

Remember Our Sick

Rhonda Horton – Hip surgery went well and is home now.

Mary Stamps – Is at home doing well.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Legacy Heights: 900 W. 12th St., Russellville, AR 72802

Juanita Whitted – Room #62

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Sandra Boatright, Joyce Briscoe, Nina Cain, John and Cheryl Cathers, Donna Chambers, Rachel Curtis, Carolyn Dover, Johnny Estes, Logan Freeman, Yolanda Greenway, Leota Hickey, Rhonda Horton, Joan Hudson, Francis Kennedy, Rose Lee, Letson family, Daniel Loper, Jan Loveless, Chandler Mathes, Mary McAlister, Becky Miller, Kaeli Miller, Kim Miller, Julie Moss, Jannie Myers, Glen/Paulette Oakes, John Presley, Liliya Robertson, Holden Robbins, Melinda Robbins, Rance Robbins, Nina Ryahovskih, Richard Smith, Shannon Smith, Tanya Smith, Matt Stepanovich, Michael Tindall, Jon Vance, Justin Vaughn, Marilyn Veasman, Kem Walker, Sandra Walker, Billy Walters, Diane Walters#2, Joyce Walters, Earl Whitted and Patsy Wisbrock.

Expectant Mothers:

Alaynna Rains – It's A Boy

Carlee Schmitt – It's A Girl

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.

Men's Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

6:30 P.M.

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Chris Loper

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Brent Hottinger

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Michael Robbins

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Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt

Donny Forehand

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Justin Vaughn

Blake Walters

Brett Walters

Please keep all those with physical and spiritual needs in your daily prayers.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thess. 5:16-18

Life Lines



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Cemeteries, Communion and Coronavirus

How could these three be connected? Visiting cemeteries in May and Covid-19 bring flashbacks of childhood memories. My family of five lived near the church and school in a rural community. The unpainted house had four rooms and a PATH. Some offset porches were on the front and back completing a perfect rectangle.

And the connection to communion? For two months I have self-quarantined because of Covid-19. Communion packs were furnished at the Dover church of Christ the last time we assembled, as well as a recipe for unleavened bread for home meetings. An early preschool memory is of Mama making communion bread on Saturday for the church we attended on Sunday. Each flattened dough piece was made into about a 6-inch square perfectly scored for breaking into ¼" squares. It was baked in the oven of the wood burning kitchen stove as she prepared the noon meal. I tried the recipe for at-home worship. The first time it tasted like pie dough and was too brown. The second time was acceptable but still not like Mama's, maybe because of the wood stove as opposed to electric oven.

Communion cups were glass (not plastic) and were carefully washed each week with boiling water heated on the stove.

Square white cloths for the communion table were washed and starched on Monday and ironed on Tuesday. Water for the family laundry was heated outside in a black kettle, carried to a wash tub and another tub for rinsing. Each piece was scrubbed on a rub board with lye soap, which she made. All of the communion items were placed in a picnic basket to be carried to the church building on Sunday morning. We walked across the school yard with Daddy carrying the basket and cloths, all dressed in our "Sunday best" clean, fresh clothes.

Inside the square building were homemade benches in rows on each side, communion table, and a small raised area with a podium for the song leader or preacher at the front. There were no classrooms and my class (the card class) was taught by my Daddy. That is a very special memory, as well as his always kneeling on the floor when he led a prayer.

Each spring, area cemeteries would be cleaned, not from perpetual care funds, but from the sweat and toil of families, who wanted to honor the memory of deceased loved ones. Most traveled by wagon carrying axes, saws, hoes, rakes, lunches and water jugs. Daddy was one of the few who had a truck. The grounds (and graves) were covered with briars, brambles, limbs, snakes and rabbits.

There were few granite headstones, but graves were marked with native rocks, some with names or dates scratched on each one. Each family began cleaning in their own family area, moving on to untended graves if there was time. Adults worked steadily piling brush and starting fires, interacting and helping each other as needed. Children played together and tried to stay out of the way of progress. Noon time was welcome as a time of rest under the shade of large trees. Mama brought biscuits, scrambled eggs, sausage; and maybe fresh onions and radishes from the garden, cookies or fried hand-made pies and water to drink.

A recent visit to Cedar Creek Cemetery was a different picture. The entire area was very clean, much larger than the early thirties

and surrounded by a chain link fence with iron gates. All of the trees inside are gone because of root damage to the stones; there is a tree shaded area outside. Bright colored memorial flowers and U.S. flags cover the graves and headstones.

Many of my ancestors are buried there, maternal and paternal, as well as my parents, brother and sister and spouses, and my husband. Since his death in 2008, I have found peace in Psalm 119:164-168 and many other scriptures, and an occasional visit to Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Dot King

Upcoming Events:

Beginning Wednesday, June 17th, we will have our Wednesday night service at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. No classes.

ALSO

Beginning Sunday, June 21st we will only have one service beginning at 10:45 in the auditorium. No classes at this time.

Micah will also continue to do his Sunday morning sermons on Facebook and YouTube. If you are not able to attend church these videos are still available for you to watch.

Also, Merrell Shoptaw, Sid Womack and Michael Robbins will continue the lessons on Wednesday. We all appreciate these spiritual lessons weekly. Keep up the good work!!

Cleaning Church Building

**June 20th
Billy & Diane Walters**

**June 27th
Charlene Clark
& Mary McAlister**

Lawn Care

**June 20th
Corey Hottinger &
Blake Forehand**

**June 27th
Rick Hollis, Doug Gross
& Adam Leavell**

**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**

June Birthdays

- 01 Sandra Boatright
- 02 Chase Chance
Liliya McDaniel
- 03 Allen Veasman
- 08 Cannon Chance
- 09 Cadence Melton
- 14 Kenna Jackson
- 15 Bryson Walters
- 19 Dmitri McDaniel
Zachary Nordin
- 20 Dot King
- 25 Iris Lawley
Ashley Anderson
- 28 Joyce Walters
Tanya Smith

***Cast all your anxiety on
him [God] because he
cares for you.***

1 Peter 5:7

Isn't it absolutely incredible that the God who made the universe cares about us and our needs, hurts, and fears! So, let's trust that he will do what is best for us and show it by living for him!

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