

Remember Our Sick

Klaus Mullins – Is still in ICU at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. He was off the ventilator, but put back on temporarily.

Rita Warren – Hip replacement surgery went well and she is home now.

Michael Tindall – Dealing with bacterial infection.

Carolyn Bennett – Dealing with back pain and fibromyalgia.

Ricky Biffle – (Jeanette Biffle’s son and Brent Hottinger’s cousin) has been diagnosed with cancer.

Shut-ins – need prayers and cards:

Legacy Heights: Juanita Whitted – Room 62
900 W. 12th St., Russellville, AR 72802

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Joyce Briscoe, Nina Cain, John and Cheryl Cathers, Donna Chambers, Carolyn Dover, Johnny Estes, Logan Freeman, Yolanda Greenway, Leota Hickey, Rhonda Horton, Joan Hudson, Francis Kennedy, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Jan Loveless, Jeanne Mahan, Chandler Mathes, Mary McAlister, Micki McGee, Becky Miller, Kaeli Miller, Kevin Miller, Julie Moss, Glen/Paulette Oakes, Jim Potz, John Presley, Bobbie Robbins, Holden Robbins, Melinda Robbins, Rance Robbins, Richard Smith, Shannon Smith, Tanya Smith, Mary Stamps, Matt Stepanovich, Jon Vance, Justin Vaughn, Marilyn Veasman, Kem Walker, Sandra Walker, Billy Walters, Joyce Walters, Earl Whitted and Patsy Wisbrock.

Military: Alexei Fainblout (Dora Sander’s Son-In-Law)

<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. Men’s Tuesday Bible Class 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Bible Classes 6:30 P.M. Church Office: 479-331-3428 Office Hours: M-F 9:00a-1:00p Secretary Cell: 479-747-0908	Elders: Allen Veasman 857-2791 Sid Womack 967-2367 Chris Loper 747-1639 Brent Hottinger 264-5696 Michael Robbins 264-9668 Deacons: Chris Besterfeldt Donny Forehand Rex McDaniel Chris Moss Justin Vaughn Blake Walters Brett Walters

April 25th, 2021

Sunday A.M.

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers: Donny Forehand
 Doug Cloud

Communion Podium:
 Brent Hottinger

Scripture Reading:
 Gary Williams

Communion to Shut-Ins:
 Chris Loper

Speaker: Tommy Oakes

Greeters: The Elders

May 2nd, 2021

Sunday A.M.

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers: Earl Stamps
 Gary Williams

Communion Podium:
 Allen Veasman

Scripture Reading:
 Doug Cloud

Communion to Shut-Ins:
 Brent Hottinger

Speaker: Darrel Solonka

Greeters: The Elders



Life Lines

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Romans 6 – Dead to Sin, Alive to God

In chapter 6, Paul anticipates some concluding that since Christians are under grace, they may let down their guard to sin. This is obviously the case when we note Paul’s use of rhetorical questions in verses 1 and 15. Paul says it this way in verse 1, “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?” (vv.1-2). (See also v. 15).

The Christian who uses the amazing grace of God (the system of the NT, which brought grace and truth – see [John 1:17](#)) as an excuse for sin, does not fully understand the commitment he made. When one is baptized, he is baptized into the death of Jesus, receiving the benefits of His blood (see [Acts 20:28; 2:38; 22:16](#)), but also committing to the death of sin in His life (see vv. 2-4) and living a new life in Christ (v. 5). It makes no sense to be rescued from sin only to go back to it! It also demonstrates tremendous ingratitude and disrespect for the sacrifice of Christ. Genuine appreciation for His sacrifice will motivate us to live the way that pleases Him not merely out of duty, but out of gratitude (“from the heart” – v. 17) for what was done on the cross.

In my view, verse 11 is the key verse of the chapter where Paul says, “So you also must consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” In baptism we make that commitment.

For the remainder of our lives, we seek to prove our commitment and love to God by walking “in newness of life” (v. 4), presenting ourselves “to God as instruments of righteousness” (v. 13), being “obedient from the heart” (v. 17), and being “slaves of righteousness” (v. 16). Baptism should not be seen as the end, but the beginning of a life devoted to the Lord.

The things we just mentioned stand in contrast to the “old self.” Paul describes it as “the body of sin” (v. 6), that which was “enslaved to sin” (v. 6), a life of obedience to “its passions” (v. 12), used as “instruments for unrighteousness” (v. 13) and enslaved to sin (vv. 16-17). Though we will certainly stumble after our conversion, this is vastly different from taking no thought of sin. After conversion, we make a serious fight against it.

Near the end of the chapter Paul provides additional motivation for being “alive to God.” He asks his brethren to contemplate the fruit of sin they experienced in their former lives (see v. 20). He suggests that it led to shame and death (v. 21). On the other hand, becoming a slave of God leads to sanctification (the process of being set apart for God), and in the end, eternal life (v. 22).

Paul closes in verse 23 with the climatic truth: “the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” This is why we “must consider” ourselves “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (v 11). What a motivation!

Daren Schroeder
Daily Droplets

**Our Sympathy and Prayers to the
Curtis and Boatright families.
Rachel Curtis passed away April 19th.
She will be greatly missed!!!**

Upcoming Events:

**Next Men’s Business Meeting will be
May 10th at 7:00 p.m.**

**Graduation Banquet
Sunday, May 23rd
Service’s will begin at 5:00 p.m.
Please let Amanda Besterfeldt know if you are
graduating. Sign-up sheet in front foyer.
Please send pictures for the video to:**

Bestnan58@yahoo.com

**2021 Graduates
Matthew Moss
Amelia Besterfeldt
Madison Whybark
Connor Chance
Williams Robbins
Corey & Shelby Hottinger**

**Merrell Shoptaw has begun his Sunday morning
class again in the fellowship room.**

**Our Men’s and Ladies’ Tuesday morning
classes are meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Men are in the youth building and the
Ladies are in the fellowship room.**

**Sunday morning and Wednesday night services
are live on Facebook.**

Cleaning Church Building

**May 1st
Rex McDaniel**

**May 8th
Michael & Bobbi Robbins**

Lawn Care Schedule

**May 1st
Chris & Josh Besterfeldt**

**May 8th
Michael Robbins &
Gary Williams**

**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 239 @ 6:00 am

April Birthdays

22 Brett Walters
23 Wes Rains
26 Mallory Letson
27 Sharon Bailey
28 Henry Walters
30 Elizabeth Smith

May Birthdays

02 Amelia Besterfeldt
03 Niel Whitted
05 Brett Cains
06 Randall Walters
07 Carlee Schmitt
Victoria Thomas
08 Trinity Loper
Connor Whitted
09 Sid Womack
13 Kelli Hottinger
15 Alan Boatright
24 Jaylinn Williams
25 Diane Walters #2
Paige Stamps
30 Paul Helton

*But thanks be to
God! He gives us
the victory
through our
Lord Jesus
Christ.*

[1 Corinthians](#)

[15:57](#)

