

Remember Our Sick

Rhonda Horton – Had hip replacement surgery and is home doing well.

Ed Whitted – (Earl Whitted’s son) Is home from the hospital and is doing much better.

Joyce Briscoe – Foot surgery went well and she is home now.

Mary Stamps – Scan results were good. The cancer has stabilized for now. No growth and no invasion anywhere else.

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, Daniel Loper, Jan Loveless, Chandler Mathes, Mary McAlister, Becky Miller, Kaeli Miller, Julie Moss, Glen/Paulette Oakes, Jim Potz, John Presley, Bobbi Robbins, Holden Robbins, Melinda Robbins, Rance Robbins, 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)

<u>MEETING TIMES</u>	
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 Church Office: 479-331-3428 Office Hours: M-F 9:00a-1:00p Micah Cell: 479-264-9244 Secretary Cell: 479-747-0908	Elders: Allen Veasman 857-2791 Sid Womack 967-2367 Chris Loper 747-1639 Brent Hottinger 264-5696 Michael Robbins 264-9668 Deacons: Chris Besterfeldt Donny Forehand Rex McDaniel Chris Moss Justin Vaughn Blake Walters Brett Walters

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“Legalism” in the Church of our Lord

Legalism (the concept of “earning our salvation from God”) was in the early church from its very birth. Judaizers taught that Gentiles had to be circumcised to first identify themselves with their father Abraham before they were qualified to become identified with Christ through baptism. Only if they were circumcised could they be counted as “true Christians”. Paul especially dealt with this problem in his epistle of Galatians.

We were all born with a strong human tendency to be “legalistic”. Our old human nature handed down through Adam includes “the pride of life” (1 Jn. 2:16). Pride makes us think we have to “earn” whatever we have. From earliest childhood we are taught that we have to pick ourselves up by our own bootstraps. This human concept presents us with a problem when it comes to trusting only the grace of God for our salvation from sin.

I wonder how many among us who were “raised in the church” were taught some form of legalism? I was taught legalism and raised in a congregation that taught “salvation by grace through faith” meant that a believer must do all he possibly can to earn as much of his salvation as possible. Depending on how

long and how well he lives the Christian life, he might merit (key word) 20%, 40%, 60% or if he is real good even 80% of his salvation in his lifetime of good works. Since nobody can be 100% perfect, God would fill in the gap of our imperfections by His grace when Jesus comes again.

It never dawned upon me as a young Christian just how “legalistic” this approach was. The problem with this doctrine is that the more self-trust we accumulate through our own good works, the less we must trust Christ and His grace for salvation! Under such false teaching my congregation emphasized the importance of working out our own salvation with fear and trembling. To the best of my memory I was never taught the next verse: *for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure (Phil. 2:12-13)*. I was never taught this verse because my former church never taught the personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit who helps us do God’s work.

After graduation from college, I devoted an entire year to a personal study of the Holy Spirit which totally transformed my life from an impersonal faith into a faith focused upon my personal relationship with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This study helped me understand that God’s grace includes our trusting Him to help us do His will as we work out our own salvation for His good pleasure. At last, I learned the good news that I no longer have to wait for the judgment day to know if I am truly saved. I now have a “know-so salvation” because I am now trusting Jesus alone and His amazing grace for my salvation rather than any human works, I may do!

Ralph Weinhold
Danville Church of Christ

Upcoming Events:

Men’s Business Meeting October 12th at 7:00 p.m.

We have begun having Sunday morning classes as of October 4th, at 9:45 a.m.

No Sunday night service at this time.

ALSO

On Wednesday nights we will begin having classes at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Morning Ladies’ class will begin October 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship room.

Men’s Tuesday morning class will also begin October 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the youth building.

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

Sid Womack and Michael Robbins will continue the lessons on Wednesday. We all appreciate these spiritual lessons weekly. Thank you and keep up the good work!!!

Merrell Shoptaw is suspending his weekly Wednesday video lessons.

**Come and Go Wedding Shower for
Shelby Bryant & Corey Hottinger
Sunday, October 18th at 2:00 p.m.
in the fellowship room.
They are registered at Millyns,
Target and Amazon.**

Cleaning Church Building

October 17th
Brent & Kelli Hottinger

October 24th
Billy & Diane Walters

Lawn Care
October 17th
Chris & Matthew Moss

October 24th
Chris Besterfeldt &
Kevin Nordin & boys

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

October Birthdays

- 01 Rose Lee
Shannon Smith
Erica Widner
Gunner Cates
Piney Meadows
- 03 Paul Melton
- 09 Lisa Mullins
Jason Clark
- 13 Kelley Chance
Cyndie Loper
- 15 Heath Forehand
- 16 Wyatt Jackson
- 21 TJ Dover
- 22 Kelsi Hottinger
Emma Letson
Dora Sanders
- 23 Blake Walters
- 27 Carin Vaughn
- 30 Kyle Sparkman
Kylie Sparkman
- 31 Kevin Nordin

*I will praise
You, O Lord,
with my whole
heart; I will
tell of all Your
marvelous
works.
Psalms 9:1*

