

WELCOME

Troy Church of Christ

March 7, 2021

Lord's Supper Devotional 3/7: Greg Ferguson
Lord's Supper Devotional 3/14: Kevin Dobbins

Upcoming Youth Events:



Spring Retreat
March 26-28

6-12 grade at Reelfoot Youth Camp

Cost is \$40, and you have to be signed up and have money turned in today, March 7, to receive a shirt!

Classes begin this week!

Adult Classes:

The Apostle Paul – Jeff Nicks
(auditorium)

Working Through Adversity – Paul Hill
(room 6)

Prayer List:

Rick & Kayla Yates, Lee & Sheila Morris,
Virginia Pugh, Phil Green

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- March 8** Numbers 11-12, 2 Timothy 2
- March 9** Numbers 13-14, 2 Timothy 3
- March 10** Numbers 15-16, 2 Timothy 4
- March 11** Numbers 17-18, John 1
- March 12** Numbers 19-20, Psalm 90, John 2
- March 13** Psalm 135, Numbers 21, John 3
- March 14** Numbers 22, John 4

Family News

As you know, the *Minister Search Team* has been receiving resumes for the preaching ministry position for several months. The team has sifted through a number of resumes and held Zoom meetings with four specific candidates. Our prayer has constantly been that God would send us just the right family to engage in the work here, and that they would recognize that this is a place where they can serve and grow in the work of the Lord.

Today we have our first prospective family with us. We want to extend a warm welcome to **Nathan** and **Chelsea Foster** along with their young son **Riley** who turned one in January. They currently live in the Tupelo, MS area. Nathan is originally from Paris, TN; Chelsea is from Jackson, TN.

Nathan currently serves as the Youth and Family Minister at West Main Church of Christ in Saltillo, MS, just north of Tupelo. In his role there, he teaches two to three classes per week, and preaches one to two sermons per month in addition to his youth ministry responsibilities.

A graduate of Freed-Hardeman University, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations. He is currently working toward a Master of Arts degree in pastoral Care and Counseling.

Nathan indicated to us that they are not looking to move just anywhere. They want to make sure it's the right move for them. One of the reasons Troy appeals to them is their desire to get closer to family. However, that's not the main motivation. They want to transition from youth ministry to a more congregational-focused ministry. Getting closer to family in Paris and Jackson would be an added bonus.

We asked each applicant to answer an extensive questionnaire which was the result of questions the search team members wanted the potential ministers to answer. The purpose of which was to determine if we thought they would be a "good fit" for Troy. One of the questions was about what they would hope to accomplish in the first few years here. Nathan said building relationships would be his first priority. We couldn't agree more.

Nathan also noted that his wife is his biggest encourager. Chelsea contributes by just being herself. She is warm and kind and helps with everything he has been involved with. (I can personally attest that this is one of the most important factors in successful ministry.) Chelsea shows hospitality and looks to build relationships.

Here is part of Nathan's introduction on his resume in his own words:

I would love to be considered for your current pulpit position. I am energetic and incredibly passionate about the Lord's Church and His work. It is that passion and a genuine love for people that motivates me and I have been blessed to do what I love, full-time, for His glory. My wife and I have both grown up in Tennessee and would be grateful for an opportunity to move back, but wherever we end up, we will serve the Lord.

We want to encourage everyone to stay after services today to enjoy a BBQ lunch together and take the time to meet and welcome Nathan and Chelsea to Troy. Continue to pray that God's will be done and that he will lead us all to the right conclusion about the future of Nathan and his family and also the Troy family.

- Ron