

Remember Our Sick

Earl Whitted – Is now at Legacy Heights in Russellville. He is in room 18.
 Sandra Walker – Having a difficult time with the Shingles.
 Joan Hudson – Is home now, from hip surgery.
 Joyce Briscoe – Is having gall bladder surgery this Tuesday, August 13th.
 Melinda Robbins – She will begin Immunotherapy when her Shingles are under control.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:
 Legacy Heights:

- Bonnie Vinson – Room #34
- Juanita Whitted – Room #62
- Earl Whitted – Room #18
- Norma Tate Jones – Room #44

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Sandra Boatright, Joyce Briscoe, Nina Cain, Cheryl Cathers, Donna Chambers, Jamie Churchill, Rachel Curtis, Eugene Davis, Carolyn Dover, Johnny Estes, Yolanda Greenway, Leota Hickey, Francis Kennedy, Rose Lee, Letson family, Daniel Loper, Jan Loveless, Mary McAlister, Becky Miller, Kaeli Miller, Kim Miller, Julie Moss, Jannie Myers, Glen/Paulette Oakes, John Presley, Rance Robbins, Nina Ryahovskih, Shannon Smith, Tanya Smith, Matt Stepanovich, Michael Tindall, Joan Vance, Jon Vance, Justin Vaughn, Marilyn Veasman, Kem Walker, Billy Walters, Joyce Walters, Cara Williams and Patsy Wisbrock.

Expectant Mothers: Lacey Walters – It’s a Boy

<u>MEETING TIMES</u>	
Sunday Morning Bible Classes 9:45 A.M.	Elders: Allen Veasman 857-2791
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.	Sid Womack 967-2367
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.	Chris Loper 747-1639
Ladies’ Tuesday Bible Class 10:00 A.M.	Brent Hottinger 264-5696
Men’s Tuesday Bible Class 10:00 A.M.	Michael Robbins 264-9668
Wednesday Bible Classes 6:30 P.M.	Deacons: Chris Besterfeldt Donny Forehand Rex McDaniel Chris Moss Justin Vaughn Blake Walters Brett Walters
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	

August 11th, 2019

Sunday A.M.
 Announcer: Randall Walters
 Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw
 Prayers
 Marion Helton
 Randall Walters
 Communion
 Podium: Gary Williams
 Serve: Kevin Nordin
 Larry Mahan
 Matthew Moss
 Michael Robbins
 Scripture Reading
 Charlie Melton
 Shut-Ins
 Chris Moss

Sunday P.M.
 Prayers
 Merrell Shoptaw
 Rex McDaniel

August 18th, 2019

Sunday A.M.
 Announcer: Randall Walters
 Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw
 Prayers
 Rick Hollis
 Shawn Price
 Communion
 Podium: Gary Williams
 Serve: Rex McDaniel
 Paul Helton
 Sid Womack
 Adam Leavell
 Scripture Reading
 Charles Davis
 Shut-Ins
 Chris Loper

Sunday P.M.
 Prayers
 Sid Womack
 Adam Leavell



Life Lines

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Heavenly Minded

Why is it that we as people are fascinated with the negative? Think about it. If I were to ask you to (HONESTLY) list every thought you have had today, how many would fall into the “positive” category, and how many would fall into the “negative?” If you are anything like me, and I hope with every ounce of my being that you are not so unfortunate, then the grand majority have been less than ideal. What’s worse is that this is not uncommon. For whatever reason, it is easier for me to uncover guilt, regret, hurt, stress or worry, than it is for me to find joy. This consistent pessimism has really begun to infect many areas of my life. But perhaps the one that is most affected is my faith – and I am not alone in that.

The church over the last century has become remarkably negative in its focus. We tend to fixate on our own brokenness, death, and weakness, at the expense of God’s answer to those things. But the reality is that our religion is not one of DEATH but of LIFE. Our responsibility is not simply to acknowledge where we were and improve, but rather, to transform ourselves into something far greater. It is not simply about taking care of the negative aspects of who we are and what we struggle with – it is about getting closer to the source of our life and hope.

Paul identified that this problem is not simply a 21st Century problem, because the church in Colossae had the exact same issue. In [Colossians 3:5](#), Paul writes to the Christians there, "*So put to death whatever in your nature belongs to the earth...*" But he quickly followed it a few verses later by reminding them they "*have been clothed with the new man that is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of the one who created it.*" Paul recognizes that the tendency of the audience then (and now) is going to be to focus on simply removing the negative things from their lives, but their focus should truly be on replacing those things with Christ. In fact, the removal of sin does nothing to initiate a relationship with God. Sinlessness is not a catalyst for a relationship with God. But a relationship with God is a catalyst for sinlessness.

As you're reading this, you are struggling with something, just as I am while writing this. Whatever that thing is, it is stopping us from maximizing ourselves in God. It has got to go. But when it is gone, there will be a gaping hole in your life where it once dwelled. The things it provided, however unhealthy, will be left unsatisfied. But God can replace it. He can fulfill all desires, mend all holes, and provide purpose over all uncertainty. He has the ability to bring you to life, fill you with light, and immerse you in hope. Whatever brokenness, sin, struggle, or worry you are bearing, it is time to let it die so you can find life.

"Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Keep thinking about things above, not things on the earth, for you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God." ([Colossians 3:1-4](#))

Bishop Darby
Youth & Family Minister
Swartz Creek Church of Christ

Upcoming Events:

We will host our first Area Wide Singing Night tonight with the Pleasant Grove and Gravel Hill congregations.

The next one will be September 29th with the location to be announced at a later date.

Next Men's Business Meeting
Tomorrow night, August 12th at 7 p.m.

*Ladies' Night will be August 15th
at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship room.
Hosted by Joyce Helton & Sandra Boatright*

Sweet Sunday Social
August 18th after evening service.
The fellowship we are having is so uplifting!!

Baby Shower Saturday, August 24th at 2:00 p.m.
For Lacey and Drew Walters
I t I s A Boy

It is time to collect the shipping cost for the Smile Boxes.
Please see Charlene Clark or Karen Womack

Please put on your calendars
We will assemble the Smile Boxes
Saturday, September 7th at 2:00 p.m.

Cleaning Church Building

August 17th
Donny & Leigh Ann Forehand

August 24th
Carin Vaughn & Keri Letson

Lawn Care

August 17th
Chris & Matthew Moss

August 24th
Chris & Josh Besterfeldt

RUSS BUS Items needed this week: Fruit Cups

A Big Thank You

To everyone who brought items for Food Pantry.
The pantry is full.

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August Birthdays

01 Connor Chance
04 Carl Adkisson
05 Larry Moore
10 Karen Womack
13 Blake Forehand
14 Russell Boley
Lisa Sheppard
19 Drew Walters
Creek Jackson
Tristan Stamps
21 Donny Forehand
Merrell Shoptaw
24 Adam Leavell
25 Corey Hottinger

In Search of the Lord's Way
The Search Program can now be accessed any time on their website

@

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 42 @ 7:30 am
GBN @ 7:00 pm