

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 19th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 81
Sun. AM Worship – 122
Sun. PM Worship – 68
Wed. Night (3/22) – 70

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 2

Last week we began a study of the eternal home of the faithful Christian, Heaven. We stated that Heaven is a real place, and this week we want to look at the scripture evidence for that statement.

If Heaven is not real then why is it being prepared? “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:1-3). “But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them” (Hebrews 11:16). Jesus and God are preparing a fictitious place? Of course not! Heaven is real.

If Heaven is not real, they why are we to rejoice if our names are written there? “Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20). Rejoice, because your names are written in place that does not exist? Preposterous! Heaven is real.

If Heaven is not real, then why send Jesus to suffer and die on the cross? If it is not real, then why have a resurrection? If Heaven is not real, then there is no reward for the righteous and no punishment for the wicked. Our actions here on earth would have no consequences beyond this life. We should eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die. What a miserable existence that would be.

I am thankful that heaven is a real place. And, having established that fact, there are several more important characteristics concerning this wonderful residence.

Next week we will notice two more characteristics of this wonderful home that awaits the faithful child of God.

~Justin

Elders:

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Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
Gwinn Matthews
Kenneth Roark

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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 – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Devotional – Darrell Smothers

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Larry Carden
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Tommy Climer
Lord’s Supper – (S) Rusty Kennedy
(S) John Dennison
(N) Joe Hunt
(N) Fisher Carmack
(N) Will Carmack

Closing Prayer – John Dennison
Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:

Announcements – Larry Carden
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
Lord’s Supper – Rusty Kennedy
Closing Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Security – Tommy Climer

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Security – Tommy Climer

Door Greeters for March

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

Communion for March

David and Jane Snell

March Birthdays

- Randy Roark– 30

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 1st** – Ladies’ Day at the Ripley church of Christ
- **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?

- **Mar. 26th** – Lesson 33 – Jesus Heals and Prays – Mark 1:21-45
- **Mar. 29th** – Lesson 34 – Healing a Paralytic; Matthew Called; Fasting Questioned – Mark 2:1-22
- **Apr. 2nd** – Lesson 35 – Healing at Bethesda – John 5:1-47

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.
- 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 home from the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers as he heals and looks at possible upcoming surgery.
- Bobby Mullins (Micah’s father) had his heart cath, bit 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) is now under hospice care. Please keep him and 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.
- Marilyn Riley (former member in Gates) has been diagnosed with cancer. 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, Etta Hunt, 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)