

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 March 24th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 67
Sun. AM Worship – 107
Sun. PM Worship – 57
Wed. Night (3/27) – 55

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!”

Talking to Our Father

Part 4

In this series of articles, we have been looking at the topic of prayer. We have asked and answered the question, “Why should I pray?” First, one should pray to ask God for the things that he needs. Second, we should pray because we need to appreciate who God is and what He does. Third, we need to pray because we need to align our will with God’s will.

We then asked a second question, “Why don’t we pray as we should?” We have noticed two reasons so far. First, we may have a lack of faith in prayer. Second, we do not see a need to pray. Let’s notice the final two possible reasons that may hinder our prayers.

Third, we are not diligent enough to pray regularly. Prayer is something that should be done on a regular constant basis. “Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer” (Romans 12:12). “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving” (Colossians 4:2). “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Daniel is a great example of this fact. In Daniel 6, we read where a decree was signed forbidding praying to the God of Heaven, but that would not deter Daniel from praying. “Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days” (Daniel 6:10). If our prayers are going to be pleasing to God, then we must pray regularly.

Fourth, we may have a lack of knowledge about prayer. Sometimes an individual may not pray because they don’t understand the ins and outs of prayer. The good news is that we can increase our knowledge concerning prayer. Look at examples of prayer in the Bible. Read passages concerning prayer. There are plenty of steps that we can take to increase our knowledge of prayer and thus our frequency of praying.

After looking at the why of prayer and noticing pitfalls that may hinder our prayers, we are hopefully better equipped to strengthen our prayer life. Let’s continue to pray and thus strengthen our trust in God Almighty.

~ Justin

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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 – Steven Dodson
Devotional – Robert Anderson

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord’s Supper – (S) Raymond Neal
(S) Joel Sutton
(N) Darrell Smothers
(N) John Dennison
(N) Mel Gibson

Closing Prayer – David Bridges
Security – Barry Bates

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Justin Paschall
Lord’s Supper – Raymond Neal
Closing Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Security – Mike White

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader –
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer –
& Devotional
Closing Prayer –
Security –

Door Greeters for March

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

Communion for April

Robert and Ernestine Anderson

April Birthdays

- Chris Carmack – 1
- Kamisha Dixon – 2
- Robert Anderson – 7
- Courtney Smith – 8
- Roy Colvin – 8
- Joe Hunt – 10
- Lauren Carmack – 10
- JT Yarbrough – 10
- Abby Moore – 11
- Maddy Moore – 11
- Will Carmack – 12
- Eunice Dobbs – 12
- Traci Pierson – 13
- Fisher Carmack – 16
- Rita Lussier – 17
- Donna Bridges – 19
- Lizzy Dunn – 23
- Caroline Snell – 26
- Aaliyah Alley – 30



What Are My Children Studying?

- **Mar. 31st** - Lesson 243 – Centurion’s Servant Healed and Widow’s Son Raised; John Questioned – Luke 7:1-35
- **Apr. 3rd** - Lesson 244 – Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman – Luke 7:36-8:3
- **Apr. 7th** - Lesson 245 – Blasphemy; Sign Seekers; Jesus’ Family – Matthew 12:22-50

Mark Your Calendars!

- **April 7th** – Last Day to bring items for the Tennessee Children’s Home.
- **May 4th** – Ladies Day at Ripley at 10:30 am.
- **June 2nd-7th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp.
- **June 24th-26th** – Vacation Bible School.
- **July 21st-24th** – Gospel Meeting.

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Don Sutton, Connie Aitken, Janet Aitken, and Howard Trull.

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.
- Beverly Sanders’ sister-in-law Maxie King passed away (3/27). No funeral arrangements were known at time of bulletin printing. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Demetra Carmack had surgery on Wednesday (3/27). She is home now. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Doris Stocklin is doing better and all heart related tests came back good. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Matthew Buckner is rejecting his bone marrow transplant. Please keep him and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- Chisholm Vaughan is doing better following some complications from having his wisdom teeth taken out. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Gale Shaw is doing some better but is still having some foot pain. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lou Leatherwood had surgery on Monday (3/18). Everything went as planned. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Carson Hamlin had a dirt bike accident Wednesday (3/13) afternoon. He broke his elbow. Please keep him in you prayers.
- Betty Brogdon’s sister-in-law Janet Aitken passed away. A memorial service was held on Saturday (3/16). She also recently lost her other sister-in-law, Connie Aitken. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Mary Presson is in Baptist East following a stroke and is also suffering from pancreatitis. Please keep her and Everett in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison will have the defibrillator for her heart installed on April 1st. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Gene Turner is experiencing some improvements. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Sherry Scallions has requested prayers and encouragement. Please say a prayer for her.
- Ted Sutton fell and broke his wrist. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- 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.
- 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)