

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 19th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 91
Sun. AM Worship – 125
Sun. PM Worship – 74
Wed. Night (5/22) – 60

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 3

Last week we continued a study of the eternal home of the faithful Christian, Heaven. We stated that Heaven is a real place and noticed the scriptural evidence for that statement. Now we want to notice two more characteristics of this wonderful place called Heaven.

Second, Heaven is a *rewarding* place. “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Matthew 5:11-12). In Romans 6:23 we so often focus on the first half of the verse, “The wages of sin is death,” but what about the other part? “The gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.” Paul described it as a crown of righteousness. “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing” (2 Timothy 4:6-8). The reward is dependent on the life lived, and the life lived is influenced by the reward. There is a strong connection between the two. Heaven is a reward for a life lived in faithfulness to God.

Third, Heaven is a *resting* place. “Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, ‘Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them’” (Revelation 14:13). Living the Christian life is not always easy. In fact, it can be difficult sometimes. That is why I am thankful for a place of rest from the trials and tribulations of this world. “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4). That one verse tells me all that I need to know about Heaven to make me want to go there. Heaven is a place of rest.

Next week, we will notice the final two characteristics of the eternal home of the faithful child of God.

Elders:

Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

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

Minister:

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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!”

~Justin

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Devotional – Robert Anderson

AM Service:

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

Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
Security – Robert Anderson

PM Service:

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

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – David Bridges
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – Tommy Climer

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 26th** - Lesson 259 – Receiving the Uncircumcised; Disciples Called Christians – Acts 11

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) graduated 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)