

Pastor Appreciation Day

THIS SUNDAY

If you would like to make a donation, you may do so between now and Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact one of the elder's or Mary Lynn.

Our Vision: Love, Mend, Train, Send

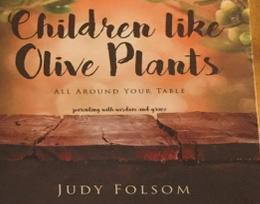
The Beacon



Weekly Beacon * Wednesday, February 27, 2020 * New Covenant Church, Thomasville, Georgia

Book Signing Sunday !

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Join us and get connected!

Sundays

Covenant Café 8:30-10:15am

9:00am Sunday School

Living in the Kingdom—Mike Folsom

Pre-Service Prayer—10:15am

10:30am Main Event Worship Service

Children's Church and Nursery are provided after worship

Mondays

7:00pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:00pm Fire by Night prayer

7:00pm One Youth Group—Pastor Alli

7:00pm Bible study by Pastor Dave

6:30pm Folsom Home Group—Moultrie

Thursdays

Silver Saints Luncheon

Last

Thursday Monthly

(This is a covered dish event)

Ladies Monday Night

Bible Study at 7:00pm in Room 8

Led by Pastor Alli



Dessert and testimonies
this week!



Geraldine Mitchell 2-28

Joshwa Copeland 3-1

Judy Folsom 3-2

Wednesday Nights

Bible Study: *The Spirit Filled Life*

Led by Pastor Dave

7 pm—8:15 pm

Located in the sanctuary



Folsom Homegroup

Connect | Share | Grow

Wednesdays at Mike & Judy Folsom's
home

Moultrie, Georgia at 6:30pm

THE BRIDGE

Young Adult Ministries

Young Adults

Please join us for a Meet and Greet with fellowship and food and let's get to know each other on Friday, March 6, 2020

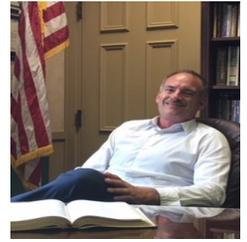
7:00pm in the AOC.

Bring a friend!



Pastor Dave:

Obedience is God's Love Language



Sunday, I maintained that you can't say you love Jesus and then go live like the devil. You can't say you're a Christian and then keep on living a self-centered life. It's also true that you can't say you're a follower of Jesus and then cherry pick which Bible verses you want to listen to and then ignore the ones you don't. Jesus says you're his friend if you obey him and his commandments. Check this out in **John 14:15** ...

¹⁵ "If you [really] love Me, you will keep and obey My commandments."

We can't fully comprehend what love is unless we've experienced the love of God. Westernized culture has perverted and twisted the true meaning of love—it's thrown around mindlessly when we say we love our car, pizza, iPhone and so on. It gets even more complicated by the fact that our English language has only one word for love, while the Greek language has at least four distinct words that C.S. Lewis identifies... *Agape love, the love of God; Storge love, parental love, which is protection; Phileo love, which is brotherly love or friendship; and Eros love, which is romantic love.*

I have come to realize that God isn't looking for Jesus believers, instead He's looking for yielded Jesus obeyers who are willing to follow and comply with His Word, His will and His ways at all costs. Of course to obey Him means we must first believe in Him. Obedience opens the door to blessings, rewards and full access to abundant, Kingdom living.

Obedience Enables Us to Walk With God.

Consider Enoch: The Bible records that "Enoch lived in close fellowship with God" for 300 years (Genesis 5:22)! Imagine spending 300 earthly years in close fellowship with the Lord—obeying His commands, learning His ways, and caring for the things that most concern Him. That was Enoch's life. And the result? Scripture tells us that Enoch did not experience an earthly death. Instead, "he disappeared, because God took him" (verse 24).

Obedience is an act of Worship

While the Bible places a strong emphasis on obedience, it's critical to remember that believers are not justified (made righteous) by our obedience. Salvation is a free gift of God, and we can do nothing to earn it. True Christian obedience flows from a heart of gratitude for the grace we have received from the Lord. See

Romans 12:1-2 (MSG).

God Rewards Obedience

Over and over again we read in the Bible that God blesses and rewards obedience: Consider **Genesis 22:18 (NLT)**... "And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me." This is powerful! In fact, we can stand on this Bible verse when we're going through a battle. Obedience really is God's love language! God says in **Exodus 19:5, MSG** "If you will listen obediently to what I say and keep my covenant, out of all peoples you'll be my special treasure. The whole Earth is mine to choose from, but you're special: a kingdom of priests, a holy nation". Even Jesus has something to say about this important subject... In **Luke 11:28** He says... "**...But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.**"

Obedience Is Better Than Sacrifice.

The cross of Christ is not a license to get away from God, so we can do our own thing. The cross of Christ is a license to get close to God, so we can follow Him and obey him, because God's ways are good. May we all join with Jesus and choose to love Him through obedience.

7 Mountain Prayer Ministry

February: Education

Let's pray for Thomas County schools, students, educators, and parents, that God will have His way in our school systems. Pray for protection on all of our campuses, for biblical values to be instilled and drop out rates to be eradicated.

In Christ we can

live
MORE
worry
LESS

This Sunday...

Hospitality

Gwen Gaines

Greeter

Daniel Gaines

Altar Ministry

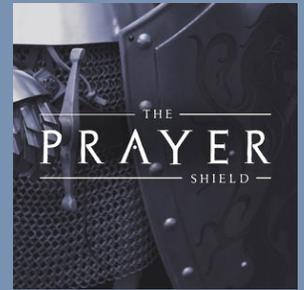
Latasha McCoy

Nancy Stacey

Text your prayer requests
to: 229-977-0694

Usher

Daniel Gaines



Love Your Neighbor

As Yourself!



Mark 12:31

Let's pray!

Joann Daniels

Patricia Wright

Irene Cason

Daniel & Gwen Gaines

Sharon Archey

Willie Brooks

Keith Simmons

David & Elke

Mrs. Giles

Larry Winkelman Jr

Mez Williams