

## Remember Our Sick

Joan Vance- will be having cataract surgery on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Rod Pfeifer – hospitalized for an ulcer  
 Jean Hemmer – in Ark Heart Hospital w/multiple health issues  
 Greg Standridge – still needs our prayers  
 Pat Hagan – is still very ill and under hospice care in final stages of cancer  
 Melinda Robbins – another treatment at Houston last week, feeling some better  
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, Amie Barkley, Jesse/Jennie Branch, Donna Chambers, Chris Chance, Jamie Churchill, Dan Cloud, Rachel Curtis, Eugene Davis, Shirley Diamond, 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, Jerry Pruitt, Mike Rinke, Pat Robertson, Kaley Robbins, Bob Sims, Matt Stepanovich, Michael Tindall, Jon Vance, Joey Vaughn, Justin Vaughn, Barry Walker, Joyce Walters, Shirley Walters, Jay Winters, & Patsy Wisbrock.

### Military: Pray for our service men and women:

Eric Richardson  
 D J Bandy

### Special Prayers:

For: Holly Jennings on a mission trip to China for the next 4 weeks.

### Special Thanks:

*Jan Loveless was able to be in class on Wednesday night and gave a special thank you to the congregation for all the help we have given to her since her surgery. She said, "I couldn't have made it without you."*

## Meeting Times

<b>Sunday Morning Bible Classes</b> <b>9:45 A.M.</b> <b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> <b>10:45 A.M.</b> <b>Sunday Evening Worship</b> <b>6:00 P.M.</b> <b>Ladies Tuesday Bible Class</b> <b>10:00 A.M.</b> <b>Wednesday Bible Classes</b> <b>6:30 P.M.</b> <b>Minister: Micah Williams</b> <b>Church Office: 479-331-3428</b> <b>Office Hours: M-F 8:30a-12:30p</b> <b>Micah Cell: 479-264-9244</b> <b>Secretary Cell: 479-264-6052</b>	<b>Elders:</b> <b>Allen Veasman</b> <b>331-2156</b> <b>Sid Womack</b> <b>967-2367</b> <b>Chris Loper</b> <b>331-3313</b>  <b>Deacons:</b> <b>Chris Besterfeldt</b> <b>Donny Forehand</b> <b>Brent Hottinger</b> <b>Rex McDaniel</b> <b>Chris Moss</b> <b>Michael Robbins</b>
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*July 2, 2017*

### Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters  
 Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw  
 Prayers

Donny Forehand  
 Earl Stamps

### Communion

Podium: Gary Williams

Serve: Jeff Myers  
 Justin Vaughn  
 Kevin Nordin  
 Larry Mahan

Scripture Reading  
 Brett Cains

### Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman  
 Sunday P.M.

### Prayers

Marion Helton  
 Mark Wimbush

*July 9, 2017*

### Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters  
 Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw  
 Prayers

Marion Helton  
 Jeff Myers

### Communion

Podium: Gary Williams

Serve: Michael Robbins  
 Mark Wimbush  
 Matthew Moss  
 Paul Helton

Scripture Reading  
 Blake Walters

### Shut-Ins

Michael Robbins  
 Sunday P.M.

### Prayers

Merrell Shoptaw  
 Michael Robbins



# Life Lines

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## A Third Mile Christian Luke 10:25-35

In Matthew 5:41, Jesus says that if a Roman soldier compelled a Christian to go one mile (as he had the right to do in the Roman Empire), the Christian should go two miles. Jesus asks us to do the extra, to be ready to sacrifice time and energy to help those who are in need. The Christian does not take a yardstick and say, "Here ends my mile. I will go no further."

The story of the good Samaritan in Luke 10 is an example of a man who went the extra mile. In fact, we might suggest that he went the third mile. The text says in verse 25 that the lawyer wanted to test Jesus. This lets us know that his motive is not completely sincere. This is one of six occasions where someone challenges / tests Jesus.

Of course, Jesus directed him back to the law of Moses and asked how he understood it. We have the two greatest commandments - love the Lord supremely and love your neighbor sacrificially. But the lawyer wanted to justify his behavior, so he challenged Jesus with the question, "Who is my neighbor?" For the first-century Jew, a neighbor was someone from the Jewish nation. If you weren't from the Jewish nation, you were not a neighbor.

So, Jesus gives the famous and powerful story of the good Samaritan. In verses 30-32, we have the "self-interested" ones: the priest and the Levite. There were many priests living in the vicinity of Jericho. One would expect the priest to help the injured man. But, no. Next, a Levite comes along. The Levite was a temple minister. One would expect the Levite to be helpful. After all, it was his job to teach the law (such as

"love your neighbor" - Lev. 19:18) to the Israelites. But he does not help.

There were many possible "excuses" for not helping. Perhaps they feared the danger involved. The road from Jericho to Jerusalem, four hundred years later, was known as the "bloody way." Perhaps they both were in a hurry. Maybe they feared becoming unclean or could not spare the expenses.

But the good Samaritan comes along. If we were hearing this story for the first time and were Jews, perhaps we would wonder if Jesus was criticizing the Jewish leaders. Would an ordinary Israelite be the hero? Would an angel intervene? Or would the man die and shame the community?

Instead, the hero is a Samaritan. Jesus emphasizes the word "Samaritan" by using the word first in the sentence. These were considered enemies of the Jews. One oral law said that eating with Samaritans was like eating pork. The Samaritans had rejected Jesus just a few weeks before (Luke 9:51-56).

Here we see now the "third mile Christian." The word "compassion" is last in the sentence, bringing our focus to that concept. Compassion is that emotion that motivates us to help those who are in need.

The church needs scientists and teachers. The church needs accountants and secretaries. The church needs business men and nurses. The church needs men and women with new plans and big ideas. But what the church needs most is men and women with big hearts - compassionate hearts.

Thus, the good Samaritan acted like a Christian when he bandaged the wounds of the injured man. But, he went the second mile by bringing him to the inn, out of the road, out of danger. Yet, he also goes the third mile by giving the inn keeper two days' wages, enough for room and board for about two weeks and promised to pay more if necessary when he returned.

When asked who proved to be the neighbor, the lawyer could not bring his lips to utter the words "Samaritan." Yet, the Samaritan travelled the road of life with an attentive look, a compassionate heart, a helpful hand, a willing foot, and an open wallet.

May you and I "go and do likewise" - be a "third-mile" Christian.

Your fellow-servant in Christ,  
Paul Holland Daily Droplets  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Tuesday Ladies' Class

The ladies class will not meet July 4th. The next class meeting will be on July 11th.

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### Dover's own Russ Bus

*project is ongoing also. The item to bring this week is Vienna sausage and PopTarts. Please support this effort by bringing items to make snack packs to distribute to the homeless each Monday.*

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### Kingdom Kids

For those of you who support Kingdom Kids in Nicaragua, we would love to take your child a gift from you and interact with your child. The gift should be small but include a toy, crayons, and coloring book or something similar. Please include several small items, and a picture of your family, if you can. We will need this by July 20 for packing purposes.

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### Food on the Mount

Chris George has notified us that the people of the Mt. George community are planning their summer food/backpack program for August. They are in need of medical people and hair stylists to help with the program. If you would like to help in these areas or any other please contact: Sue Gleghorn by email: [suegleghorn@gmail.com](mailto:suegleghorn@gmail.com) or call 479-229-4331

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### SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

*Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Nina Cain and Diane Walters in the death of Nina's brother, Harlon Nuckols. Mr. Nuckols passed away on 6/24. Please remember these families in your prayers.*

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

16 Diane Walters #1  
17 Kim Statler  
Rex McDaniel  
23 William Robbins  
Emily Walker  
Earl Whitted  
25 Becky Miller  
26 Brody Lovell  
31 Kim Miller

## Lawn Care

### July 8<sup>th</sup>

Rick Hollis  
Doug Gross

### July 15<sup>th</sup>

Chris Besterfeldt  
Gary Williams

## HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!



## In Search

### of the Lord's Way

The Search Program can now be accessed any time on their website

@

[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

Phil Sanders

weekly lesson can be heard and seen each Sunday on

LR KASN TV 38

@ 7:30 am

DirecTV 307 @ 6:00 am

Dish 239 @ 6:00 am

GBN @ 7:00 pm

## July Ladies' Night

Jul 20<sup>th</sup>

Diane Walters 2

## Next Men's Business Meeting

July 10<sup>th</sup>

## REMEMBER

Read your Bible and pray every day and you will

grow, grow, grow!