

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 July 16th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 100
Sun. AM Worship – 112
Sun. PM Worship – 84
Mon. Night (7/17) – 144
Tues. Night (7/18) – 103
Wed. Night (7/19) – 98

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!”

Was Our Gospel Meeting a Success?

A good question to ask at the conclusion of any endeavor is, “Was this endeavor successful?” Now that our Gospel Meeting has ended, we want to ask and answer that question today. As we ask this question though, let us measure our standard for success with God’s ruler and not the world’s. There are three criteria that need to be met before we can decide if we had an effective Gospel Meeting.

First, was the Gospel preached during this meeting? It is the Gospel that has the power to save (Rom. 1:16). It is God’s Word that is living and powerful (Heb 4:12). It was through the breath of God that man became alive physically (Gen. 2:7), and it is only through the God-breathed words of the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16) that man can be made alive spiritually. Was the Gospel preached during this meeting? Did Bobby deliver messages from God’s Word? The answer to that question is a resounding yes, and so our first criteria has been met.

Second, were men and women invited to come hear that Gospel message? It is not enough to simply preach the right message, we must make every attempt to invite people to hear that message. In Mark 16:15-16, Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” Notice that according to Jesus, it is our obligation to go to the lost, but it is not our obligation to make them believe. During this meeting many attempts were made to invite people. A Facebook event was created to further the knowledge of the meeting. Flyers were distributed by several who went door knocking. Also, numerous personal invitations were made by members. Obviously we can always do more, and we should strive to invite people to every service not just those during a Gospel Meeting. At the same time though, it is obvious that many attempts were made to meet our second criteria.

Third, were members of the Lord’s church strengthened and encouraged by attending the services? While the primary purpose of a Gospel Meeting is to reach the lost, it is also a time for the local membership to receive strength and encouragement. Jesus told Peter that he was to strengthen the brethren (Luke 22:32), and we all need to strengthen one another. Everyone who made this meeting a priority, attended the services, and applied what was taught was strengthened. So our third and final criteria was met.

Without a doubt, in the eyes of God, our meeting was successful because all three criteria were met! But the work is not done. Let’s continue to reach out to the lost and encourage one another as we take the Gospel message to the world.

~ Justin

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!”

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Devotional – Tommy Climer

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Rusty Carmack
Lord’s Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers
(S) Mike White
(N) Raymond Neal
(N) Mel Gibson
(N) Bryan Hartman
Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – David Snell
Lord’s Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Steve Carmack
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – David Snell
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Kenny Kennedy
Security – Jimmy Hartman

Door Greeters for July

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

Communion for July

Rusty and Vickie Kennedy

July Birthdays

- Barry Bates – 3
- Jane Snell – 3
- Beverly Sanders – 5
- Betty Thomas – 8
- Sauyna Richmond – 8
- Franklin Alley – 12
- Betty Arthur – 16
- Gloria Crook – 16
- Janet Colvin – 17
- Ted Sutton – 18
- Lyle Morris – 20
- Mary Presson – 25
- Jane Vaden – 25
- Penny Gaines – 26
- Brandon Carmack – 27
- Ernestine Anderson – 29
- Lou Leatherwood – 30
- Quincy Richmond, Jr. – 30
- Shawna Carmack – 31



Mark Your Calendars!

- **July 24th** – Summer Youth Series at the Phillips Street church of Christ at 7 pm.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **July 23rd** – Lesson 67 – God Speaks at Mount Sinai – Exodus 19
- **July 26th** – Lesson 68 – God Gives Moses the Law – Exodus 20
- **July 30th** – Lesson 69 – Joshua Follows Moses as Leader – Joshua 1

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Gerald Brown, Jewel Kendrick, and Frank Shelton.

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.
- Gwinn Matthews was still at JMCGRH at time of bulletin printing with plans to move him to a facility in Ripley under hospice care. Please keep him and Mrs. Johnnie in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin has returned to his treatments and will be unable to attend services regularly as a result. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday (7/11). He was moved back to Jackson to be treated for pneumonia. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- June Medford (Ann Carmack’s sister) passed away. Funeral services were held Friday (7/21). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Gerald Brown (David Snell’s brother-in-law) passed away. Funeral services were held on Friday (7/21). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Chisholm Vaughn has been diagnosed with strep and mono. Also, Shawna has strep as well. Please keep both of them in your prayers.
- Milford Durham (retired chief of police and former sheriff) is battling lung cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Linsey Tharpe gave birth to a healthy baby girl. Blaiselyn Everleigh was born on Sunday (7/9) at 9:29 am. She weighed 9 lbs. and 6 oz. They are home now. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Jewel Kendrick (David Snell’s sister) passed away. Funeral services were held on Sunday (7/9). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier had surgery this past week. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Grayson Bryant (Lillie Dennison’s sister’s grandson), who is 6 weeks old, has experienced complications from esophageal surgery. Please keep the family in your prayers
- Evelyn Jackson (Betty Arthur’s sister) is currently in rehab following a bad fall. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Randy Roark, Jr. is battling kidney cancer. Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Lloyd Sanders (Rae Sanders’ son) fell and broke his neck. He is home and has a long road ahead of him. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Gwinn and Johnnie Matthews, Brenda Sutton, Larry Carden, WL Sandlin, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lille Dennison, Ted Sutton, Joyce Blakemore, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.