

*YOUR SCRUPLES*

*Romans 14:1*

*Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.*

Romans 14:1-23 addresses an all-too-common problem. While the question under consideration may never be asked in our culture, the principles involved are very relevant to twenty-first century Christians.

The question discussed was “what may we eat (v. 2)? It was not about “what must I do to be saved?” It had nothing to do with “how should the church worship?” It was about what people could or could not do in their personal lives.

The weak person has some serious scruples; he believed he must limit his diet to vegetables. Others disagreed. The text makes clear that this had become somewhat of an “issue.”

How are we to handle disagreements like the one addressed? There are several important principles. The first is “accept each other.” The second is do not to regard each other with contempt (V.v. 3, 10-13). Neither were they to judge each other (v. 4). Judgment is God’s prerogative (4).

Do not put an obstacle in each other’s way (v. 13). Do nothing to destroy one another (v. 14). Keep your convictions about such things between you and God (v. 22). In relating to each other, pursue peace and work to build up each other (v. 19). Don’t get all worked up about **your** scruples.

We will disagree about things that have nothing to do with salvation or worship. Romans 14 teaches us how to relate to each other in those times when we disagree about such things.

*--Ron Harper--*

## Why I Love Salem Creek

**“It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.” Philippians 1:7**

I am a blessed man. I have a wonderful family, an amazing fiancé, great future in-laws, and incredible friends. I am also blessed to have the greatest job in the world. I get to study the word of God with people every single week, and in many cases, multiple times per week. The longer I work at Salem Creek, the more blessed I become. I would like to use this article to share with you three simple reasons why I love you all so much.

First, we are all partakers of the grace of God. Paul refers to the Philippian church as “partakers with me of grace.” This is important because without grace we would not have the ability to be a family. The grace given to us by God through Jesus Christ allows us to become brothers and sisters in Christ. No matter what our walk of life is, we all have one thing in common. We are all partakers of grace.

Second, I love Salem Creek because we can suffer together. Paul also makes the statement in the verse above that he holds the Philippian church close to his heart because he is in prison for the sake of the gospel. Each one of us experiences times when we hurt. We lose loved ones, we receive bad news concerning our health, and we struggle with sin. In each case, we know we can bring our needs to the church and ask for a shoulder on which we can lean.

Lastly, I love Salem Creek because of our willingness to serve. When something needs to be accomplished, many of you are eager to care for the specific need. Paul continues to teach the Philippians about how to be proper servants. We serve by being like Christ. I am blessed to be a part of a congregation that loves to serve.

Paul wrote many times in his letters about how much he loves the congregations with which he is associated. He did this because when life got him down, he was encouraged by those people. I would encourage us to do the same.

Joshua Houston

## NEWS & NOTES

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ken & Barbara McPeak, Selma Boyd, Pat Davidson, Odell Grissom, Sue Reeves, Ernestine Taylor, Laura Wiser, Nell Jernigan, Narene Davidson, Mary Williams, Shirley Bibb, Glenda Stiles

### BATTLING CANCER:

Carolyn Thomas  
Vance Benson  
Cal Seccombe-friend of Glovers  
Tonya Pearson-friend of Glovers

### SHUT INS:

Tommy & Shirley Bibb, Oleta Bullard, Houston Henry, Dan Stephens, Richard Jones, Wayne Mobbs, Carolyn Thomas, Mabel Robertson, Louis Wilson, Melba & Jeanie Young

### NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

#### **\*MEMBERS**

**NHC:** Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves\*, Ernestine Taylor\*

**STONES RIVER MANOR:** Laura Wiser\*, Virgie Leonard\*, Margaret Davidson\*, Lillian Whitworth

**SMYRNA:** Geri Melton\*

**WOODBURY:** Jeweldean Hall\*

**TN VETERAN'S HOME:** Edna Vance\*

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Lynn Weems**. Her funeral was Tuesday in Centerville.

Please keep **Ron Bowersock** in prayers as he is still having problems with his leg.

Men's Breakfast is March 13, at 8 am at IHOP.

- Robert McKnight's Visitation Team 1 will meet today for lunch. Visitors are invited to stay and enjoy this time of fellowship.
- The MTCS Chorus will perform for us tonight immediately following pm services. Please stay and enjoy this time of fellowship. Please bring lots of food and drinks. We will all be eating together including the entire chorus and their families.
- There will be a VBS meeting on March 18 at 4:30 in the big classroom for anyone who wishes to help with VBS. Our VBS is June 3 and June 6.
- An Elementary Devo is planned at the building on March 18 immediately following PM services. Please bring snacks and drinks.
- A Dorcas Class for Jr High and High School girls is being planned for Wednesday evenings during April-August. There will be a meeting for the girls who are interested in this class and their parents on March 18 immediately following pm services in the big classroom. If you have any questions, please see Francille Whitworth, Gayle Glover, or Lisa Pickard.
- An Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for March 24, at 12:30 pm here at the building. Each family is asked to bring candy-filled eggs. Volunteers are needed to provide snacks and help hide the eggs. Please note the change in time from the previously printed calendar of events. The sign-up sheet is located in the foyer with more details. If you have any questions, please see Jeff or Karen Milstead.
- A Senior Saints dinner at Bell Buckle Café is planned for March 31 at 5 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.
- Please sign up for men's devotionals on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday night of each month. Hosts and speakers are needed. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Sunday

Morning Worship	9:00 am
Bible Classes	10:15 am
Evening Worship	5:30 pm

### Wednesday

Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May)	10:00 am
Evening Bible Classes	6:30 pm

### ELDERS

B.K. Ham  
Jim Hatfield  
Jon Holland  
Andy Mitchell  
Randall Phifer  
Keith Short

### MINISTER

Ron Harper

### ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

### DEACONS

Rick Acklin	Rick Corum
Larry Benson	Andy Melton
Michael Bowman	Brian Melton
Craig Buckner	Alan Pepper
Joe Byars	Wendell Wilson

### FOR THE RECORD

*March 4, 2018*

Sunday	AM worship	190
	Bible classes	142
	PM worship	143
	Contribution	\$6263.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	122
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Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	19
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\*When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. Ladies class will be canceled\*

### *To Our Honored Guests...*

*We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity!*

*We were honored by your presence!*

### GREETERS

*Please be at the door  
30 minutes prior to service*

### March 11

Jake & Mallory Wilbanks

### March 18

Dianne Stroop & Regenia Grissom

