

## Remember Our Sick

**Amilia Jovel** – (Kenya Threats’ sister) – possible surgery due to a lesion on her brain causing headaches.

**Vera White** – Having by-pass surgery next week.

**Mary Stamps** – No longer in remission. Having weekly treatments.

**Patsy Wisbrock** – Having health issues.

**Ricky Biffle** – (Brent Hottinger’s cousin) – Cancer has come back and he will begin treatments again.

### Shut-ins – need prayers and cards:

- Russellville Nursing Home – Katheren Mitchell – Room 303  
215 South Portland Ave., Russellville, AR 72801
- StoneBridge Senior Living – Dot King – Room A103  
1909 Fairway Blvd., Russellville, AR 72802

### Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Donna Baker, Jami Bateman, Carolyn Bennett, Robert Cadjew, John and Cheryl Cathers, Donna Chambers, Ina Dell Cloud, T.J. & Carolyn Dover, Johnny Estes, Yolanda Greenway, Leota Hickey, Hersh/Geneva Hudson, Joan Hudson, Francis Kennedy, Dot King, Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Becky Miller, Kevin Miller, Alvin Mitchell, Julie Moss, Klaus Mullins, Lisa Mullins, Paulette Oakes, Bobbi Robbins, Holden Robbins, Tyler Robbins, Tami Robinson, Justin Vaughn, Marilyn Veasman, Sandra Walker, Billy Walters, Joyce Walters.

MEETING TIMES	Elders:	Deacons:
Sunday Morning Classes 9:45 A.M.	Allen Veasman 479-857-2791	Rex McDaniel
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.	Chris Loper 479-747-1639	Chris Moss
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.	Brent Hottinger 479-264-5696	Justin Vaughn
Ladies’ Tuesday Bible Class 10:00 A.M.	Michael Robbins 479-264-9668	Blake Walters
Men’s Tuesday Bible Class 10:00 A.M.		Brett Walters
Wednesday Bible Classes 6:30 P.M.		
<b>Phone Numbers:</b>	<b>Minister:</b>	
Church Office: 479-331-3428	Darrel Solonka 936-581-2611	
Office Hrs: M-F 9:00a-1:00p	<b>Assoc. Minister:</b>	
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<b>Online Giving:</b>		
Text any dollar amount to <b>84321</b> or use QR code at right		

### July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023

#### Sunday A.M.

**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

**Prayers:** Rick Hollis  
William Robbins

**Communion:**

**Podium:** Marion Helton  
**Serve:** Dan Cloud  
Doug Cloud  
Earl Stamps  
Gary Williams

**Scripture Reading:**  
Rance Robbins

**Communion to Shut-Ins:**  
Charlie Davis

**Speaker:** Darrel Solonka

#### Sunday P.M.

**Speaker:** Williams Robbins  
**Prayers:** Allen Veasman  
Adam Leavell

### July 30<sup>th</sup> 2023

#### Sunday A.M.

**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

**Prayers:** Blake Forehand  
Blake Walters

**Communion:**

**Podium:** Marion Helton  
**Serve:** Justin Vaughn  
Matthew Moss  
Michael Robbins  
Neil Whitted

**Scripture Reading:**  
Randall Walters

**Communion to Shut-Ins:**  
Brent Hottinger

**Speaker:** Darrel Solonka

#### Sunday P.M.

**Speaker:** William Robbins  
**Prayers:** Brent Hottinger  
Brett Walters

# Life Lines



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*“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commands all men everywhere to repent.” (Acts 17:30)*

What is it that God commands all to do when he speaks of repenting? This word has been wrongly defined by many people. Repentance is often defined to fit certain religious concepts. How can we know for sure what God had in mind when he speaks of repentance?

The two most common definitions to repentance are, (1) to be sorry for sins, and (2) to ask God to forgive sins. Though these may be the most commonly used definitions, neither of them is correct. But, how can we be sure? We could use a dictionary to find the definition, however we may best determine the meaning by considering its use in the Scriptures.

First, the Scriptures make a clear distinction between repentance and praying for forgiveness. In **Acts 8:22** we find this distinction; **“Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.”** Repent and pray. Two things were required for this one to be forgiven. These are not the same act. One may repent of some wrong, and not pray, or one may pray to be forgiven of a wrong, and not repent. To note that repent and pray are not the same, consider the following statements: In **Acts 2:38**, these were told to **“Repent, and be baptized...”** These are not the same act. Repentance is not baptism, and baptism is not repentance. These are clearly two distinctive acts. In **Acts 3:19**, **“Repent and be converted...”** Again, two distinctive things to be done. Repentance is not conversion,

and conversion is not repentance. In **Acts 26:20**, *“Repent, and turn to God...”* Again, we see two distinctive acts. **And** is a conjunction which links two or more things together in view of the same end or result. So, repentance and prayer are not the same thing.

Is repentance being sorry for our sins? In **2 Corinthians 7:9-10**, Paul wrote the Corinthians saying, *“Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that you sorrowed to repentance: for you were made sorry after a godly manner...For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation, not to be repented of...”* It is clear from this that there is a distinction between being sorry, and repenting. It is godly sorrow that produces or brings one to repentance. Both are essential to being forgiven of sins.

If repentance is not being sorry for our sins, and is not asking God to forgive our sins, what is it? In **Matthew 21:28-29**, Jesus said, *“But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not; but afterward he repented and went.”* What did repentance mean in this passage? First the son said, he would not go, then he repented, and did go. Does it not seem that repentance is used here to show a change of mind?

Repentance involves an attitude toward sin, and toward God. It is the attitude that we don't want to live in sin and serve Satan any longer, and that we want to live for God. Repentance is not just something we do one time, but rather is a constant attitude.

Repentance is brought about by the recognition of God's goodness (**Romans 2:4**). Sin hurts God, yet he loves us. Knowing this, how could we keep on living in rebellion to this goodness? God wants to forgive us, but we must change our mind about sin, and turn to Him.

This article was written by Harold Turner in 1997

## Upcoming Events:

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**Men's Bible Study at Allen Veasman's home  
is July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Studies in August will be the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>.**

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*Ladies' Night will be July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
in the fellowship room  
Hostessed by Diane Walters #2*

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**Congregational Singing will be at Gravel Hill,  
July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

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**Back to School with the Golden Rule  
Matthew 7:12  
August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 p.m.  
at the Hector Church of Christ  
354 Oak Street, Hector  
501-699-0641**

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**Next Men's Meeting will be August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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**We will be assembling the Smile Boxes on  
August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome and the ladies will serve  
finger foods and drinks before we begin.  
Thank you to all who have collected all the items to  
make this possible.**

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**A Big Thank You to everyone who  
helped with VBS.  
It was a great Success!!!**

### Cleaning Church

#### Building

July 29<sup>th</sup>

Rex McDaniel

August 5<sup>th</sup>

Veasman Group

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#### Lawn Care

July 29<sup>th</sup>

Gary Williams &  
Courtney McMillian

August 5<sup>th</sup>

Michael & William Robbins

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

### July Birthdays

- 16 Diane Walters #1
  - 17 Rex McDaniel  
Sarah Moore  
Emileigh Moore
  - 23 William Robbins  
Emily Walker
  - 25 Becky Miller
  - 26 Brody Lovell
  - 31 Darrel Solonka
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### August Birthdays

- 01 Connor Chance
- 03 Savannah Solonka
- 04 Carl Adkisson
- 05 Larry Moore
- 10 Karen Shoptaw  
Diana Todd
- 11 Drew Peeler
- 13 Blake Forehand
- 14 Lisa Sheppard  
Russell Boley
- 18 Emmett Price
- 19 Creek Jackson  
Drew Walters
- 21 Merrell Shoptaw
- 24 Adam Leavell
- 25 Corey Hottinger
- 26 Titus Matthews

