

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 3rd

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 54
Sun. AM Worship – 104
Sun. PM Worship – 60
Wed. Night (3/6) – 96

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!”

Talking to Our Father

Part 1

As children begin to speak and ask questions of their parents and others, there is usually one word that becomes a favorite in the question asking game. WHY? It is one of the ways that the child begins to understand the workings of the world around him. While the questions may become a little annoying and excessive at times, questions are important for all of us. When it comes to religion, God’s children need to ask “why.” And when the questions are asked, we need to turn to the Bible for the answers. And so today, we ask, “Why should I pray?”

Many of us have been taught from a young age the importance of prayer. That prayer is a necessity in the Christian life. It has been called the very breath of the Christian (as important to our spiritual lives as air is to our physical lives). Some have referred to it as the lifeline of the Christian. And while these statements are true, they still fall short of telling us why we should pray. Let’s look at three (not the only three) reasons why you and I should pray.

First, we should pray because we should *ask* God for the things we need. Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). The inference here is that if we do not ask, then we will not receive. There are numerous things for which the Christian should ask. We should ask for the necessities of life (Matthew 6:25-34). We should ask for forgiveness of sins in our life (Matthew 6:12; 1 John 1:9). We should remember those who are sick, bereaving, or in need of any other kind of help from God. “Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16). “Brethren, pray for us” (1 Thessalonians 5:25). Prayer can also give us strength to resist the Devil. It is through prayer that we have access to many of the wonderful blessings that God has for us. One reason for us to pray is to ask God for the things that we need.

Next week, we will notice the second and third reason for why we should pray.

~ Justin

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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 – Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – (S) Larry Carden
(S) JB Tharpe
(N) Steve Carmack
(N) Frank Carmack
(N) Tommy White

Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – Tommy Climer

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Tommy Climer
Lord’s Supper – Larry Carden
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Jimmy Hartman

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Frank Carmack

Door Greeters for March

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

Communion for March

Rusty and Vickie Kennedy

March Birthdays

- Zoe Carmack – 1
- Mary Halliburton – 5
- Ann Carmack – 9
- Everett Presson – 9
- Betty Brogdon – 10
- June Roark – 13
- Betty Sutton – 15
- Dorothy Bridges – 15
- Marion Morris– 16
- Sherry Scallions – 17
- Patrice Perry – 19
- Randy Roark– 30



What Are My Children Studying?

- **Mar. 10th** - Lesson 237 – The Better Way: Faith – Hebrews 11
- **Mar. 13th** - Lesson 238 – Exhortations – Hebrews 12-13
- **Mar. 17th** - Lesson 239 – Jesus-Review; Early Life and 1st Year of Ministry to 2nd Year of Ministry

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Mar. 6th** – Last Wednesday Night Winter Warmup Meals at 5:45. See menu on white table.
- **Mar. 7th** – Ladies Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **May 4th** – Ladies Day at Ripley beginning at 10:30 am.
- **June 2nd-7th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp.
- **June 24th-26th** – Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8 pm.
- **July 21st-24th** – Gospel Meeting.

Memorial Received

A memorial has been received in honor of Shirley Clark.

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.
- Lillie Dennison will be meeting with her cardiologist to schedule the installing of a defibrillator for her heart. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Juanita Stanley (Rita Hartman’s mom) spent a few days in the hospital due to breathing problems. She is home now. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Amanda Clark’s grandmother Shirley Clark passed away. Funeral services were held on Saturday (2/23). Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Gene Turner is struggling with some health difficulties. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Lou Leatherwood is having some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Rae Sanders had a procedure done on Wednesday (2/13) to treat her cancer. Everything went as planned. Also, her nephew David Tippit passed away recently. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Sherry Scallions has requested prayers and encouragement. Please say a prayer for her.
- Ted Sutton fell and broke his wrist. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Carl King (Beverly Sanders’ nephew) is in the hospital following some health problems and surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Tommy White’s dad had knee surgery recently. Also his stepmom Annie who had been in the hospital is home now. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Burt Lussier is having some serious health problems. Please keep him and Rita in your prayers.
- BC Underwood continues to recover at home and is making good progress. Please keep him and Darlene in your prayers.
- Martha Dugger: Please keep her in your prayers.
- Beverly Sanders is dealing with sciatic nerve pain which is affecting her mobility. 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 still recovering from injuries to her leg. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Paul Bridges (David’s brother and Dorothy’s son) continues to take treatments for cancer and will for the foreseeable future. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Eunice Dobbs, Matthew Buckner, Ann Paschall, Patti Jolicoeur, Kenny Kennedy, Brenda Sutton, Sonny Arwood, Robert Taylor, Josephine Latham, Johnnie Matthews, Marion Morris, Joyce Blakemore, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.