

## Remember Our Sick

**Mary Stamps** – Is at the Russellville Nursing facility, room 403, for rehab.

**Glenda Hutchens** (Angela Widner’s mother) – Has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Waiting on test results to determine what happens next.

**Marilyn Veasman** – Fell and broke her shoulder. No surgery at this time.

**Dana Catlett** (Marion & Joyce Helton’s daughter) – Has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will begin radiation and take a pill.

**Amilia Jovell** – Had surgery for her head aches two weeks ago.

**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 Cathers, Donna Chambers, Doug Cloud, Ina Dell Cloud, T.J. & Carolyn Dover, Johnny Estes, Yolanda Greenway, Leota Hickey, Hershel/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, Sandra Walker, Billy Walters, Joyce Walters, Patsy Wisbrock and Vera Wyatt.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEETING TIMES</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Morning Classes</b> 9:45 A.M.</p> <p><b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> 10:45 A.M.</p> <p><b>Sunday Evening Worship</b> 6:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>Ladies’ Tuesday Bible Class</b> 10:00 A.M.</p> <p><b>Men’s Tuesday Bible Class</b> 10:00 A.M.</p> <p><b>Wednesday Bible Classes</b> 6:30 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Phone Numbers:</b></p> <p><b>Church Office:</b> 479-331-3428 <b>Office Hrs:</b> M-F 9:00a-1:00p <b>Secretary Cell:</b> 479-747-0908</p>	<p><b>Elders:</b></p> <p>Allen Veasman 479-857-2791</p> <p>Chris Loper 479-747-1639</p> <p>Brent Hottinger 479-264-5696</p> <p>Michael Robbins 479-264-9668</p> <p><b>Minister:</b></p> <p>Darrel Solonka 936-581-2611</p> <p><b>Assoc. Minister:</b></p> <p>William Robbins 479-264-9157</p>	<p><b>Deacons:</b></p> <p>Rex McDaniel</p> <p>Chris Moss</p> <p>Justin Vaughn</p> <p>Blake Walters</p> <p>Brett Walters</p>
<p><b>Online Giving:</b> Text any dollar amount to <b>84321</b> or use QR code at right</p>		

### October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

#### Sunday A.M.

**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

**Prayers:** Rex McDaniel  
Rick Hollis

#### Communion:

**Podium:** Brett Walters  
**Serve:** Brent Hottinger  
Brody Lovell  
Caleb Chance  
Chase Chance

**Scripture Reading:**  
Earl Stamps

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

**Speaker:** Darrel Solonka

#### Sunday P.M.

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

### October 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

#### Sunday A.M.

**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

**Prayers:** Blake Walters  
Blake Forehand

#### Communion:

**Podium:** Brett Walters  
**Serve:** Chris Loper  
Corey Hottinger  
Dan Cloud  
Doug Cloud

**Scripture Reading:**  
Gary Williams

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

**Speaker:** Darrel Solonka

#### Sunday P.M.

**Speaker:** William Robbins  
**Prayers:** Chris Moss  
Chris Loper



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## A Shrub in the Desert or A Tree by the Waters

**Jeremiah 17:5-8** depicts a contrast between “a shrub in the desert” and “a tree by the waters”. The difference between the two cannot be physically exaggerated, which is just as true spiritually!

To be a shrub in the desert versus a tree by the waters is the difference between being “cursed” and being “blessed”. “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD” (**Jer.17:5**). The man who meets this description lives outside the spiritual blessings of the Lord Jesus! SELF is the only god on the throne of his heart and where the flesh reigns—sin, evil and nothing good dwell (**cf. Rom. 7**). The “lost soul” is in the spiritual desert of sin and, like the chaff, the winds of adversity will eventually blow him away (**Psa. 1:4**).

In contrast to the curse of sin, “blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD.” Rather than a shrub in the desert of sin, “he shall be like a tree planted by the waters”, whose spiritual roots run deeply into the river of life eternal. “His delight is in the law of the LORD” in which he “mediates day and night” (**Psa. 1:3**).

Are you a shrub in the desert of sin or a tree planted by the waters? If you are the former, you need to trust and

obey the Lord Jesus and He will transplant you into Himself—"the living water" (Jn. 4:10). Jesus promises: "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (Jn. 7:38). What a miracle: to be taken from the arid desert of sin to the source of all living water! Those who trust and hope in Him "shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither. And whatever he does shall prosper" (Psa. 1:3).

Our Lord Jesus can transplant any parched shrub of the desert into the moist, productive soil of His grace fed by the living waters of His Holy Spirit! Why dry up and perish in the desert of sin and unbelief when you can find the fresh waters of His Spirit in the roots of faith?

Ralph Weinhold  
Danville Church of Christ

### "Blessings from the Spirit"

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. — [Ephesians 1:3 NIV](#)

Go back and read that verse again and instead of "every spiritual blessing," read "every blessing the Spirit gives"! Does the meaning change? Is your focus refined? Spiritual means "of the Spirit" — from the Spirit or involving the Spirit. The root of the word "spiritual" in the original is just like the root in English — it includes the word spirit! Spiritual can refer to negative spiritual influences ([Ephesians 6:12](#)), but in the context of believers and used positively, it points us in the direction of the Holy Spirit. Life is spiritual; the real question is whether we seek the Holy Spirit or simply allow negative spiritual influences to control us. In Christ, however, the Holy Spirit pours good blessing after good blessing into our lives. To be a spiritual follower of Jesus means that the Holy Spirit fills us, empowers us, and blesses us with all God has for us in Christ! [phil@heartlight.org](mailto:phil@heartlight.org)

## Upcoming Events:

**Gospel Meeting at Dover Church of Christ**  
October 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 each night  
**Speakers: Matt Glawe – Sunset Church of Christ**  
**Chuck Ball – Cabot Church of Christ**  
We will have refreshments.

**Men's Business Meeting has been moved to October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., due to the gospel meeting.**

*Ladies' Night will be October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.*  
*Hosted by Shelby & Kelli Hottinger*  
*and Kelsi Letson.*

**Our Annual Fall Fest will be October 29<sup>th</sup>. Service will start at 5:00 p.m., followed with supper and truck or treat. Sign-up sheet will be passed around. Any questions, see Corey and Shelby Hottinger.**

**Atkins Church of Christ is having a Gospel Meeting every Sunday evening in October, starting at 7:00 p.m. More information in flyer on the bulletin board.**

**We have several kids in our congregation that play football, volleyball or involved in cheerleading and the band. They would love your support, by coming out and watching them play or perform. These are only home games.**

**Football Schedule - all games start at 7:00 p.m.**  
October 6<sup>th</sup> against Benton Harmony Grove  
October 20<sup>th</sup> against CAC  
October 27<sup>th</sup> against Pottsville

**Volleyball Schedule**  
October 5<sup>th</sup> against Harding Academy at 4:30  
October 10<sup>th</sup> against Lamar at 4:00  
District Tournament at Dover October 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

### Cleaning Church

#### Building

October 7<sup>th</sup>

Veasman group

October 14<sup>th</sup>

Not assigned

#### Lawn Care

October 7<sup>th</sup>

David & Lucas Taylor  
and Neil Whitted

October 14<sup>th</sup>

Marion Helton  
Robert & Diana Todd

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

### October Birthdays

- 01 Rose Lee  
Erica Widner
- 03 Paula Melton
- 09 Lisa Mullins  
Jason Clark
- 13 Cyndie Loper
- 15 Heath Forehand
- 21 TJ Dover
- 22 Kelsi Letson  
Dora Sanders  
Emma Letson
- 23 Blake Walters
- 27 Carin Vaughn  
Geneva Hudson
- 30 Kyle Sparkman  
Kylie Sparkman
- 31 Kevin Nordin

Please remember that our congregation is still preparing snack bags for the Russ Bus. If you would like to help with the cost, please see Diane Walters #1.

