

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 August 9th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – ---
Sun. AM Worship – 65
Sun. PM Worship – ---
Wed. Night (8/12) – ---

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!”

Would Your Religion Knock Down a Wall?

Part 2

Last week we asked the question, “Would your religion knock down a wall?” We said there were a couple things that the Israelites did that allowed the walls of Jericho to fall. Before we noticed those two things it is important to note that without God, the walls would not have fallen. So what did the Israelites have to do so that God would knock down those walls?

First, they had to **listen** and **believe**. God gives Joshua his “marching” orders, but Joshua and the people had to listen to those orders and believe in those directions. Joshua could have ignored God and tried to do it on his own. Joshua could have made up his own plan of attack. After all, God’s proposed method of attack was not the most orthodox of the day. Normally to take a wall, you attack it, not march around it.

And of course, there would have been some dissenters. “God doesn’t really expect us to do this, does He?” “This doesn’t make any sense.” If we do this the people of Jericho are going to ridicule us and laugh at us.” But God had spoken, period. And so Joshua listened and believed.

The same is true today. God expects us to listen to His Word, and we do that through studying His instructions (2 Timothy 2:15). How can we believe in our marching orders if we do not take the time to read them for ourselves? Never take my word or anyone else’s. Study it for yourself. Instead of “my preacher said,” we should respond with “my Bible says.” Read it and believe it.

It was important that the people listened to God’s instructions and believed them, but that belief would have been useless without **action**. Imagine the Israelites sitting at camp saying, “Alright God, we believe you. So we are going to sit right here until the walls come down.” We would say that such is nonsense. If one truly believes then he will act.

Throughout the Bible faith or belief in God is always coupled with action. The writer of the book of Hebrews linked the two when he penned chapter 11. He connected the phrase “by faith” with an action verb, verse after verse. Jesus linked the two when he said, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16).

What brought down the walls of Jericho? Faith and Action. What will bring down religious walls today? Faith and Action. I encourage all of us to read and study our Bibles, believe what it says, and act upon what we learn.

~Justin

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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!”

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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- (N)
- (N)
- (N)

- 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 August

- South –
- Center –
- North –

Communion for August

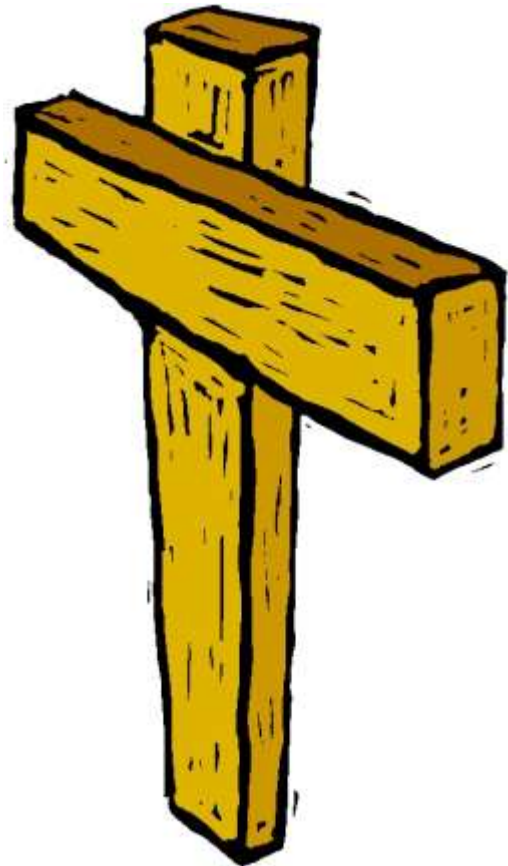
August Birthdays

- Justin Paschall – 2
- Darrin Hamlin – 10
- Raymond Neal – 11
- Darlene Underwood – 13
- JB Tharpe – 16
- Reagan Paschall – 17
- Cynthia Hunt – 20
- Evelyn Smith – 20
- Bret Carmack – 23
- Tommy Climer – 23
- Rylee Moore – 23
- Nell Dodson – 24



Memorials Received

Memorials have been received for Marion Morris and Ovelta West.



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.
- Keith Gay will have a heart cath. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Homer Watson (member of the Savannah church of Christ) is on hospice. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Kinsley Smith (Justin's 3 year old niece) had surgery on both eyes on Monday (8/10). Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Dot Mullins (Micah's grandmother) fell and broke her hip. Surgery is not an option. She will be bedridden for 6-8 weeks while it heals. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Terry Young (Stella's husband) had surgery on his leg, and things went as planned. Please keep him and Stella in your prayers.
- Tommy White came home on Friday (8/7). Please keep him and the family in your prayers as there are a lot of challenges and adjustments ahead of them.
- Ray Charles Posey is at JMCGH with lung problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Marion Morris passed away on Friday (7/24). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Fisher Carmack had carpal tunnel surgery on the other hand on Monday (8/3). Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- June Roark: Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Joyce Blakemore is recovering from her fall. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison had to go back to her GI doctor on Monday (8/3) and received a good report. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Rebecca Davis is back home and doing better with each passing day. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Scott King (Lillie Dennison's son) completed his week-long treatment schedule. Please pray that it was effective and no more treatment will be needed.
- Hugh Langley (Janet Colvin's brother) had surgery on Monday (7/6). Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Leslie Barnes is home but is still having health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tommy Climer is dealing with some health problems. Please keep him and Linda in your prayers.
- Dorothy Bridges is dealing with some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton continues with treatments for cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- David Jennings, Blake Carden, Bert Lussier, Joyce Dunaway, Drexel Reed, Linda Climer, Gloria Crook, Justin Hendrix, Alan Sheckell, Patricia Lee, Josephine Latham, Frances Harrell, Sonny and Reba Arwood, Rae Sanders, WL and Doris Sandlin, Martha Duggar, Johnny Olds, Pam Carmack, Beverly Sanders, Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, Eunice Dobbs, Ann Paschall, Robert Taylor, Johnnie Matthews, Joyce Blakemore, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.