

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 29th

Attendance:
Sun. Bible Study – 93
Sun. AM Worship –120
Sun. PM Worship – 80
Wed. Night (5/2) – 74

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!”

God-Given Attitudes

Part 3

We are studying God-given attitudes, and we noticed an attitude that we, as Christians, should not have – an attitude of fear. We have also noticed the first of three attitudes that we should have – an attitude of power. Now let’s notice the second attitude that Paul tells Timothy we should have. “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7, emp. added).

It is very interesting that right after Paul mentions having an attitude of power he mentions having an attitude of love. Love would be a restraining force for the attitude of power. It would prevent the misuse and possible abuse of the attitude of power.

We have all seen people with incredible knowledge of the Bible, but they misuse that power by perverting it to fit what they want or beating people over the head with their knowledge. When power is not tempered with love, power can become corrupted. Love doesn’t mean that we change the truth of the Bible, but we use some tact and common sense as we go about teaching others the Gospel.

Jesus talked about the importance of love when asked what the greatest commandment was. “Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:37-39). We need a love that reaches upward to God, inward to ourselves, and outward to our fellow man.

Just as the spirit of power dispels the attitude of fear, the spirit of love will do the same. “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4:18). The spirit of love is a God-given attitude that we should strive to have.

Next week, we will notice our third and final God-given attitude.
~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 – Jimmy Hartman
Devotional – David Bridges

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Kenneth Roark
Lord’s Supper – (S) Joe Carmack
(S) Steven Dodson
(N) Rusty Kennedy
(N) JB Tharpe
(N) Frank Carmack

Closing Prayer – Steven Dodson
Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
Lord’s Supper – Joe Carmack
Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins
Security – Mike White

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Steven Dodson
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson
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
- Carson Hamlin – 7
- Nancy Etheridge – 8
- Elaine Neal – 9
- Julianna Carmack – 9
- Shirley Smothers – 19
- Vickie Kennedy – 25
- Winston Starks – 28
- Linda Climer – 30



Mark Your Calendars!

- **May 10th** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **May 19th** – Ladies’ Day here! More details to come.
- **June 3rd-8th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. Applications are on the table in the foyer and are due by May 13th.
- **June 18th-20th** – Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8pm nightly.
- **June 25th** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series at 7 pm.
- **July 15th-18th** – Gospel Meeting with David Powell.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **May 6th** - Lesson 149 – David Showed Kindness to Mephibosheth – 2 Samuel 9
- **May 9th** - Lesson 150 – Ammonites and Syrians Defeated – 2 Samuel 10
- **May 13th** - Lesson 151 – David and Bathsheba – 2 Samuel 11

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.
- Numerous people have been battling flu, strep, and sickness. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton was taken to the ER on Wednesday (5/2) after suffering a salt seizure. He is home now. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Leslie Barnes was taken to Memphis due to several different health issues. She is home now and doing much better. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Levi Dodson was taken to the ER last Sunday. He is doing much better now. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Betty Arthur had a slip/fall and hurt her leg and her back. She is currently doing therapy. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Janet Colvin had a heart cath on Thursday (4/26). Everything went well and no stints were needed. Please thank God for the great results.
- Kenneth Trotz (friend of Doris Stocklin) has a mass on his pancreas. Please keep him in your prayers. Address: 7657 Bel Mar Dr., Belvedere, IL 61008
- Bert Lussier had an MRI on his back and is now scheduled to see a neurosurgeon on the 9th. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack is currently in a brace to immobilize her knee so it can heal. She is also still dealing with a kidney stone. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- David Blakely had gallbladder surgery, and is doing better after some post-surgery difficulties. He is back at his home in Medina. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Kenny Kennedy has graduated basic training and will begin AIT now. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton fell and broke her heel. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Mary Stolz (Janet Colvin’s niece) has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson’s nephew) has liver cancer again. He is doing chemo and will most likely need surgery again. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Joe Henry, Sonny Arwood, Ted Sutton, Robert Taylor, Betty Sutton, Josephine Latham, Abbey Climer, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Larry Carden, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, 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)