAMILY INFORMATION

February 23, 2020

Worship 229  
Class 154  
Contribution \$7,645.50

## COMMUNION SERVERS

Ken Davenport	Brian Lassetter
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Lance Holland	Alan Way

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

296	<i>We Have Come into His House</i>
153	<i>Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down</i>
Prayer	Rick Cofer
103	<i>He Has Made Me Glad</i>
166	<i>He's My King</i>
167	<i>Hosanna</i>
701	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>
Communion & Contribution	Kim Alderdice
Dismiss to Wee Worship (2 – 4 years old)	
578	<i>We Will Glorify</i>
Scripture Reading	Ty Gray
Sermon	<b>Light of the World (#1)</b>
909	<i>There's a Fountain Free</i>
Announcements	Keith Lyda
Prayer	Larry Garmon
Praise Leader	Mark Clark

## WELCOME GUESTS! WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

- Please be sure to sign an attendance card and place it in the collection basket.
- Attended nursery for birth through two-years-old is provided during worship in room 119.
- Bible classes for all ages will begin immediately following worship.

## FROM RICKY'S DESK

*The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."*

In 1 Samuel 25 we meet a man named Nabal. He is not a good man at all. In fact, he is described as "harsh and badly behaved" (v. 3), "a worthless man" (vv. 17 and 25, the latter by his own wife!), and a man of folly (v. 25, also by his wife). David's men approach Nabal and are polite and helpful, according to the text and to Nabal's men. Yet Nabal treats them and David rudely. Nabal is insulting and crass, refusing to help them. As a result, David and about 400 of his men arm themselves to march on Nabal and his men, intending great harm. Nabal's wife (Abigail) ends up soothing David and staying his hand. Abigail recounts to Nabal the conversation she had had with David, and Nabal ends up dying ten days later (and Abigail ends up becoming one of David's wives).

Nabal was foolish, to say the least. In fact, his very name means "foolish." "Nabal" is the exact word that David uses in Psalm 14:1, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" The fool in this context is not one who denies God's existence (though that, too, is foolish). Instead, it is one who thinks there is no accountability for his actions. It is one who decides that she is not responsible to God in any way. It is the person who makes a mistake (often fatal) about reality, believing that he or she can live life free of consequences or liability. This is simply not reality. We are accountable to God, whether we think so or not.

Thankfully, God is just and merciful and forgiving. He loves us perfectly. It is good that we answer to such an amazing, holy God.

--Ricky

### MISSION TRIP MEETING

It's time to start planning our summer trip to Trujillo. Our mission trip is scheduled for Monday, June 29, to Wednesday, July 8. We would like to have our first informational meeting on Wednesday evening, March 18, at 6:00. If you are interested in or committed to making the trip but can't be there, please let Jack Vanderpool or Larry Garmon know so we can get a rough count of everyone planning/interested in going this summer. We are limiting the group participants due to the constraints of transportation and secure housing.

### FIFTY PLUS OUTING

If you are 50+ (or even minus!), join us for The Gatlin Brothers concert on April 4 at Mill Town Music Hall in Bremen. Tickets are \$35.00 each. A sign-up sheet is posted in the message center. If you have any questions, see Kim Davenport.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Dave Wilson is coordinating Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) for all sixth through twelfth graders. Practice times for LTC will be on Saturdays from 12:30 – 3:00 on the following days:  
March 7, March 21, March 28, April 4

Please contact Dave for additional details.

### THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you all so much for the calls, prayers, concerns, and everything else you have done. It has truly been a blessing.

-the Tabor family

### LADIES' RETREAT

**March 27 – 28**  
**Cohutta Springs Conference Center**  
**Crandall, GA**

Cost \$95.00 - double  
\$155.00 - single  
\$35.00 – Saturday only

Today is the final day to register for our annual Ladies' Retreat. We would love for YOU to join us. Scholarships are available. Please stop by the table in the foyer to complete a registration form. See Penny Lassetter or Lois Nowling for additional information.

### MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly men's breakfast for March will be Saturday, March 21, at 9:00 a.m. at the Bojangles in Hiram.

### BOOK CLUB

Ladies' Book Club will meet at 11:30 at Gabriel's on Whitlock Avenue on March 10. We are reading *The Boy Crisis* by Warren Farrell and John Gray. Anyone is welcome to join us.

### WEATHER REMINDER

In the event of inclement weather, we will follow Paulding County School District advisories and public safety recommendations. If schools are closed or the GDOT recommends staying off the roads, we will not meet for worship or classes.

### BABY SHOWER

A tabletop shower to celebrate with Stephen and Molly McCullers is planned for Sunday, March 22. They are expecting a girl in April. They are registered at Amazon, Pottery Barn, and Green Mountain Diapers. Gift cards to either of these sites as well as Publix would also be appreciated.

### RESOURCE OPPORTUNITY

We have subscribed to PTP365, a digital library with thousands of sermons to listen to or watch. Lessons can be searched by speaker, topic, or Bible book, and you can even download lessons to your mobile device. There is no viewing or download limit, so please take advantage of this great resource. You can sign in at [365.polishingthepulpit.com](http://365.polishingthepulpit.com). The username is Philserves and the password is Metro365.

### LET THERE BE LIGHT

Happy Sunday morning!

I'm sure someone will correct me if I'm wrong, but in my personal studies the word "light" is always used in a positive way in scripture, starting on the first page of our Bible:

"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness" (Gen 1:3-4)

Light is God's first creation that receives His "good" stamp. Keep in mind this isn't the sun, which came a few days later, but just plain old *light* when there was only darkness. It was there to break up or separate the darkness. Now I'm not a scientist, but I believe 'dark' requires no energy. You don't create or make darkness. It's just there. Light, however, requires energy and work to be produced. Jesus proclaims HE is "the light of the world" in Mark 8. He goes on to add, "Whoever follows me [that's us!] will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Prior to Mark 8, Jesus says WE are the light of the world (Matt 5:14). So, we have some **work** to do to bring light to the world in the midst of all this darkness—to bring glory to God as we go about our daily lives interacting with the world.

"For we were once in darkness, but now we are light in the Lord. Live as children of light" (Eph 5:8).

One of my favorite quotes from one of my favorite people is "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that" (MLK, Jr.).

Let's all light up the little worlds we move in to bring hope and joy to those around us.

Shalom.

--Paul Ellison