

# Remember Our Sick

Mary Stamps – Had her first chemo treatment this past Tuesday.

Chandler Mathes – (Charlene Clark’s nieces’ baby) She is at 7 pounds now, still in Children’s hospital. Having a problem with her oxygen saturation level. Will need special equipment to be able to go home.

Holden Robbins - (Rance Robbins’ grandson) Has water on the brain and has an appointment in January, but doctor is saying that this might fix itself.

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

## Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Legacy Heights: 900 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Russellville, AR 72802

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

## Others Who Need Our Prayers:

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

<b>MEETING TIMES</b>	
<b>Sunday Morning Bible Classes</b> 9:45 A.M.	<b>Elders:</b> Allen Veasman 857-2791
<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> 10:45 A.M.	Sid Womack 967-2367
<b>Sunday Evening Worship</b> 6:00 P.M.	Chris Loper 747-1639
<b>Ladies’ Tuesday Bible Class</b> 10:00 A.M.	Brent Hottinger 264-5696
<b>Men’s Tuesday Bible Class</b> 10:00 A.M.	Michael Robbins 264-9668
<b>Wednesday Bible Classes</b> 6:30 P.M.	<b>Deacons:</b> Chris Besterfeldt
<b>Minister: Micah Williams</b>	Donny Forehand
<b>Church Office: 479-331-3428</b>	Rex McDaniel
<b>Office Hours: M-F 9:00a-1:00p</b>	Chris Moss
<b>Micah Cell: 479-264-9244</b>	Justin Vaughn
<b>Secretary Cell: 479-747-0908</b>	Blake Walters
	Brett Walters

### January 12th, 2019

#### Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters  
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw  
Prayers

Shawn Price  
Blake Walters

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman

Serve: Alan Boatright  
Brent Hottinger  
Brett Walters  
Brody Lovell

Scripture Reading

Rex McDaniel

Shut-Ins

Chris Moss

#### Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Brent Hottinger  
Brett Walters

### January 19th, 2019

#### Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters  
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw  
Prayers

Charles Davis  
Charlie Melton

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman

Serve: Chris Besterfeldt  
Caleb Chance  
Chase Chance  
Chris Loper

Scripture Reading

Michael Robbins

Shut-Ins

Chris Loper

#### Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Chris Moss  
Chris Loper



# Life Lines

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## "Dry Pine Needles and Cold, Dusty Attics"

The holidays, with all their rush, push, travel, and commitments, are done. Because Christmas and New Year's Day fell in the middle of the week, many of us are just now getting things put away. If you were like a lot of folks this past weekend, you were faced with cleaning up dry pine needles and putting stuff away in a cold, dusty attic. Onward we march into the cold, dreary days of winter — yes, we envy our brothers and sisters living on the other side of the equator this time of year.

Before you completely let go of the Advent stories, however, I hope you will join me in a reminder that we need before we leave the joy and excitement of the holidays behind. For Joseph, Mary, and baby Jesus, the excitement of the journey to Bethlehem, the birth of Jesus, the stories of shepherds fresh from their flocks in the field, and the Magi who visited from afar, were all over. Jesus' family faced a hard-new reality:

*When [the Magi] had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him" (Matthew 2:13).*

Raising the Christ-child — the Messiah and Son of God — was not going to be easy for them. Jesus may have grown up like any normal boy (Luke 2:51-52), but the fragility of life was never lost on Jesus and his family. Joseph disappears from the biblical record after Jesus' trip to the Temple when he was twelve (Luke 2:41-50). Joseph appears to have died at some time before Jesus began his ministry.

As a good oldest son, Jesus took over the carpentry shop of his earthly father. Jesus became known as a carpenter in Nazareth ( [Mark 6:3](#)). He faced sibling rivalry, teasing, and jealousy like most children and young adults face at one time or another ( [John 7:1-7](#) ). He even faced rumors of his mental state from his family ( [Mark 3:20-21](#)). Mary, who knew something of Jesus' heavenly origins, struggled at times with what to expect of him ( [John 2:1-5](#)) and how he would receive her as his mother ( [Mark 3:31-35](#)).

Jesus' real-to-life circumstances are comforting to me. They are reminders that when Christmas is over, and after all the twinkling lights have come down and boredom of winter's bleak landscapes have closed in upon us, Jesus understands. He knows the hardships of life. He knows the difficulties of living in a messy and sometimes violent world. He knows the realities of living in our real world of joyous celebrations, emotional letdowns, dangerous travel, petty hatreds, and homeless wanderings.

Jesus had to be made like us in every respect so he could help us ( [Hebrews 2:14-18](#), [4:14-16](#)). I find comfort in that truth. Being born in a manger and having to be hurried to Egypt by Joseph and Mary to protect his life, I know that he understands. He has shared my world of dry pine needles, cold and dusty attics, with long dreary days that appear to go nowhere special.

Jesus used Isaiah's "Servant Songs" ( [Isaiah 42:1-4](#), [49:1-6](#), [50:4-7](#), [52:13-53:12](#)) to define his ministry and his difficult journey to the cross. In one of these songs, Isaiah made the following promise of the LORD's Servant:

*The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.* ( [Isaiah 50:4](#) – Bold added for emphasis).

Let's brush off those dry pine needles, shake the cold attic dust from our clothes, and on those dreary days that God seems distant, let's do this. Let's remember our Savior's journey through the hard challenges combined with the long days caught in the ordinariness of life. Let's remember we can be real when we talk to him in prayer — we don't have to pretend or dress up our words or our world.

Most of all, let's listen in the stillness of those dark and dreary times for the whispers of grace from Jesus. He has been here and knows the harsh edges of our world. He has the words to sustain us when we are weary with it all!

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## *Upcoming Events:*

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Men's Business Meeting tomorrow night,  
January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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*Ladies' Night will be January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
In the fellowship room.  
Hosted by Charlene Clark and Kelli Hottinger*

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Sweet Sunday Social will be  
January 19<sup>th</sup> after evening service.  
Everyone come and enjoy the fellowship!

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Pleasant Grove will be having a  
Sew Day on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch is provided

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*We will be having our Annual  
Teacher's Banquet  
January 26<sup>th</sup> after evening service.  
Everyone is invited to come and  
honor our teachers.*

## Cleaning Church Building

January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Donny & Leigh Ann  
Forehand

January 25<sup>th</sup>  
Carin Vaughn &  
Keri Letson

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Please remember the  
Russ Bus. If you want to  
make a monetary  
donation, please see  
Amanda Besterfeldt or you  
can keep bringing items

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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**

## *January Birthdays*

- 01 Billy Walters
  - 02 Bailey Jackson  
Rileigh Corbin
  - 03 Marilyn Veasman
  - 06 Shelby Bell
  - 07 Chris Moss  
Richard Smith
  - 09 Micah Williams
  - 12 Ian Anderson
  - 15 Chris Besterfeldt  
Amie Barkley
  - 18 Ed Meadows
  - 20 Teresa Parker  
Patsy Wisbrock
  - 21 Bennie Lou Meadows
  - 23 Mary Stamps  
Johnny Horton
  - 28 Mary Ann Cloud
  - 30 Melissa McMillian  
Shawn Price
  - 31 Grayson Hayes
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## Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday  
11:15 - 12:00 Noon  
Ages 4 thru 8  
Bible Stories and  
Activities  
Ages 1 thru 3  
Nursery Class  
If needed

