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## Are You Accountable?

Rev. Julia Schwert

The world needs what God has put inside of you. God has chosen you for a particular unique purpose. No one else will have the same exact purpose you have; therefore, you are important to the Lord. What are you doing about it? What are you planning to do about it and when? Are you keeping it hidden because you don't want to be different from those around you? If that is so, could you be surrounded by the wrong group of people? Are you sharing with others what God has given you? The Bible says, "Give and it shall be given unto you good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over." Luke 6:38 Often, we hear that quoted when people are referring to financial blessings; however, it isn't limited to just finances. Do you want to know more about God? Give to others what you currently know about God and God will reward you with a closer and more intimate relationship with Him.

Why do I find it easier to trust and believe people (who may or may not be telling me the truth) than trusting God (who has proven Himself over and over for thousands of years through the scriptures). Is it because I don't keep the old landmarks – the former blessings and miracles – fresh in my mind? Is it because I listen to people who look at things from the world's perspective instead of listening to those who see things through God's eyes? Am I a constant complainer, which puts unbelief into action? Do I realize my complaining reveals my lack of faith in God?

God is always willing to help us right where we are. God told the Israelites several things to help them live holy, blessed lives. These same instructions will help us as well. 1) Be obedient to God. Whatever God says to do, don't question it,

just do it! Obedience to God welcomes His presence and His blessings and offers an environment ripe for human flourishing. Remember: **obedience** is your responsibility. The **outcome** is God's responsibility. 2) God has set you apart from all other people. People are not naturally moral or holy. God chooses who He chooses and then empowers them to live life the way He desires. Do not let the customs of other people influence or challenge how God has told you to live. It is the Lord who makes you holy – not what you think or do by yourself. However, God has instructed us to '**Be ye holy; for I am holy.**' 1 Peter 1:16. 3) God's laws are never arbitrary. We cannot pick and choose which ones we will follow and which ones we will ignore. God's laws reveal His standards. We often think of laws as restrictions. Well, I guess they are, but let's think of them as our **safety net**. They keep us in God's favor and blessings; plus, they help us to avoid pitfalls set to destroy us. To live with God demands sacrifice, self-restraint, faith, and obedience.

Take time and read about the Israelites journey from Egypt to the land of Canaan. Exodus 2:23-25, Exodus 12:31-42, Exodus 14:5-31, Exodus 16:1-36, Exodus 17:1-7, Exodus 32:1-35 As you read you will find that God performed many miracles for them even in the midst of their complaining. Yes, God did get upset with them, well truthfully, He got very irate with them. He got so overcome with anger that God told Moses to step aside so He could destroy the Israelites. They had experienced miracles from God and then shortly after that they were overcome with distrust and unbelief in the same God that had just blessed them. Wait a minute! Don't throw any judgment stones on them, don't you and I do the same thing? God gets us out of one mess, we rejoice, and then a new situation arises, and we wonder where is God? We begin to question: Will He help me? Does He even care I'm going through this?

You know what, we need to change our thought pattern, so we are constantly thinking: I wonder how God is going to handle this in my life. Let's begin to look for expected results after we pray instead of looking for negative results. Let's begin to do what Pastor Stephen shared with us: 1) Confidently expect that God is working things out for your best. 2) Wait in prayerful worship while God is working. 3) Even in the silence, God is working behind the scenes. 4) Don't waste the "Waiting Period" – strengthen your faith through the Word of God and Prayer as you worship your deliverer. Yes, God is our Deliverer! He can deliver us from any situation or problem that comes our way. Now, what are you waiting for?

***Save the Date!!***  
**October 24-26**  
**2025 Ministerial Summit**  
**October 25**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

## *Rivers of Living Water Service Times*

### Sunday

**Beginning at 9:30** – Intercessory Prayer  
**10 a.m.** – Morning Worship

### Wednesday

**11 a.m.** – Intercessory Prayer  
**6:30 p.m.** – Bible Foundation



Feed **your** Soul  
every week.



### Prayer Requests

***"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers."***

I Peter 3:12

Keep our spiritual leaders in prayer:

- Pastor Stephen & Pastor Natalie Dagg
- Our Apostle Robert & Lady Joyce Jones
- Be praying about the position or areas where you desire to work in the church and contact the Pastors.



- Want our PayPal account info?
- Looking for an easy way to e-mail us?
- Desiring to hear messages preached at Rivers?

You can easily link to any of the above by going to our website: **rolwohio.com**

## **NOTICE!**

If you would like to submit something to the Channel so **everyone is informed** about what your department is doing, or you would like to share some good news, please fill out a yellow form and give it to Cathy Sewell by **Sun., June 22.**

**Reminder ...** all upcoming events are posted in the church directory. Download it to your computer or phone and check the announcements!



**June 8 = Carmelita Yeisley**

**15 – Julia Schwert**

**17 – Maleah Jones**

**18 – Pamela Jordan**

**19 – Stephen Llewellyn**

**20 – Johnny Kinsey**

## ***Rivers Outreach . . .***

Help fill our monthly **"Outreach Donation"** tub for Liberty Center with their following needs:

Foil	Paper Towels & Toilet
Paper	
Individual Bags of Potato Chips	Miracle Whip & Hellman's
13 gal. white kitchen trash bags	9-in. Great Value <u>paper</u>
plates	
Reg. Liquid Laundry Detergent	Dryer Sheets
Chicken Broth	Juice, Sugar
Spaghetti-O's & Ravioli	Tomato Soup
Diapers – all sizes	Instant oatmeal packets
BBQ Sauce	Apple Sauce cups
Gallon Zip Lock Bags	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
All-purpose Cleaner	Bleach
Canned fruit: Pears, Peaches, Fruit Cocktail	
French, Ranch, & Italian Salad Dressing	
Free & Clear Liquid Laundry Detergent	
Kroger & Walmart Gift Cards	

# CHURCH NEWS

**June 3, Tuesday** - We will be providing Liberty Center with a meal. We still need dessert for them. If you would like to help, contact Mother Betty Jones at 567-201-2001.

**June 7, Sat. at 10 A.M. Brothers in Christ** will have their meeting at Rivers of Living Water Cathedral. All men are welcome.

**June 14, Saturday from 2-4 p.m.** there will be a Mandatory Praise Team Meeting. If you would like to join, see Rev. Dell Kinsey.

**June 21, Sat. at 10 A.M., Sisters in Christ** meeting at Rivers of Living Water Cathedral.

**Officers:** President Marie Herbst  
Vice President Rebekah Hopple  
Secretary Pastor Natalie Dagg  
Treasurer Nicole Griffin  
All Ladies are invited to join us!



Kroger's Community Rewards blessed us with a **donation of \$34.25** which came from 12 households linked to our church from Feb. 1 – April 30.



## Friday & Saturday

**June 27 & 28**

**Time: 11-6 on Fri. and 11-2 on Sat.**

- Check Bulletin Board for **Donations** that are needed so we can make more profit
- Sign up as a volunteer worker
- Sign up to get pre-orders & mention places you are going to solicit (you are responsible for returning completed sheets and collecting money)
- **Pre-order sheets** will be **available next Sunday and orders** must be **returned by Tuesday, June 24.**
- Sign up to distribute BBQ flyers and mention where you are posting them and leaving pre-order sheets.



Circumstances can never change the promises of God, but the promises of God can change your circumstances.

One Sunday morning Pastor Stephen advised his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. In preparation for my message, I want you all to read Mark 17."



The following Sunday Pastor Stephen asked for a show of hands from those who read Mark 17. Almost every hand went up. Pastor Stephen smiled and announced, "Well, Mark has only sixteen Chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."



# IN LOVING Memory

**Since November 2024**

Jesus Esquivel 4/ 6/ 60 - 11/10/24 (Member)

Ed McKinnon 12/24/38 – 3/27/25 (Grandpa)  
Chelsea Belair

Ramona Young 5/28/51 – 4/24/25 (Sister)  
Harriot M Lopez 7/15/31 – 5/10/25 (Mom)  
Carmelita Yeisley

Virginia Sumpter Boyd 10/26/44 – 1/20/25 (Friend)  
Sylvia Marie Ames 1/6/44 – 2/24/25 (Aunt)  
Roy Lee Davis 5/12/37 – 5/8/25 (Cousin)  
Raven Carper 11/17/92 – 5/13/25 (Cousin)  
Johnny & Dell Kinsey

Joe Grob 11/10/53 - 3/6/25 (Friend)  
Pastor Stephen Dagg

If I have missed anyone, I apologize. These are the ones that I Knew about. If you have someone that has passed and would like them mentioned, please contact me with information. This is to help us to understand what you're going through and so we know how to pray for you and your family.

## Congratulations



### Essence Edwards

a 2025 Graduate from  
both Fremont Ross High  
School and Vanguard



### Monique Smith

Promoted to Wealth  
Management Assistant  
at Croghan Colonial  
Bank



### Rochelle Woods

a 2025 INSPIRE recipient  
from CompuNet Clinical  
Laboratories

“Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Luke 6: 37 - 38

Happy  
Father's  
Day

The righteous  
man walks in  
his integrity;  
His children  
are blessed  
after him.  
PROVERBS 20:7



After service on  
Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>,  
Jacobus, Marie, Bekah,  
and Pastor Stephen  
enjoyed a time of  
fellowship, bowling, and  
eating at Plaza Lane.

Be watching and  
listening for the next fun  
activity that will be  
planned.