

Remember Our Sick

Yolanda Greenway – Started the out-patient chemo treatment this past week. Prayers needed.

Johnny Estes – Having problems with one of his feet.

Melinda Robbins – Receiving a new treatment for lung cancer.

Donna Romero – (Rex McDaniel’s step-sister) has been diagnosed with cancer.

Kim Miller – health issues.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Legacy Heights:

Bonnie Vinson – Room #34

Juanita Whitted – Room #62

Norma Tate Jones – Room #44

Russellville Nsg & Rehab:

Joe Miller -Room #317

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Daisy Anderson, Amie Barkley, Cindy Beck, Carolyn Bennett, Sandra Boatright, Nina Cain, Donna Chambers, Jamie Churchill, Jim Clark, Rachel Curtis, Eugene Davis, Johnny Estes, Yolanda Greenway, Colton Hale, Leota Hickey, Francis Kennedy, Rose Lee, Letson family, Daniel Loper, Jan Loveless, Bennie Lou Meadows, Becky Miller, Kaeli Miller, Kim Miller, Julie Moss, Klaus Mullins, Jeff/Connie Myers, Jannie Myers, Glen/Paulette Oakes, John Presley, Jerry Pruitt, KaLee Robbins, Kathryn Rosalez, Gene Smith, Tanya Smith, Meg Standridge, Matt Stepanovich, Michael Tindall, Jerry Turner, Joan Vance, Jon Vance, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, Earl Whitted, and Patsy Wisbrock.

Expectant Mothers: Carlee Schmitt Kaylan Corbin
Ashlee Leavell

Military: Pray for our service men and women

Eric Richardson

D J Bandy

<u>MEETING TIMES</u>	
Sunday Morning Bible Classes 9:45 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 A.M. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 P.M. Ladies Tuesday Bible Class 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Bible Classes 6:30 P.M.	Elders: Allen Veasman 331-2156 Sid Womack 967-2367 Chris Loper 331-3313 Brent Hottinger 264-5696 Michael Robbins 264-9668
Minister: Micah Williams Church Office: 479-331-3428 Office Hours: M-F 9:00a-1:00p Micah Cell: 479-264-9244 Secretary Cell: 479-747-0908	Deacons: Chris Besterfeldt Donny Forehand Rex McDaniel Chris Moss Justin Vaughn Blake Walters Brett Walters

April 15th, 2018

Sunday A.M.
 Announcer: Randall Walters
 Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw
 Prayers
 Dan Cloud
 Don Briscoe
 Communion
 Podium: Earl Stamps
 Serve: Blake Walters
 Brent Hottinger
 Brett Walters
 Chase Chance
 Scripture Reading
 Donny Forehand
 Shut-Ins
 Chris Moss

Sunday P.M.
 Prayers
 Donny Forehand
 Earl Stamps

April 22nd, 2018

Sunday A.M.
 Announcer: Randall Walters
 Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw
 Prayers
 Earl Whitted
 Gary Williams
 Communion
 Podium: Earl Stamps
 Serve: Chris Besterfeldt
 Chris Loper
 Chris Moss
 Corey Hottinger
 Scripture Reading
 Don Briscoe
 Shut-Ins
 Chris Loper

Sunday P.M.
 Prayers
 Marion Helton
 Mark Wimbush



Life Lines

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"Who Controls You?"

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. — [Romans 8:5 NLT](#)

We don't like to be controlled. However, we will be controlled either by our sinful nature or by the Spirit of God. There are no middle options ([Ephesians 2:1-3](#); [Romans 6](#)). While politically incorrect, deep in the core of our souls we know it's true. The things that Satan entices us to think of as freedom invariably end up damaging us, our relationships, and our future. They enslave us to addictive processes, systems, and habits. We are sucked into the vortex of sin's power: Our thoughts are increasingly controlled by sin's enslaving lifestyle. The Spirit, however, frees us from this bondage. The Spirit gives us the power to live with freedom, enjoying a life full of his fruit — love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control ([Galatians 5:22-23](#)). And our role? First, we must choose to actively seek the Spirit's influence over our will. Second, we must commit to responding to his lead in what we think and do ([Galatians 5:25](#)). When we look at our lives, do we see our thoughts and actions dominated by the sinful nature or by the Spirit? If the sinful nature is dominating us, it's time to go back and focus on our role of seeking the Spirit and responding to his lead!

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HOW ARE WE SAVED?

However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

Romans 4:5

Abraham saved on the basis of his faith, but we are also saved on the same basis. We also benefit from God's amazing accounting arrangement. Paul wrote, "But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness: (Rom. 4:5). He also said, "Now not for [Abraham's] sake only was it written that it was credited to him, but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead" (Rom. 4:23, 24). Once we grasp this truth, it should have a major impact on our lives.

It should fill us with hope. Uncommitted and halfhearted Christians do not worry about "doing enough" for the Lord. In contrast, every conscientious Christian has felt his unworthiness and understands how far short he comes of being what he should be. Is it not wonderful to realize that, while God requires obedience, He does not require perfect obedience? He expects us to do our best, but His greatest concern is for the motivation behind the obedience: our faith.

It should infuse us with love. How can we not love the One who loves us so much (1 John 4:19)? When we understand that we are "justified by faith," we will have "an overwhelming sense of amazement at what God has done for us, an amazement that...spills over into [our] worship." Worship will no longer be a duty to be fulfilled, but a privilege to be enjoyed. Songs like "Amazing Grace" will take on new meaning!

It should move us to action. Some are concerned that if we teach "justification by faith," people will decide that there is no need to work, no need to obey. On the contrary, the doctrine of "justification by faith" – when properly understood – results in greater effort, not less. Christ gave His all for us; how can we not devote our all to Him?

Conclusion. God's accounting arrangement is truly amazing! Understanding how He counts us as righteous through Christ can

encourage us and help us remain faithful to God. Two men are on an airplane flying across the ocean. One man is serene – confident in the plane and the pilot – while the other man is terrified the entire way. Both men reach their destination safely; but the first man thoroughly enjoys the flight, while it is torture for the second man. Understanding the message of Romans 4 cannot only give us strength to make "the trip to heaven," but it will also help us enjoy the trip!

David L. Roper
Romans 1-7

(Searcy, AR: Resource Publications, 2013) pages 299-300

Upcoming Events:

Annual Ladies' Day

Saturday, April 28th

Speaker: Yolanda Greenway

"A Treasure in a Field"

We will begin with breakfast at 8:30 am
followed by our program at 9:30 am.

Lunch will be provided.

Please join us for this special day.

Sign-up sheet for Ladies' Day will be passed around today and next Sunday. We will be having the cold foods menu again. Please be ready to volunteer for making a dish and clean up. Thank you, Ladies'!!!

Youth Rally at Pleasant Grove April
28th at 5:00 p.m.

April Birthdays

- 8 Donna Chambers
- 14 Danielle Hayes
- 18 Gicala Lee
- 19 Earlene Davis
- 20 Earl Stamps
- 22 Brett Walters
- 27 Sharon Bailey
Faith Bowden
- 28 Henry Walters
- 30 Elizabeth Smith

RUSS BUS ITEMS:
Pudding Cups &
Little Debbie's

Lawn Care

April 21st
Chris Loper and Ed &
Piney Meadows

April 28th
Rick Hollis and Doug
Gross

Serving Him in Our Youth

And don't let anyone put you down because you're young. Teach believers with your life.

1 Timothy 4:12

Living out God's purposes for our lives has absolutely nothing to do with our age or stage of life. Paul respected his young protégé a great deal. He saw significant value and worth in Timothy's life and ministry. He urged him to "stay at your post" (1Tim. 4:13) and ignore the comments of others. Teenagers and young adults have a unique energy available for the cause of Christ. So, let's use it for the greater good!

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