

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 May 31st

Attendance:

- Sun. Bible Study –
- Sun. AM Worship –
- Sun. PM Worship –
- Wed. Night (6/3) –

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!”

Red and Yellow, Black and White

Part 2

Last week we introduced a problem that goes by many names: favoritism, prejudice, racism, sexism, discrimination. We also noted that as Christians this should be an attitude that we avoid and detest. There are three reasons why we as Christians reject all forms of discrimination. Let’s notice the first one.

First, discrimination is not in keeping with the character of God. Peter realized this when salvation was offered to the Gentiles. “Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him” (Acts 10:34-35). Peter said that what mattered to God was not where you were born, not the size of your bank account, nor the color of your skin, but how you live your life.

God could have had any woman give birth to His Son. He could have chosen the richest of the rich, the most influential of nobility to give birth to His Son. He chose Mary, the wife of a carpenter. God does not see as we do. “But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7).

Paul was inspired to write this about God. “For there is no partiality with God” (Romans 2:11). God is, in essence, color blind. He does not base judgments on the outward appearance but on the heart and actions of a man. If that is what God does, we should strive to do the same. Discrimination is not in keeping with the character of God.

Next week we will notice another reason why the Christian should reject any form of discrimination: Christ’s crucifixion.

~Justin

(Editor’ note: This article ran in the bulletin before but due to current events it has been edited and run again for your consideration.)

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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 –
Audio/Visual –
Devotional –I

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 June

South –
Center –
North –

Communion for June

June Birthdays

- Steven Dodson – 2
- Mariah Campbell – 3
- MacArthur Watkins – 3
- Joel Sutton – 4
- Mary Barnett – 4
- June Bates – 7
- Luke Crook – 7
- Kenneth Roark – 8
- Steve Carmack – 9
- Linsey Tharpe – 10
- Harrison Paschall – 14
- Joyce Blakemore – 18
- Briceon White – 25



Mark Your Calendars!

- **July 19th-22nd** – Gospel Meeting with John DeBerry.

Congrats Graduates

- Ben Carden graduated from Southern College of Optometry on May 5th.
- Alyssa Newman graduated from Dyersburg High School on May 15th. She plans to attend the University of Arkansas.
- Camdyn McLemore will graduate from Tipton Rosemark Academy on June 20th. She plans to attend MTSU in the fall.
- Colby Maclin graduated from Ripley High School on May 18th. She has plans to attend UTM in the fall.
- Gunnar and Kailyn Carmack graduated from Dyer County High School on May 15th.
- Alexis Gaines graduated from the University of Montana with her doctorate in physical therapy.
- Phillip Matthews graduated from Lipscomb University in May. He has accepted a position with Mercer Financial Services as a financial advisor in Nashville.
- Savannah Matthews graduated from Christ Presbyterian Academy in Brentwood in May and will be attending William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA in the fall.

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.
- Linsey and JB Tharpe have a new baby boy. Waylon Michael was born Friday (6/5), weighed 9 lbs. 14 oz., and was 21.5 inches long. Linsey and Waylon are both doing well.
- Jimmy Hartman had 2 skin cancers removed. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Tommy White, Sr. was admitted to the hospital and tested for COVID-19. He has not received results from the test at time of bulletin printing, but he was home from the hospital doing some better. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Patricia Lee (Justin Hendrix’s mother-in-law) had surgery (6/2) due to diverticulitis and a perforated colon. The surgery went well. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Marvin Moore received an all clear from his cancer. Please thank God for this news.
- Dorothy Bridges is dealing with some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- David Crossett (Mel Gibson’s stepfather) passed away. Funeral services were held on Tuesday (5/19). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Shaneka Johnson (Mac and Rita’s daughter) was diagnosed with COVID-19. She is home now. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Mark and Scott Hendrix (brothers and nephews of Joyce Blakemore). Mark donated a kidney to his brother Scott. The surgery went well (5/22) and both are recovering at the Kansas City Medical Center. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Robert and Dot Mullins (Micah’s grandparents) continue to make progress after being diagnosed with COVID-19. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Blake Carden (Larry and Georgia’s grandson) began his chemo treatments on the 4th. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Dorothy Dodson (grandmother of Steven) is 101 years old and is having to move to the nursing home. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Pamela Tankersley (Mary Barnett’ niece) is having some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton continues with treatments for cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Linda Thurman (Sherry Scallions’ sister) has breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison is making slow progress. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier, 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.