

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 2nd

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – not counted
Sun. AM Worship – not counted
Sun. PM Worship – not counted
Wed. Night (9/5) – 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!

Week before last, I set out to mow our yard. It had been a couple of weeks since I had last mowed due to Polishing the Pulpit and poor planning on my part. As a result, the grass had become taller and thicker than normal. Under regular circumstances it takes me about an hour and a half to mow, trim, rake (a few areas that grow thicker than the rest) and blow off the sidewalk, driveway, and back patio. . On this occasion, it took MUCH longer, all because I waited until the grass got too tall.

Sometimes in the Christian life, we allow the grass to get too tall spiritually speaking. We fail to confront problems; we fail to avoid sin; we shirk our Christian responsibilities, and as a result, the grass gets too tall and becomes very difficult to mow. Let’s begin to notice three examples of the grass getting too tall (one this week and two next week).

First, we can allow the grass to get too tall concerning relationship problems. The Bible teaches very clearly that when we offend someone or when someone offends us, we are to go to that individual. “Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison” (Matthew 5:23-25). “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother” (Matthew 18:15).

Too often we allow that grass to grow, and as a result, a problem that could have been easily addressed grows into a rift that is very difficult to repair. Don’t let the grass grow too tall concerning relationship problems.

Next week we will notice two more instances where the grass can get too tall.

~ Justin

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Joe Hunt
David Snell

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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 – Bret Carmack
Devotional – Robert Taylor

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
Lord’s Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers
(S) Steven Dodson
(N) Steve Carmack
(N) John Dennison
(N) Frank Carmack

Closing Prayer – Steven Dodson
Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Tommy Climer
Lord’s Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – Tommy Climer

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – David Bridges

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. 9th** - Lesson 185 – Elijah Told of Ahaziah’s Death – 2 Kings 1
- **Sept. 12th** - Lesson 186 – God Took Elijah in a Fiery Chariot – 2 Kings 2
- **Sept. 16th** - Lesson 187 – Jesus and the Early Church-Review(Transition from Jesus and the Early Church to the Non-Pauline Letters



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)**