

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 April 28th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 95
Sun. AM Worship – 120
Sun. PM Worship – 79
Wed. Night (5/1) – 77

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 1

Of all the gifts God has bestowed upon His children, the gift of an eternal home with Him and our Savior surely tops the list. We sing a song sometimes which says, “How beautiful Heaven must be. Sweet home of the happy and free. Fair haven of rest for the weary. How beautiful Heaven must be.” As we think about the wonderful place, there is usually one question that comes to mind. What will Heaven be like?

Such a question has been the topic of many books, songs, and sermons. Such treatments always leave us wanting more information. For many of us, the Bible is not as descriptive as we might like when it comes to describing that faithful home for the child of God. How do you explain an eternal, infinite, God-built place with human words? But God does supply us with enough information to give us a picture of place in which we should desire to reside.

No matter what is going on in this life, no matter the number of activities in which we are engage, Christians need to keep their eyes focused on that ultimate goal – an eternity with God and Christ in Heaven. So let’s notice five characteristics of Heaven that will hopefully help to motivate us to live faithfully so that we can reach that blessed home. We will begin to notice one of the five this morning.

First, Heaven is a *real* place. This is a very logical place to start because there are many in the world today that claim Heaven is not a real place. They claim there is nothing beyond this life. They state that man has no eternal nature about him, no part that will endure after death. The humanist and atheist herald this type of nonsense to anyone gullible enough to listen. Of course, the psalmist said long ago, “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good” (Psalms 14:1). I am making the assumption that we all believe God’s Word, and if we believe God’s Word, then we will believe what it says concerning Heaven.

Next week we will notice some of the Biblical statements concerning the realness of Heaven, and we will notice another one of these characteristics.

~Justin

Elders:

Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

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Tommy Climer
Robert Anderson
Bret Carmack
Jimmy 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 – Jimmy Hartman
Devotional – Joe Carmack

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – (S) Joe Carmack
(S) Perry Pena
(N) Raymond Neal
(N) Frank Carmack
(N) Tommy White

Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
Lord’s Supper – Joe Carmack
Closing Prayer – Steven Dodson
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Larry Carden
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

- David Blakely – 1
- Sonny Arwood – 3
- Synthia Gibson – 6
- Walt Hunt – 7
- Carson Hamlin – 7
- Nancy Etheridge – 8
- Elaine Neal – 9
- Julianna Carmack – 9
- Shirley Smothers – 19
- Vickie Kennedy – 25
- Winston Starks – 28
- Linda Climer – 30



What Are My Children Studying?

- **May 5th** - Lesson 253 – Feeding the 5,000; Walking on the Water – Mark 6:30-56

Mark Your Calendars!

- **June 2nd-7th**–Reelfoot Youth Camp. Applications are on the white table and must be turned in by May 15th.
- **June 24th-26th** – Vacation Bible School.

Congratulations Graduates!

- Renee Sparks will graduate from Halls High School on May 17th.
- Rylee Moore will graduate from Brighton High School on May 16th.
- Quanisa Richmond will graduate from Ripley High School on May 16th.
- Will Carmack will graduate from Dyer County High School on May 17th.
- Sophie Nipp (grandchild of the Gibsons) will graduate 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) will graduate from Cordova High school on May 18th.
- Ahmadia Hines (grandchild of the Watkins) will graduate from Haywood High School on May 18th.
- Brooklynn Alley (grandchild of the Alleys) will graduate from Gateway in Ripley on May 30th.

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.
- Shawna Carmack is dealing with strep. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ms. Pat Carmack (Pam Carmack’s sister) had surgery Thursday (5/2) morning. No update was available at time of bulletin printing. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ronnie Moore (Rylee, Abby and Maddy’s father) is in the Covington Hospital with pancreatitis. Please keep him in your prayers.
- 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)