

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes	10:00 A.M.
Worship Service	11:00 A.M.
Worship Service	6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes	7:00 P.M.
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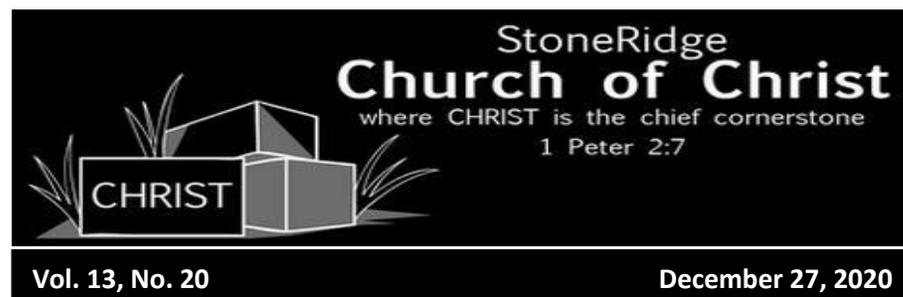
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God is Unfair because He is Merciful

Is God fair? To answer that question, we must define "fair": 1) free from self-interest, prejudice, or favoritism; 2) conforming with the established rules.

Let's apply those two definitions to God.

- He does not play favorites (Romans 2:11), excepting anyone who is willing to come to Him. God treats people right when they repent and do good (Romans 2:6-7) (definition #1).
- God does have a rulebook, and according to those rules we all deserve condemnation. Those refusing compliance through repentance, He will treat fairly, giving them a just and proper trial (Romans 2:1-3,5,8,9). God treats these people right also (definition #1).
- Through Jesus, God can change the verdict from guilty to innocent (Romans 5:1). He has this divine right (definition #2).

When people complain that God is not fair, which of the two definitions do they use? Neither. They add a third definition. What they mean by God not being fair is they don't like what God does or allows. They might even add to their complaint, "God, I deserve better than this!" Think hard on this one point...Do we really want God to give us what we deserve? I need a God who will accept the Prodigal Son back even when so-called brothers call God out for being unfair (Luke 15:29-30). I need a God who is willing to accept those who have nothing to offer except the willingness to come, even when those more qualified call God out for being unfair (Matthew 20:12). Mercy and Grace are "unfair" when looking at the rule book. I need a God who is "unfair"!

Names for God

Hebrew Name	English Meaning	Scripture
EI-Elyon	God Most High	Gen. 14:18,22
EI-Kanna	Jealous	Exod. 34:14
EI-Olam	Eternal God	Gen. 21:33
EI-Shaddai	God Almighty	Gen. 17:1
Jehovah (YHWH)	The LORD	Exod. 6:2-3
Jehovah-Adon Kal Ha'arets	Lord of All the Earth	Josh. 3:13
Jehovah-Bara	Creator	Isa. 40:28
Jehovah-Chereb	Glorious Sword	Deut. 33:29
Jehovah-Eli	My God	Ps. 18:2
Jehovah-Eloheanu	Our God	Exod. 8:10
Jehovah-Gibbor Milchamah	Mighty in Battle	Ps. 24:8
Jehovah-Go'el	Redeemer	Isa. 49:26; 60:16
Jehovah-Hamelech	The King	Ps. 98:6
Jehovah-Hashopet	The Judge	Judg. 11:27
Jehovah-Hoshe'ah	The LORD Who Saves	Ps. 20:9
Jehovah-'Izuz 'Gibbor	Strong and Mighty	Ps. 24:8
Jehovah-Jireh	The LORD Will Provide	Gen. 22:14
Jehovah-Kabodhi	My Glory	Ps. 3:3
Jehovah-Keren-Yish'i	Horn of My Salvation	Ps. 18:2
Jehovah-Machsi	My Refuge	Ps. 91:9
Jehovah-Magen	The Shield	Deut. 33:29
Jehovah-Makeh	The LORD Who Strikes You	Ezek. 7:9
Jehovah-Ma'ozi	My Fortress	Jer. 16:19
Jehovah-Mekoddishkem	The LORD Who Makes You Holy	Exod. 31:13
Jehovah-Melech 'Olam	King Forever	Ps. 10:16
Jehovah-Mephalti	My Deliverer	Ps. 18:2
Jehovah-Moshi'ech	Your Savior	Isa. 49:26; 60:16
Jehovah-Nissi	My Banner	Exod. 17:15
Jehovah-'Ori	My Light	Ps. 27:1
Jehovah-Rohi	My Shepherd	Ps. 23:1
Jehovah-Rophe	The LORD Who Heals You	Exod. 15:26
Jehovah-Sabaoth	The LORD of Hosts	1 Sam. 1:3
Jehovah-Sel'i	My Rock	Ps. 18:2
Jehovah-Tsidkenu	Our Righteousness	Jer. 32:6
Jehovah-Uzi	My Strength	Ps. 28:7

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. We are happy to report that **Debbie Spencer** was able to return home from the hospital... **Nathine Huskey** and **Pat Markle**, are improving ...Remember **Alice Stevens** as she continues to deal with cancer...Also **Marshall Lands** who remains in the hospital...**Shut-ins:** **Beverly Allen** is confined at home...**Charles Bradsher** is at St. Elizabeth's Place...**Gail Brooks** has been unable to be out...**Shirley Coots** is confined at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home...**Elizabeth Keller** is at The Springs Nursing Home.

BEREAVED. We continue to grieve with Pat and all the family of **Dean Markle** who passed away on December 18. There will be a graveside service on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Gracelawn Cemetery in Tuckerman, conducted by Travis Moody. I've had the privilege of being a member in two congregations with Dean (Tuckerman, StoneRidge) and doing personal work with him. To my knowledge he has always been a solid Christian with a genuine concern for those who needed encouragement to serve the Lord. We will feel our loss and will miss him as a friend and brother in Christ.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS. 1st – Freddy Horton, Martha Thetford; 2nd – Taylor Hardin; 9th – Brian Ellis; 14th – Kemuel Camp; 16th – Bettye Bradsher, Carol Caldwell; 17th – David Ledgerwood; 19th – Nikki Bodeker; 21st – Tyler Wilson; 25th – Beverly Allen, Karly Lands; 26th – Gary Bearden;

End of The Year Comments: As the year winds down we ponder the past year as being unparalleled in its effect on the congregation. The Covid virus forced us to make adjustments that we never dreamed of. It has affected the way we greet each other and the way we worship. It has also restricted our social gatherings and greatly diminished our attendance (we are running about 100 less than we were this time last year). The last three weeks have been down to double digits.

We continue to mourn the loss of six beloved members of the congregation during the year: Willie Greeno, Helen Smith, Priscilla Cullison, Margie Horton, Norma Carr, and Dean Markle. We are grateful to have known them and the tie that binds us together. Despite our losses we are still wonderfully blessed. Praise God and enjoy wonderful times with loved ones during these holidays.-db

