

KEPT by the POWER of GOD (cont.)

A sinful life never glorifies God. Any sin is a disgrace to Christ, so don't you be a disgrace to grace. God wants to use you to make a difference in the world. Salvation is just the first step, God wants to show his power and his glory in your life. He wants you to live in victory everyday. Saving faith is you reaching up and out of this sinful, dirty and dieing world to accept the wonderful grace and new life God gives to you.

One old time preacher said he would rather live in the eighth chapter of the book of Romans than in the garden of Eden. You see, man fell in the garden, he sinned and without a Savior he was eternally lost. But that famous chapter begins with "there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." That takes care of your past. The chapter ends with no separation, that takes care of your future. You can trust the promises of God for he is greater than all, and when you take Jesus as your Savior you are kept by the power of God.

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ... For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:1&2, 38&39 NIV

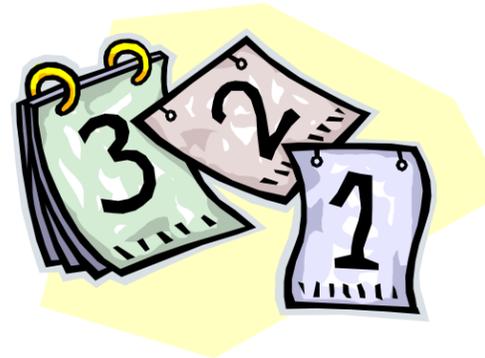
– *Andy Jones*

Those to keep in your Prayers:



- JEAN MCCASLAND DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA
- LINDA ALLEN RECOVERING AT HOME CARDS, CALLS & VISITS MUCH APPRECIATED AT: 309 ROBERT CARTWRIGHT DR. GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072 (615) 851-5508
- DAVID GURCHIEK
- LARRY FOSTER
- JERRIE JOHNSON (Mother of Matt Johnson)
- CARLA BLAIR
- NADINE DANIEL RECOVERING FROM SURGERY AT HOME
- EMILY KUYKENDALL
- BRANDON POST
- PATRICK GOOLSBY
- ROWEENA GOOLSBY
- JEFF & KIM BRAKE
- VINAY & SUNEETHA KUMAR
- JOHNNIE ANDERSON FAMILY
- CHARLOTTE WARD (Mother of Emily Hayes) RECOVERING FROM BACK SURGERY & FALL
- CAROL SOUTHALL (Mother of Blake Southall) DECLINING VISION
- CALEB WILSON
- ANITA SCHMITT (Friend of Ron & Jenny Lux)
- BLAKE & SARAH SOUTHALL
- MARGARET & ANDY JONES
- SANDY THOMAS (Barbara Brake's daughter)
- LARRY BICKEL (Father of James Bickel)
- JUDITH LEDDING (friend of Emily Kuykendall) SUFFERING WITH BREAST CANCER
- "BIG BOB." (friend of Emily Kuykendall) RECOVERING FROM BROKEN HIP
- CAROLINE MATTHEWS (daughter of John & Shannon Matthews) SUFFERING WITH HIP DYSPLASIA

Mark Your Calendars!



Please make sure to make note of these upcoming dates and events:

- Today!!! May 11th-Annual Mother's Day Dinner w/singing afterwards
- Thursday, May 15th-Church Business Meeting

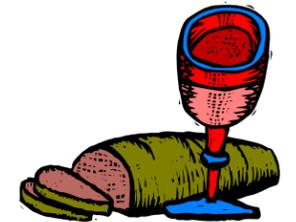
Serving on the Lord's Table this month...

May 3: Sean Judge

May 18: Jon Edmonds

May 11: Chris Hayes

May 25: Andy Jones



Announcements...Jeff Brake

If you are unable to serve, please contact Chris Hayes at 948-1071 or uthayes24@gmail.com

Got News?



- A few of our men have joined a softball team with Rivergate church of Christ and the season has started! Games are mostly on Monday nights and played at Moss Wright Park in Goodlettsville. Tmes are posted on the bulletin calendar and please feel free to enjoy the Spring weather to come support the team!
- In efforts to keep the bulletin up to date, please remember to email Melissa Montgomery at "mdholley@gmail.com" with any needed updates and/or removals to our list. Thank you!

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study Classes 9 am
 Worship 10:15am
 Bible Study Classes 6 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study Classes 7 pm
 REACH Ministry 7 pm

May Dates to Remember

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ■ Rachel Davies	2	3
4	5 Softball games @ 6 & 7pm	6	7 ■ Stevie Veal	8	9 ■ Kimberly Dickens	10 ■ Jared Dickens
11 Happy Mother's Day!	12 Softball games @ 6 & 7pm	13 ■ Diana Hayes	14 ■ Judy Van Dyke	15	16	17 ■ Sarah Southall
18	19 Softball games @ 6 & 7pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day!	27 ■ Samantha Post	28	29 ■ Eric McKissick	30 ■ Daniel Davies	31

Bulletin Updates: mdholley@gmail.com Website Updates: choruses@bellsouth.net
 Mid-week/Urgent Updates- Judy Van Dyke: judyvd@comcast.net



May 11, 2014

A Place of New Beginnings

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Christian salvation is based on faith not performance. The Bible tells us "For it is by GRACE you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8&9 NIV. If you could earn salvation by some performance then what if you could no longer perform? How much performance is enough? What if your performance is substandard? This is human thinking, human reasoning. I want you to understand that if you think you have to work to earn your eternal salvation, you will never feel spiritually secure. If somebody asks you, 'are you saved?' you will say something like 'I think so' or 'I hope so.' Now get this, salvation is not something you achieve, salvation is something you receive. Received by an active, willing, obedient heart, this is saving faith. If you only believe that Jesus is God's Son and yet believe it so strongly you tremble at the thought, you know what that fits you for? To be a DEMON! The Bible says "even the demons believe that—and shudder." James 2:19 NIV.

But their faith is a dead faith, and Folks a dead faith will never save you. When the Holy Spirit convicts your heart of sin and you want to be right with God, your faith becomes active and obedient and you will want to make a public confession of that faith, you will want to repent of your sins and strive not to be like the world, you will want to be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit for the remission of your sins (Matthew 28:19&20). Then you will want to attend worship services and follow the Apostle's doctrine.

After you take these initial steps which are acts of faith not works, what then? You are a child of God, the Holy Spirit comes into your heart, you can pray to God about anything and "the blood of Jesus, his Son purifies us from all sin." (I John 1:7 NIV). What if we do something else wrong? "The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." What if you ask forgiveness and then sin again? "The blood of Jesus, his Son purifies us from all sin." You have the PROMISE of God and the POWER of God keeps you in Christ.

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, IS GREATER THAN ALL; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one." John 10:27-30 NIV

Folks, you can feel secure in Christ, you have the promise of God. There are some weak brethren that are not living in victory, they are the Devils goats 6 days a week and Christ's lamb one day a week. This is a shame, they are losing out because God cannot bless and use rebels.

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<p>Last Week's Attendance:</p> <p>Sunday Morning.....60 Sunday Night.....79 Wednesday Night.....96</p>	<p>Echo Hills Ministry:</p> <p>This Week's Sermon: N/A</p> <p>REACH Ministry Director: David Senn, Jr.</p>	<p>Recent Contributions:</p> <p>Contribution 5/4.....\$1,992 Contribution 4/27.....\$1,383 Contribution 4/20.....\$2,673 Contribution 4/13.....\$1,137 Contribution 4/6.....\$1,767 Weekly Budget Needs.....\$1,681</p>
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