

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 8th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 85
Sun. AM Worship – 94
Sun. PM Worship – nc
Wed. Night (3/11) – nc

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!”

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Sun. Worship-11 AM
Sun. Night-5 PM
Wed. Night-7 PM

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“Come Worship with Us!”

The Christian Response to the Coronavirus-Part 1

In Late December of last year, the Chinese government acknowledged there were some occurrences of a mysterious new virus in Wuhan and by January an outbreak had begun. Since that time, the coronavirus (COVID-19) has swept across the world with confirmed cases in regions of Africa, the Americas, Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, South-East Asia, and the Western Pacific.

The first case in the United States was confirmed on January 20th with the first death occurring on US soil on February 29th in Washington State. The last numbers on the US from the CDC on March 13th were 1,629 cases with 41 deaths, and those numbers are expected to rise.

The reaction and response by the general public have been varied. Some have been paralyzed by fear while others pretend it does not exist. Some blame democrats while others blame republicans. Some hoard goods and go on lockdown, and others go about business as usual. The question we need to ask is, “What should be the Christians response?” Please allow me to suggest four things from scripture and common sense for your consideration.

First, we should be TRUTHFUL. No matter what a Christian is engaged in, truthfulness should always be the rule. Whether our communication is done by phone, text, Facebook post, direct message, carrier pigeon, smoke signals, or in person we should always strive to make sure that what we say is true and accurate. “Therefore, putting away lying, ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,’ for we are members of one another” (Ephesians 4:25).

While the next few remarks deal directly with Facebook posts and memes, they apply to any situation. Make sure that the meme you are sharing contains accurate (and current) information. There are so many posts with inaccurate information out there that it is startling. Spend some time, do some research, and make sure it is true before you post.

Please, remove the tinfoil hats. Unless evidence is presented to the contrary this is not a biological weapon engineered by China, an attempt by the democrats to defeat Trump, the “deep state” is not attempting to tank the economy, or any other conspiracy theory nonsense. It is not helpful and could be harmful/hurtful.

Finally, the coronavirus is not a sign of the end of the world or the Second Coming of Jesus. Our Savior was very clear that there would be no sign of His return. (Matthew 24:36-39, 1 Thessalonians 5:2). Let’s make sure that we respond truthfully.

Next week we will notice another way we should respond.

~Justin

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Devotional – Raymond Neal

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
Lord's Supper – (S) Joe Hunt
(S) John Dennison
(N) MacArthur Watkins
(N) JB Tharpe
(N) Mel Gibson

Closing Prayer – John Dennison
Security – Barry Bates

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord's Supper – Joe Hunt
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Mel Gibson

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Steve Carmack
Security – Joel Sutton

Door Greeters for March

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

Communion for March

MacArthur and Rita Watkins

- Zoe Carmack – 1
- Mary Halliburton – 5
- Renee Sparks – 7
- Ann Carmack – 9
- Everett Presson – 9
- Betty Brogdon – 10
- June Roark – 13
- Betty Sutton – 15
- Dorothy Bridges – 15
- Marion Morris– 16
- Sherry Scallions – 17
- Patrice Perry – 19



What Are My Children Studying?

- **Mar. 15th** - Lesson 343 – The Resurrection; Final Remarks – 1 Corinthians 15-16
- **Mar. 18th** - Lesson 344 – The Riot of Ephesus; Paul left Ephesus for Macedonia – Act 19:21-20:2
- **Mar. 22nd** - Lesson 345 – Paul Explained Why His Visit to Corinth Has Been Delayed – 2 Corinthians 1-2

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Mar. 15th** – Brief Ladies’ meeting in the fellowship hall after morning services.
- **Mar. 15th** – VBS meeting in the fellowship hall at 4 pm.
- **Apr. 4th** – Ladies’ Day. More details coming soon.
- **June 7th-12th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. More details as time gets closer.
- **June 29th-July 1st** – Vacation Bible School.
- **July 19th-22nd** – Gospel Meeting with John DeBerry.

- 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.
- Ted Sutton was taken to LCH on Friday. He has pneumonia. He is in room 151. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin's brother, Montell passed away. Funeral services were on Saturday (3/14). Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Debbie Brush (Kim White's sister) has flu and pneumonia. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ralph Smith is recovering well from his surgery. He is still in JMCGH. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- June Roark will have knee replacement surgery on March 18th. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Joyce Dunaway is in the local hospital with a broken ankle. Unfortunately a recent visit to the orthopedic doctor revealed that it has not healed any thus far. Please keep her in your prayers.
- JC White (Tommy White's grandfather) has been diagnosed with brain cancer. The family has been called in. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison is back home. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Linsey Tharpe continues to deal with health problems during her pregnancy but is doing some better. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tommy White continues to progress after having back surgery on Tuesday (2/18). Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Bert Lussier continues to deal with some health issues and is also recovering from knee replacement surgery. Please remember him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Mary Presson is back in Memphis. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Jamaurya Mack had surgery at LeBonheur (2/7) on his right foot. Recovery time is 6-8 weeks, and then he will have surgery on the left foot. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Blake Carden (Larry and Georgia's grandson) is at MD Anderson in Texas for cancer treatment. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton has finished her radiation treatments. She will still be undergoing chemo treatments, but not as frequently. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Linda Climer, Gloria Crook, Robert Taylor, David Jennings, Justin Hendrix, Leslie Barnes, Alan Sheckell, Patricia Lee, Josephine Latham, Frances Harrell, Sonny and Reba Arwood, Rae Sanders, WL and Doris Sandlin, Martha Duggar, Johnny Olds, Matthew Buckner, Pam Carmack, Beverly Sanders, Burt Lussier, Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, Eunice Dobbs, Ann Paschall, Patti Jolicoeur, Kenny Kennedy, Robert Taylor, Johnnie Matthews, Marion Morris, Joyce Blakemore, Drexel Reed, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16)