

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 12th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 104
Sun. AM Worship – 152
Sun. PM Worship – 75
Wed. Night (5/15) – 82

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

Two weeks ago 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:

Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
Robert Anderson
Bret Carmack
Jimmy Hartman
Bryan Hartman

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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 – David Bridges

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
Lord’s Supper – (S) Darrell Smothers
(S) John Dennison
(N) Steven Dodson
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) Mel Gibson

Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt
Security – Robert Anderson

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Lord’s Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson
Security – Jimmy Hartman

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Joe Carmack
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Barry Bates

Door Greeters for May

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

Communion for May

Tommy and Linda Climer

May Birthdays

- Shirley Smothers – 19
- Vickie Kennedy – 25
- Winston Starks – 28
- Linda Climer – 30



What Are My Children Studying?

- **May 19th** - *Lesson 257 – Aeneas Healed; Dorcas Raised – Acts 9:32-43*

Mark Your Calendars!

- **June 2nd-7th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. Applications were due on May 15th.
- **June 24th-26th** – Vacation Bible School.

Congratulations Graduates!

- Renee Sparks graduated from Halls High School on May 17th.
- Rylee Moore graduated from Brighton High School on May 16th.
- Quanisa Richmond graduated from Ripley High School on May 16th.
- Will Carmack graduated from Dyer County High School on May 17th.
- Sophie Nipp (grandchild of the Gibsons) graduated from Houston High School on May 17th.
- Julianna Alley (grandchild of the Alleys) graduated from ETSU with a BS in Psychology and Sociology on May 4th.
- Xavrien Nixon (grandchild of the Watkins) graduated from Cordova High school on May 18th.
- Ahmadia Hines (grandchild of the Watkins) graduated from Haywood High School on May 18th.
- Brooklynn Alley (grandchild of the Alleys) will graduate from Gateway in Ripley on May 30th.
- Aaron King (grandson of the Dennisons) graduated from Ripley High School on May 16th.
- Jake Smith (Stella Young’s grandson) got his GED in April.
- Josh Trull (grandson of the Cardens) will graduate from Edward Vie College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 24th.
- Patrice Perry graduated with an associate degree in medical billing and coding from Ultimate Medical Academy on February 28th.

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.
- Don and Sheri Blackwell were in a 4 wheeler accident in which both suffered severe injuries. A fund raiser has been set up online at <https://bit.ly/2HdvmF>.
- Ms. Pat Carmack (Pam Carmack’s sister) had surgery Thursday (5/2) morning. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Brenda Glisson (first cousin of Linda Climer and June Bates) is being treated for a serious blood disorder. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ronnie Tillman (first cousin of Linda Climer and June Bates) is continuing to battle cancer and taking treatments. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Quincy Richmond came forward seeking forgiveness and encouragement to live faithfully. He is also looking for odd jobs. If you know if anything please pass that information along to him. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Stella Young’s mother-in-law Hazel Young passed away on Wednesday (4/10). The funeral was Saturday (4/13). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Anthony Roark is dealing with some issues with diabetes. Please keep him in your prayers as he makes changes to address the problem.
- Vernice Richmond’s uncle in Oklahoma is ill. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison: Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Matthew Buckner is back in the hospital with some medical issues related to his transplant. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack is still recovering from injuries to her leg. Please keep her in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Dan and Phyllis Clemenz (Justin Paschall’s uncle and aunt): Dan is in the final stage of pancreatic cancer and is under hospice care. His wife Phyllis is suffering from Alzheimer’s. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton, Beverly Sanders, Burt Lussier, Rae Sanders, BC Underwood, Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, Eunice Dobbs, 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.

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”

(James 5:16)