

Remember Our Sick

Carolyn Dover – Is home now from the hospital and is doing much better.

Mary Stamps – Has begun a new treatment.

Doreen Shinn – Is requesting prayers for her father who is ill and lives in Washington state.

Earl Whitted – He is out of the hospital and is home with Neil and Kelly.

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, Donald Briscoe, 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, Daniel Loper, Jan Loveless, Chandler Mathes, Mary McAlister, Becky Miller, Kaeli Miller, Kim Miller, Julie Moss, Glen/Paulette Oakes, Jim Potz, John Presley, 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:

Carlee Schmitt – It's A Girl

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

Family is requesting prayers for Dmitri. He would love to hear from you.

His address is: Smart Communications

Pope County

Dmitri McDaniel ID# 88056

3589-3 North Shiloh Drive #293

Fayetteville, AR 72703

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.

Minister: Micah Williams

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Micah Cell: 479-264-9244

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Allen Veasman

857-2791

Sid Womack

967-2367

Chris Loper

747-1639

Brent Hottinger

264-5696

Michael Robbins

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Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt

Donny Forehand

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Justin Vaughn

Blake Walters

Brett Walters

August 16th, 2020

Sunday A.M.

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers: Chris Loper

Charlie Davis

Communion Podium:

Allen Veasman

Scripture Reading:

Chris Loper

Communion to Shut-Ins:

Chris Moss

Speaker: Micah Williams

Greeters: The Elders

August 23rd, 2020

Sunday A.M.

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers: Chris Moss

Dan Cloud

Communion Podium:

Allen Veasman

Scripture Reading:

Brett Walters

Communion to Shut-Ins:

Chris Loper

Speaker: Micah Williams

Greeters: The Elders

Life Lines



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Dress Making and Wood Cutting

Romans 12:2

Fewer women make their own dresses today than in past decades, and in many ways, it is a lost art. As a boy, I watched in fascination as my mother would unpack the pattern for the dress she was going to make for herself. On the front of the small package would be a picture of what the dress would look like when completed. My mother would lay the thin, almost translucent, paper pattern on top of the dress material she had selected. She would cut around the pattern and then sew the dress together on her pedal-operated Singer sewing machine. No pattern, no dress. It was just that simple.

Paul's warning in **Romans 12:2** is that we must not pattern our lives after the world. It is easy to be formed into the image of the world when we follow the thought patterns, values, and attitudes of the world. Once we start doing what the world does, it is only a matter of time until we begin to look like the world. A dress is cut in accordance to the paper pattern overlying the cloth, and, in the same way, we begin to look exactly like the world.

The same process can happen with wood. When my father, who was a carpenter, started to cut the rafters for a house, he used a single piece of a two by six (piece of wood) to serve as his pattern for all of the other rafters on that side of the house.

Once he had measured and cut the proper angles on the wood, he would cut all the other rafters by that pattern. He would place his pattern rafter on top of another two by six, mark the underlying piece of wood, and then saw along his pencil lines. No matter how religious and devout we claim to be and no matter what our religious pedigree is, if we pattern our lives after the world, we cannot help but look like what we have patterned ourselves after.

The word *suschematizo* ("be conformed") used in 12:2 not only can refer to a pattern of some sort but also to something that is molded. It is easy to understand that if hot metal is poured into a preformed cast, it will conform to the exact image inside. Paul's warning is that we must not be molded into the image of this world. Just as a river follows the course of least resistance, often Christians do the same. Before they know it, they look exactly like the world. Once faithful to the Lord, they no longer attend worship, no longer read and study the Bible, and no longer walk after the Spirit, but instead walk and live after the flesh.

The only other occurrence of *suschematizo* in the New Testament is in **1 Peter 1:14**, where Peter exhorted Christians not to pattern their lives after the former lusts in which they lived. Old memories often die hard, especially ones involving sinful lusts. It is possible for a person to reflect back on sinful practices and to slip back into the old life. Peter said that those sinful days filled with lust and sexual sins were lived in ignorance. When we are blinded by Satan, we do not realize the true blessings to be found in holy living.

Both Paul and Peter realized the dangers of being conformed or patterned after evil things. Both would agree that we do not have to live that way. Everyone has the opportunity as possessors of freedom of will to pattern their lives after Jesus. With Him as the model for our lives, we will truly be reflectors of the divine glory.

Paul Pollard, Ph.D.

Romans An Exegetical Study
(Searcy, AR: Resource Publications,
2018), pages 455-456

Upcoming Events:

We are now having only one service beginning at 10:45 a.m., Sunday mornings in the auditorium.

No classes at this time.

ALSO

On Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

Singing and devotional

No classes

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!!

**We will be assembling the Smile Boxes
Friday, August 28th at 7:00 p.m.
in fellowship room.**

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11

There is only one foundation on which the Church and the Christian life can be built. That foundation is Jesus Christ (cf. **1 Peter 2:4-7; Ephesians 2:20**). He is the one whom God sent to save us (**John 3:16**). He is the "way, the truth, and the life," the only way to God (**John 14:6**). The Lord Jesus Christ is the name above all names, the name at which every knee will bow (**Philippians 2:5-11**). His is the only name by which we must be saved (**Acts 4:12**). Let's take time today to specifically honor Jesus as Lord with our hearts, our words, and our actions.

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Cleaning Church Building

August 22nd

Billy & Diane Walters

August 29th

Larry & Sarah Moore

Lawn Care

August 22nd

Marion & Paul Helton

August 29th

Chris & Matthew Moss

*Therefore, as
God's chosen
people, holy and
dearly loved,
clothe yourselves
with compassion,
kindness, humility,
gentleness and
patience. —
Colossians 3:12*

August Birthdays

- 01 Connor Chance
- 04 Carl Adkisson
- 05 Larry Moore
- 10 Karen Womack
- 13 Blake Forehand
- 14 Russell Boley
Lisa Sheppard
- 19 Creek Jackson
Drew Walters
Tristan Stamps
- 21 Donny Forehand
Merrell Shoptaw
- 24 Adam Leavell
- 25 Corey Hottinger

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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

