

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 September 9th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 87
Sun. AM Worship – 91
Sun. PM Worship – 67
Wed. Night (9/12) – 65

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!”

When the Grass Gets Too Tall!

Part 2

Last week, we began noticing the problem of letting the grass get too tall in our spiritual life. We noticed the first of three examples: letting the grass get too tall in relationship problems. Now, let's notice our final two examples.

Second, we can allow the grass to get too tall in letting sin into our hearts. The best time to address sin in our life is immediately! The longer we allow sinful practices to continue, the more entrenched in them we will become, the harder it will be to turn away from them, and the more difficult it will be to rid them from our lives. Don't let the grass get too tall concerning sin.

Finally, we can allow the grass to get too tall concerning our Christian responsibilities. When we skip Bible study or worship, it becomes easier and easier to do it again. When we neglect opportunities to tell others about Christ and His church, it becomes easier and easier to neglect it again. When we refuse to help someone in need, it becomes easier and easier to ignore those needs in the future. When we don't read our Bibles or pray, it becomes easier and easier to shirk those responsibilities. The more we neglect these things, the easier it becomes to neglect them and the harder it becomes to begin to do them again. Don't let the grass get too tall concerning your Christian responsibilities.

Obviously there are numerous other examples that one could notice along these same lines. And all of those examples would be worthy of consideration. The fact is that as Christians, we shouldn't let the grass get too tall. Let's get out our mowers and get to work!

~ Justin

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Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

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Tommy Climer
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 – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Devotional – Steven Dodson

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord’s Supper – (S) Robert Anderson
(S) Mike White
(N) Jimmy Hartman
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) Mel Gibson
Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – David Snell
Lord’s Supper – Robert Anderson
Closing Prayer – Robert Taylor
Security – Steven Dodson

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Security – Barry Bates

Door Greeters for September

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

Communion for September

Mel and Synthia Gibson

September Birthdays

- Amanda Clark – 1
- Ralph Smith –2
- Leslie Barnes – 3
- Rita Hartman– 4
- Reba Arwood – 5
- David Snell – 7
- Rhonda Young – 13
- Johnnie Matthews – 16
- Erika Glass – 16
- Kenny Kennedy – 19
- Khori Smith – 21
- Nikki Murphy – 21
- Julia Alley – 24
- Kim White – 25
- Tommy White – 26
- Rae Sanders – 29



What Are My Children Studying?

- **Sept. 16th** - Lesson 187 – Jesus and the Early Church-Review(Transition from Jesus and the Early Church to the Non-Pauline Letters
- **Sept. 19th** - Lesson 188 – Temptations – James 1
- **Sept. 23rd** - Lesson 189 – Showing Favoritism; Faith and Works – James 2

Check the Fellowship Hall for Dishes

There are numerous plates, bowls, dishes, crock pots, etc. on the fellowship hall counter. Please go look at these items and see if any of them are yours.

Help Needed

There is a lady in Henning that would like to attend services. She does not currently have a vehicle but is willing to help with gas cost. If you are willing to help, please see Justin for more information.

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.
- Beverly Sanders is dealing with sciatic nerve pain. She is seeing a doctor and may have a nerve black done soon. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ashley Hendrix (Kim White’s daughter-in-law) passed away. Please keep Kim and the family in your prayers.
- Juanita Stanley (Rita Hartman’s mom) is back home, but still dealing with health related issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier is continuing to have a lot of problems with his health. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure and is taking medication for it. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tim Etheridge (Nancy Etheridge’s son) is dealing with several health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack is back home, but still has a ways to go. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Marvin Moore has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines’ cancer has returned. She is taking chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Paul Bridges (David Bridges’ brother) has been diagnosed with multiple forms of cancer and is doing treatments. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Patti Jolicoeur had a pacemaker put in recently. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Matthew Buckner is battling leukemia. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Rae Sanders is recovering well. She is currently taking chemo. Please keep her in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ann Paschall, Ted Sutton, Betty Clark, Alan Sheckell, Kenny Kennedy, Brenda, Sutton, Joe Henry, Sonny Arwood, Robert Taylor, Josephine Latham, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Lillie Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, 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)**