

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 September 23rd

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 79
Sun. AM Worship – 107
Sun. PM Worship – 56
Wed. Night (9/26) – 73

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!”

Has the Fire Gone Out?

History records for us an interesting footnote. It was during the dark winter of 1864. At Petersburg, Virginia, the Confederate army of Robert E. Lee faced the Union divisions of General Ulysses S. Grant. The war was now three and a half years old and the glorious charge had long since given way to the muck and mud of trench warfare. Late one evening one of Lee's generals, Major General George Pickett, received word that his wife had given birth to a beautiful baby boy. Up and down the line the Southerners began building huge bonfires in celebration of the event. These fires did not go unnoticed in the Northern camps and soon a nervous Grant sent out a reconnaissance patrol to see what was going on. The scouts returned with the message that Pickett had had a son and these were celebratory fires. It so happened that Grant and Pickett had been contemporaries at West Point and knew one another well, so to honor the occasion Grant, too, ordered that bonfires should be built.

What a peculiar night it was. For miles on both sides of the lines fires burned. No shots fired. No yelling back and forth. No war fought. Only light, celebrating the birth of a child. But it didn't last forever. Soon the fires burned down and once again the darkness took over. The darkness of the night and the darkness of war¹.

As New Testament Christians, we have been born again through baptism (John 3:5, Romans 6:3-8). For many Christians there was a time when the fire within us burned brightly. But overtime there is a danger of those fires going out. The darkness of a sinful world and the war that rages between light and darkness can snuff out those flames if we are not careful.

Let's be on guard, and let's continually fan our flames through righteous living so that we can be the lights that God would have us to be. “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:14-16).

Let's keep our fires burning!

~Justin

¹ Illustration taken from www.sermons.com.

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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 – 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 – Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – (S) Robert Anderson
(S) Mike White
(N) Jimmy Hartman
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) Mel Gibson

Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Lord’s Supper – Robert Anderson
Closing Prayer – Steven Dodson
Security – Steven Dodson

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader –
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer –
& Devotional
Closing Prayer –
Security –

Door Greeters for September

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

Communion for September

Mel and Synthia Gibson

October Birthdays

- Vernice Richmond – 2
- Rita Watkins – 11
- Debra Foshee – 11
- Mel Gibson – 14
- Josiah Kennedy – 17
- Alexis White – 22
- Zack Arwood – 23
- Bryan Hartman – 23
- Adrianna Carmack – 23
- Camden Tharpe – 26
- Sidney Richmond – 30
- Robert Taylor – 30



What Are My Children Studying?

- **Sept. 30th** - Lesson 191 – Quarrels and Conflicts
– James 4
- **Oct. 3rd** - Lesson 192 – Prayer – James 5
- **Oct. 7th** - Lesson 193 – Hope of Heaven – 1 Peter 1

Check the Fellowship Hall for Dishes

There are numerous plates, bowls, dishes, crock pots, etc. on the fellowship hall counter. Please go look at these items and see if any of them are yours.

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.
- Julia Alley was taken to the hospital this week. She was released to go home on Thursday. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Luke Crook (Amanda Clark’s son) should not need surgery for his leg as long as it continues to heal properly. He will be in a cast for a while. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Beverly Sanders is dealing with sciatic nerve pain. She is seeing a doctor received a steroid shot to try and help. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ashley Hendrix (Kim White’s daughter-in-law) passed away. Please keep Kim and the family in your prayers.
- Juanita Stanley (Rita Hartman’s mom) is back home, but still dealing with health related issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier is continuing to have a lot of problems with his health. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure and is taking medication for it. 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 back home, but still has a ways to go. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Marvin Moore has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines’ cancer has returned. She is taking chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Paul Bridges (David Bridges’ brother) has been diagnosed with multiple forms of cancer and is doing treatments. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Patti Jolicoeur had a pacemaker put in recently. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Matthew Buckner is battling leukemia. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Rae Sanders is recovering well. She is currently taking chemo. Please keep her in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ann Paschall, Ted Sutton, Betty Clark, Alan Sheckell, Kenny Kennedy, Brenda, Sutton, Joe Henry, Sonny Arwood, Robert Taylor, Josephine Latham, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, 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)