

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 May 28th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 74
Sun. AM Worship – 115
Sun. PM Worship – 70
Wed. Night (5/31) – 78

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!”

The Power of the Gospel

Part 2

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith’” (Romans 1:16-17). In these two verses, the theme for the entire book of Romans is laid out by the apostle Paul and, of particular interest to this topic, Paul mentions the power of the Gospel. There are five things that we want to notice concerning the power of the Gospel

First, the Gospel’s power can *convict* the sinner. The Gospel has the ability to reach the heart of man, but once that heart is touched man may react positively or negatively. An example of both of these types of reactions is found in the book of Acts. On the day of Pentecost following Jesus’ ascension, there were individuals who reacted positively to Peter’s proclamation of the Gospel. “‘Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.’ Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?’” (Acts 2:36-37). The people on that day were convicted by the Gospel and sought information on who to make their lives right with God.

In Acts 7, we have the exact opposite happening at the preaching of Stephen. “When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth” (Acts 7:54). Those who heard Stephen’s message had an opportunity to react just as those on Pentecost, but they chose to reject that message and kill the messenger. Notice the Gospel had the power to cut to the heart in both occasions, but with different reactions depending on the hearts of the people listening. First, the Gospel has the power to convict.

Next week, we will notice the second and third things concerning the power of the Gospel.

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 – Bryan Hartman
Devotional – Jimmy Hartman

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
Lord’s Supper – (S) Joe Carmack
(S) Joel Sutton
(N) Tommy Climer
(N) David Bridges
(N) Mel Gibson

Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Fisher Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
Lord’s Supper – Joe Carmack
Closing Prayer – Steve Carmack
Security – Joel Sutton

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Joe Carmack
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – John Dennison
Security – Frank Carmack

Door Greeters for June

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

Communion for June

Kenneth and June Roark

June Birthdays

- Mariah Carmack – 3
- MacArthur Watkins – 3
- Joel Sutton – 4
- Mary Barnett – 4
- June Bates – 7
- Luke Crook – 7
- Kenneth Roark – 8
- Steve Carmack – 9
- Linsey Tharpe – 10
- Harrison Paschall – 14
- Joyce Blakemore – 18
- Gwinn Mathews – 19



Mark Your Calendars!

- **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?

- **June 4th** – *Lesson 53* – Moses Leaves Midian for Egypt – *Exodus 4*
- **June 7th** – *Lesson 54* – “Let My People Go” – *Exodus 5*
- **June 11th** – *Lesson 55* – God Begins to Perform Signs before Moses – *Exodus 6-7*

Pantry Need

We are currently in need of canned meats (tuna and chicken, especially).

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.
- There are numerous individuals that are dealing with allergies, colds, and other illnesses. Please keep these people in your prayers.
- Terry Bibb’s mom has been moved to a rehab facility in Dyersburg. Please keep her in your prayers as he recovers.
- Billy Renner (Justin Paschall’s uncle) is not doing well and is dealing with several health related issues. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Frank Shelton (Tommy Climer’s brother-in-law) is not doing well and is currently under hospice care. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Lloyd Sanders (Rae Sanders’ son) fell and broke his neck. He is currently in a rehab facility in Bruce, TN. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Amanda Clark had emergency surgery on Thursday (5/4). She is doing much better now. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton had surgery on Wednesday (5/3). She has had some setbacks in her recovery. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Robert Taylor: Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers from the problems with his knee.
- Mike White’s surgery was more extensive than originally planned. He is at home. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Bobby Mullins (Micah’s father) will have a second surgery on his heart on Friday (6/9) to try and correct the blockage. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Demetra Carmack is battling breast cancer. She has finished her radiation treatments. Please keep her and the family 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. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Johnnie Matthews: Please continue to keep her and Gwinn in your prayers.
- 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.

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