

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 22nd

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study –
Sun. AM Worship –
Sun. PM Worship –
Wed. Night (3/25) –

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. Bible Study-10 AM
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 3

Last week, we began a study of our response to the Coronavirus. We noticed that we should be truthful and thoughtful. Let's notice a third way and the start of a fourth way in which we should respond.

Third, we should be TACTFUL. There have been many jokes made concerning the coronavirus. Countless memes on Facebook have sought to break up the scariness with laughter. Sometimes this can be good, but sometimes it can cause problems. We need to remember that this is a serious virus, and people are dying. There have been over 28,000 deaths to date worldwide. Over 1,500 of those deaths are here in the United States. There are over 1,500 families who have been devastated. Imagine if you had lost a loved one and then you see someone making light of the virus. It might not sit well with you, and if you know that person is a Christian, it might push you away from Christianity. This is also not the time to push your preferred political agenda. Let me reiterate, people are DYING!

Let's remember Paul's statements to the Colossians and Ephesians, "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Colossians 4:6). "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29). Sometimes a proper word can become improper when spoken at the wrong time. It matters not only what we say but how we say it and when we say it. While this may seem like a small point, it is important. Let's respond with tactfulness.

Fourth, we should be THANKFUL. We should be thankful that this world is not our permanent home. We sing the song, "This world is not my home. I'm just a passing through. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue." "But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them" (Hebrews 11:16). Of course that is contingent on living faithfully until death (Revelation 2:10, 2 Timothy 4:6-8).

We should be thankful that Heaven is a prepared place. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know" (John 14:1-4).

Next week we will finish the final way we should respond. ~Justin

AM Bible Study:

- Song Leader –
- Audio/Visual –
- Devotional –

AM Service:

- Usher –
- Announcements –
- Song Leader –
- Audio/Visual –
- Opening Prayer –
- Lord’s Supper – (S)
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- Closing Prayer –
- Security –

PM Service:

- Announcements –
- Song Leader –
- Audio/Visual –
- Opening Prayer –
- Lord’s Supper –
- Closing Prayer –
- Security –

Wednesday Night:

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

Door Greeters for March

- South –
- Center –
- North –

Communion for March

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?

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Mark Your Calendars!

- **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.

If you are in need of anything please call the church office, Justin, or one of the elders and let us know. We are here for one another. Also if you have updates on those who are sick or prayer requests, please get those to us.

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.
- Patricia Spiller (Steven Dodson’s grandmother) is not recovering well from open heart surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Two young men, Matthew Walker and Jaxon Woodard, died in automobile accidents recently. Please keep their families in your prayers.
- Katelyn and Greyson Norton (daughter and grandson of Kat Sepanski) both are doing much better. Please keep them in your prayer.
- Linda Thurman (Sherry Scallions’ sister) has breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- JC White (Tommy White’s grandfather) passed away. Funeral services were held on Thursday (3/19). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Mary Presson is back home. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton is still in LCH. He has pneumonia. He is in room 151. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Ralph Smith has had a few setbacks. He is still in JMCGRH. The plan is to move him to LCH for rehab once he is able. 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) is doing some better. Please keep her in your prayers.
- June Roark had her knee replacement surgery and everything went as planned. Please keep her in your prayers as he recovers.
- Lillie Dennison is making slow progress. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- 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.
- Jamaurya Mack continues to recover from his foot surgery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Blake Carden (Larry and Georgia’s grandson) has finished his radiation treatments at MD Anderson and is back in Jackson. He will begin chemo soon. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton has finished her radiation treatments. She is taking chemo once every two weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Joyce Dunaway, Drexel Reed, Tommy and 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, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.