## Remember Our Sick

Kaeli Miller – tests went well - feeling better
Shirley Walters – still having tests run at this time – saw a
neurosurgeon on Friday - please keep her in your prayers
Matt Stepnanovich – (Micah's brother-in-law) – seeing a Dr in
New York - will have a biopsy of two nodules on his aorta soon
Sean Hagan – (Micah's brother-in-law) – his mother, Pat, is very
ill and under hospice care – doing a little better
Jan Loveless – is at home recovering - continuing with physical
therapy – able to do a little more each day
Melinda Robbins – making weekly trips to Houston for
treatment

### Shut-ins - need prayers and visits:

Legacy Heights:

Bonnie Vinson – Room #34 Juanita Whitted – Room #62

Russellville Nsg & Rehab:

Joe Miller -Room #317

### Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Jesse/Jennie Branch, Donna Chambers, Chris Chance, Jamie Churchill, Dan Cloud, Rachel Curtis, Eugene Davis, Randy Ellis, Charles Ensey, Johnny Estes, Mary Grice, Leota Hickey, Rose Lee, Letson family, Daniel Loper, Jeff/Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Shirley Miller, Julie Moss, Glen/Paulette Oakes, Cathy Pittman, Mike Rinke, Pat Robertson, KaLee Robbins, Bob Sims, Greg Standridge, Michael Tindall, Joan/Jon Vance, Joey Vaughn, Justin Vaughn, Barry Walker, Joyce Walters, Jay Winters, & Patsy Wisbrock

Military: Pray for our service men and women: Eric Richardson
D J Bandy

### Special Prayer Request:

Please pray for Alaynna Williams and her chorus group from Harding as they continue their travel in Europe. They will be home in about a week.

# Meeting Times

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.

Minister: Micah Williams Church Office: 479-331-3428 Office Hours: M-F 8:30a-12:30p

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Deacons: Chris Besterfeldt Donny Forehand Brent Hottinger Rex McDaniel Chris Moss Michael Robbins

# *May 21, 2017*

### Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw Prayers

> Alan Boatright Allen Veasman

Communion

Podium: Michael Robbins Serve: Kevin Nordin

Larry Mahan Marion Helton Matthew Moss

Scripture Reading
Presley Williams

Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman Sunday P.M.

**Prayers** 

Brent Hottinger Brett Walters

# May 28, 2017

## Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw Prayers

> Blake Walters Chris Loper

Podium: Michael Robbins

Serve: Sid Womack Presley Williams Rex McDaniel Rick Hollis

Scripture Reading

Communion

Marion Helton

Shut-Ins

Marion Helton Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Chris Moss Dan Cloud



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#### THE BI FSSING OF FORGIVENESS

One of the most effective and powerful blessings is the act of forgiving. All human beings are sinful, and we do things that hurt each other, even if the hurt is unintentional. Sometimes we just do not understand or recognize how our actions, non-actions, words, tone of voice, and nonverbal communications affect others. It is difficult to "walk in someone's shoes" when we are NOT that someone. Communication is essential to relationships, and it is not easy to effectively communicate with empathy, sympathy, compassion, and understanding. That is why we all need forgiveness throughout our lives and in our closest relationships.

Forgiveness allows us to start over, to let go of past mistakes and the heartaches that go with them. Real forgiveness acknowledges our human inadequacies and failures and covers them over with a blanket of love. The perfect example of this is God's love for us. God requires repentance (recognition and sorrow for our sins and shortcomings) to have his forgiveness and fellowship. The Bible is clear, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the FORGIVENESS of sins" (Acts 2:38, emphasis mine).

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### THE BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS, continued

The forgiveness and love God gives us is complete and total, without reservations. He remembers our sins no more (Hebrews 10:17). God's love and fellowship with us are maintained and unbroken as long as we continue to follow him with a spirit of repentance for our sins and forgiveness for others' sins. John emphasizes this in his first letter, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (I John 1:7-8)

This profoundly affects our human relationships. If we do not recognize our own sins and weaknesses, it is hard, in fact nearly impossible, to forgive others. This is one of the reasons God says that we MUST forgive others AS he has forgiven US (Ephesians 4:32). In fact, we MUST forgive others if we want to receive God's forgiveness (Matthew 6:14-15). Forgiveness requires humility on our part. We must first recognize how much God has forgiven us in order to give forgiveness to others. True forgiveness reconciles and repairs relationships. It allows us to love each other again and to start anew (Colossians 3:12-14).

---Cynthia Clayton Does God Exist? Second Quarter, 2017, p. 21

BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU. Ephesians 4:32

# In Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Marion Helton and Joan Vance in the death of their sister, Iris Bates, of Springdale. Iris passed away Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The funeral was held last Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for these families.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kelsi Hottinger is a member of the Dover High School graduating class of 2016-17. Graduation will be held on Monday, May 22 at Tucker Coliseum in Russellville. Program begins at 7:00 but if you want a good seat, you must arrive early!

Strengthening The Church will be the theme for a Gospel Meeting at the Atkins church of Christ beginning today. Services will be each evening at 7:00 pm. today - Wednesday, May 24. Jim Dearman, host of the weekly Sunday morning television program "Good News Today" (which can be viewed locally on channel 42 at 7:00 am) will be the guest speaker.

The ladies of the Plumerville church of Christ have invited us to attend their Ladies' Day on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. It will start with a potluck lunch and the program to follow. Yolanda Greenway of Dover will be the guest speaker.

Early Evening Services: On Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> we will begin our evening services at 5:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm. Our annual fish fry is planned for that evening after services. Fish, French fries, hush puppies, and chicken will be provided. Sign up to bring your family's favorite extras and then come and join in the fun and fellowship!!

The Graduation Banquet will be held on Sunday evening, June 11th after evening services. Please let Carin Vaughn know if you are graduating from high school or college this semester. If you want to participate, Carin will need your pictures by Sunday, May 28th (preferably in digital format) for the great videos!

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS

02	Amelia Besterfeldt
05	Brett Cains
06	Randall Walters
07	Victoria Thomas
	Carlee Williams
08	Trinity Loper
	Connor Whitted
09	Sid Womack
13	Kelli Hottinger
14	Gracie Bowden
15	Alan Boatright
16	Connie Myers
23	Kaleb Lambert
	Jordan Lambert
	Braden Lambert
24	Greg Widner
	Jaylinn Williams
25	Diane Walters #2
	Paige Stamps
30	Paul Helton
31	Madalynn Robinson

# Lawn Care

May 27<sup>th</sup>

Jeff Myers & Greg Widner **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**M. Helton & A. Boatright

# Congratulations!

Baylee Linker
Carlee Williams &
Jackson Schmitt
Graduated from Arkansas
Tech University last
Saturday.

#### SUMMER CAMP

Camp Caudle Junior Camp-1 will be June 14-17. This camp is for children who have just finished 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades. There will be a second Junior Camp from June 25-30. Sign up today!!

This year's mission trip to Nicaragua is planned for July 29 – August 5, 2017.

Sid & Karen Womack, Dorothy King, and Chris Moss are the members of the 2017 team. Let's be praying for this effort and asking what we might do to help.