

Remember Our Sick

Klaus Mullins – Has been moved to another facility for rehab in Fayetteville. He is breathing on his own now, and is able to talk and eat some food.

Bobbi Robbins – Had a follow-up MRI done this past week. Waiting on results.

Becky Miller – Had ablation procedure done on her back. Doing much better and will have other side done in two weeks.

Butch Hayes – (Paula Melton’s father) Is needing triple bypass surgery, but surgery has been delayed due to finding stage 2 cancer in one lymph node and possibly in other places. Another biopsy is being done.

Yolanda Greenway – Needing prayers.

Diana Todd – Is home recovery from her surgery.

Wayne Lovett – (friend of Joan Hudson) – dealing with cancer on his arm.

Ricky Biffle – (Jeanette Biffle’s son and Brent Hottinger’s cousin) has been diagnosed with cancer.

Shut-ins – need prayers and cards:

Legacy Heights: Juanita Whitted – Room 62
900 W. 12th St., Russellville, AR 72802

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Joyce Briscoe, Nina Cain, John and Cheryl Cathers, Donna Chambers, Carolyn Dover, Johnny Estes, Logan Freeman, Yolanda Greenway, Leota Hickey, Rhonda Horton, Joan Hudson, Francis Kennedy, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Jan Loveless, Jeanne Mahan, Chandler Mathes, Mary McAlister, Becky Miller, Kaeli Miller, Kevin Miller, Julie Moss, Glen/Paulette Oakes, Jim Potz, John Presley, Bobbie Robbins, Holden Robbins, Melinda Robbins, Rance Robbins, Richard Smith, Shannon Smith, Tanya Smith, Mary Stamps, Matt Stepanovich, Michael Tindall, Jon Vance, Justin Vaughn, Marilyn Veasman, Kem Walker, Sandra Walker, Billy Walters, Joyce Walters, Earl Whitted and Patsy Wisbrock.

<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: Darrel Solonka Church Office: 479-331-3428 Office Hours: M-F 9:00a-1:00p Darrel Cell: 936-581-2611 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

July 25th, 2021

Sunday A.M.

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers: Alan Boatright
 Allen Veasman

Communion:

Podium: Michael Robbins
Serve: Chris Loper
 Chris Moss
 Corey Hottinger
 Dan Cloud

Scripture Reading:
 Gary Williams

Communion to Shut-Ins:
 Chris Loper

Speaker: Darrel Solonka
Sunday P.M.

Prayers:
 Brent Hottinger
 Blake Walters

August 1st, 2021

Sunday A.M.

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers: Brett Walters
 Charles Davis

Communion:

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Donny Forehand
 Doug Cloud
 Earl Stamps
 Gary Williams

Scripture Reading:
 Don Briscoe

Communion to Shut-Ins:
 Brent Hottinger

Speaker: Darrel Solonka
Sunday P.M.

Prayers:
 Chris Loper
 Dan Cloud



Life Lines

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“Living Upright in a Topsy-Turvy Upside-Down World”

Esther 9:1-5

Despite what this world, this country, is coming to, we still need to stay faithful to Jehovah God by remaining faithful to His Son, Jesus Christ. We need to stay humble toward God and stay humble toward our fellowman. Jesus said, “Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted” (**Matt. 23:12**).

The story of Esther is a story of two individuals who remain faithful to God in the midst of a society that could easily ignore their religious convictions but could, just as easily, turn against them because of their religious convictions.

We see God working to preserve His people in a pagan land, not because they are somehow uniquely special to Him, but because He has to bring Jesus into the world and He had chosen the descendants of Abraham through whom to accomplish that object.

When Mordecai refused to bow before Haman, Haman decided with the help of friends, to destroy all the people of Mordecai, to destroy all the Jews (**3:6**). Haman and his friends cast “lots” (the word in Hebrew is “pur”) to decide what day they were going to influence the king to allow them to exterminate the Jews. The “lot,” “pur” fell on the thirteenth

day of the twelfth month, Adar, and permission was given to seize their plunder (3:13).

Mordecai refused to bow before Haman (3:2) because that was a violation of the Law of Moses. But Jeremiah had also commanded the Jews, when they were being overtaken by the Babylonians, that they needed to seek the welfare of and pray for the prosperity of their new, albeit pagan, homeland (Jer. 29:4-7). Consequently, when Mordecai had the opportunity to report an assassination plot against King Ahasuerus, Mordecai reported it, without any suggestion, hint, or hope that it would save his life one day. He did it because God commanded it, because it was the right thing to do (2:21-23).

Thus begins, what might be considered the theme of the book of Esther, found in 9:1, in the NASV: “the day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, it was turned to the contrary so that the Jews themselves gained the mastery over those who hated them.” The Persians’ world, Haman’s world, turned “topsy turvy” when they tried to attack and kill God’s people.

Because Mordecai saved the king’s life, the king wrote an edict to allow the Jews to fight the Persians, in self-defense. The king’s edict allowed the taking of the plunder (8:11), but the Jews did not do so (cf. Prov. 24:17-18). This illustrates that the Jews did not kill Haman’s sons for their own profit.

The crisis that breaks in chapter 3 is not totally resolved until 9:19, where the last of the enemies of the Jews have been destroyed. Now, the paleness of death which hung over the Jews at 3:7-4:17 is replaced with the exaltation of Mordecai, feasting, rejoicing, and sharing food and gifts. Earlier the Jews had fasted; now they are feasting. Earlier, Mordecai was wearing sackcloth, now he is dressed in royal colors. What made the difference? “Whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.” “He that is faithful over a few things will be made ruler over many things.”

Esther teaches us that it is possible to be “in” the world and not be “of” the world, to be “in” Persia but not be “of” Persia.

God loves you. God cares for you. God provided for you. God is faithful in all that He does. That’s why we worship Him! Be faithful to Him and His Law.

Paul Holland
Daily Droplets

Upcoming Events:

**Next Men’s Business Meeting
will be August 9th at 7:00 p.m.**

**We are still needing 96 crayons (24 count)
for the Smile Boxes**

*Wedding Shower for
Patience West & Blake Forehand
August 22nd at 2:00 p.m.
in the fellowship room.
They are registered at
Millyn’s and Target*

**SAVE THE DATE:
Conway County Ladies’ Day
September 18, 2021
Theme: Christ Offers Forgiveness For
Everyone Everywhere**

Cleaning Church Building

**July 31st
Rex McDaniel**

**August 7th
Open**

Lawn Care Schedule

**July 31st
Chris & Matthew Moss**

**August 7th
Rick Hollis, Doug Gross
& Adam Leavell**

**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

July Birthdays

- 23 Earl Whitted
William Robbins
Emily Walker
- 25 Becky Miller
- 26 Brody Lovell
- 27 Madison Whybark
- 31 Darrel Solonka

August Birthdays

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

**Sunday morning
and Wednesday
night services are
live on Facebook.**

