

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- Hear the Word of God – Rom. 10:17
- Believe that Jesus is the Son of God – Heb. 11:6; John 8:24
- Repent of your sins – Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ before men – Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32-33
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins – Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Remain Faithful – Rev. 2:10

By The Numbers for March 26th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 91
Sun. AM Worship – 115
Sun. PM Worship – 67
Wed. Night (3/29) – 81

To Our Visitors:

We are so glad and honored that you chose to be with us today. If you have any questions please feel free to ask the elders or one of the members. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know. Thanks for being with us, and we hope to see you again real soon!

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“Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!”

How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

Part 3

Last week we continued a study of the eternal home of the faithful Christian, Heaven. We stated that Heaven is a real place and noticed the scriptural evidence for that statement. Now we want to notice two more characteristics of this wonderful place called Heaven.

Second, Heaven is a *rewarding* place. “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Matthew 5:11-12). In Romans 6:23 we so often focus on the first half of the verse, “The wages of sin is death,” but what about the other part? “The gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.” Paul described it as a crown of righteousness. “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing” (2 Timothy 4:6-8). The reward is dependent on the life lived, and the life lived is influenced by the reward. There is a strong connection between the two. Heaven is a reward for a life lived in faithfulness to God.

Third, Heaven is a *resting* place. “Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, ‘Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them’” (Revelation 14:13). Living the Christian life is not always easy. In fact, it can be difficult sometimes. That is why I am thankful for a place of rest from the trials and tribulations of this world. “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4). That one verse tells me all that I need to know about Heaven to make me want to go there. Heaven is a place of rest.

Next week, we will notice the final two characteristics of the eternal home of the faithful child of God.

Elders:

Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
Gwinn Matthews
Kenneth Roark

Minister:

Justin Paschall
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Service Times:

Sun. Bible Study-10 AM
Sun. Worship-11 AM
Sun. Night-5 PM
Wed. Night-7 PM

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“Come Worship with Us!”

~Justin

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Devotional – Rusty Kennedy

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Kenneth Roark
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – (S) Steve Carmack
(S) W.L. Sandlin
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) Winston Starks
(N) Matt Blevins

Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman
Security – Fisher Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Kenneth Roark
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
Lord’s Supper – Steve Carmack
Closing Prayer – John Dennison
Security – Jimmy Hartman

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Tommy Climer

Door Greeters for April

South – Robert Taylor
Center – Joe Hunt
North – Steve Carmack

Communion for April

Rusty and Vickie Kennedy

April Birthdays

- Chris Carmack – 1
- Kamisha Dixon – 2
- Robert Anderson – 7
- Courtney Smith – 8
- Roy Colvin – 8
- Joe Hunt – 10
- JT Yarbrough
- Lauren Carmack – 10
- Abby Moore – 11
- Maddy Moore – 11
- Will Carmack – 12
- Waylon Blevins – 12
- Eunice Dobbs – 12
- Fisher Carmack – 16
- Donna Bridges – 19
- Caroline Snell – 26
- Aaliyah Alley – 30



Mark Your Calendars!

- **April 23rd** – Wedding Shower for Mariah Carmack at 2 pm at the building. She is registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond and Walmart.
- **April 30th** – Friends and Family Day at the Ripley church of Christ
- **June 4th-9th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp for ages 9-18.
- **June 19th-21st** – Vacation Bible School at the Ripley church of Christ
- **June 26th** – Summer Youth Series at the Ripley church of Christ at 7 pm.
- **July 16-19th** – Gospel Meeting at the Ripley church of Christ.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Apr. 2nd** – Lesson 35 – Healing at Bethesda – *John 5:1-47*
- **Apr. 5th** – Lesson 36 – Miracles on the Sabbath; Calling the Twelve – *Mark 2:23-28, 3:1-19*
- **Apr. 9th** – Lesson 37 – Creation – *Genesis 1*

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- At any given time there are members going through different difficulties that they would rather keep private. Please say a prayer for them; God knows who they are.
- Joe Hunt’s mom, Etta Hunt, passed away. Funeral services were held on Wednesday (3/29). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- JB Haynes (June Roark’s bother) is in Baptist East having tests run. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Keosha Halliburton (Mary Halliburton’s daughter) lost all of her possessions in a house fire. Thankfully neither she nor her three children were injured. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Amanda Clark had surgery on Thursday (3/16). Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Philip Rhodes is having some health related problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mike White is back at JMCGH in room 856. Surgery will probably be done in the near future. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Bobby Mullins (Micah’s father) had his heart cath, but he will require further testing. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Demetra Carmack had surgery (3/2) and everything went as planned. She will have radiation for 6 weeks. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- David Murray (friend of the Hartman’s) passed away. Funeral services were held on Monday (3/27). Please keep his family in your prayers.
- Julia Alley is having some problems with her arm. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Guylene Cultrer (kin of Julia Alley) has been diagnosed with leukemia. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Valencia Crook (kin of Julia Alley) has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She had surgery on Wednesday (2/22). Please keep her in your prayers.
- Larry Carden has finished his radiation treatments and will have tests in the coming weeks. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Johnnie Matthews: Please continue to keep her and Gwinn in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor, WL Sandlin, Betty Brogdon, Gwinn Matthews, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Ronnie Tillman, Georgia Campbell, Tim Carmack, Lille Dennison, Ted Sutton, Joyce Blakemore, Seth May, Paula Tillman, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Dot Mullins, Brenda Sutton, Don Sutton, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16)