

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 September 20th

Attendance:
Sun. Bible Study – ---
Sun. AM Worship – 81
Sun. PM Worship – ---
Wed. Night (9/23) – ---

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!”

Do They Know What You Are For?

(Editor’s note: This article originally ran in April 2017. With the election looming, I thought it might be a good reminder for all of us.)

People frame their arguments in ways that cast a positive light on their position. Those who support abortion call themselves pro-choice or pro women’s rights. On the opposite side, those who are against abortion refer to themselves as pro-life. Those who support same-sex marriage say they are in favor of marriage equality. While those who are against it say they are in favor of traditional marriage. The point is this, the way we frame our arguments, positions, and beliefs matters.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves” (Matthew 10:16). We could borrow from the wisdom of these groups and make sure the world knows what we stand for and not simply what we stand against. So what should we do? Let me suggest three things.

First, you need to *evaluate* your current communication with the world. Take an honest look at your social media posts. Think about your conversations with those around you. As you look at the totality of your communication with the world, do you focus more on the negative or on the positive? Are your words focused around outrage of wrongs or encouragement to do right? There is nothing wrong with speaking out against sin, but when you focus primarily on those things people begin to tune you out because they don’t know the positive things in your belief system. You must evaluate your communication with the world around you.

Second, you need to *enlist* some help. Sometimes our perception of ourselves can be skewed. Talk to people in your circle of whom you trust. Ask them what their perception of your beliefs is. Ask them if you primarily focus on the negative or the positive. Seek honest opinions of how others view your social media posts and communications with others.

Third, if you find that you have been focusing mainly on the negative develop a plan to change that pattern and then *execute* it. Keep track of negative posts and make sure that you counter them with positive posts. When you talk to people about God, Jesus, and the Church, focus on the positive aspects of the Christian life. This doesn’t mean that we ignore sin, but if all they hear is negative, negative, negative, why would they want to be a Christian?

Let’s be a people that are known by what we are for and not only what we are against!
~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 –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 September

South –
Center –
North –

Communion for September

September Birthdays

- Rae Sanders – 29

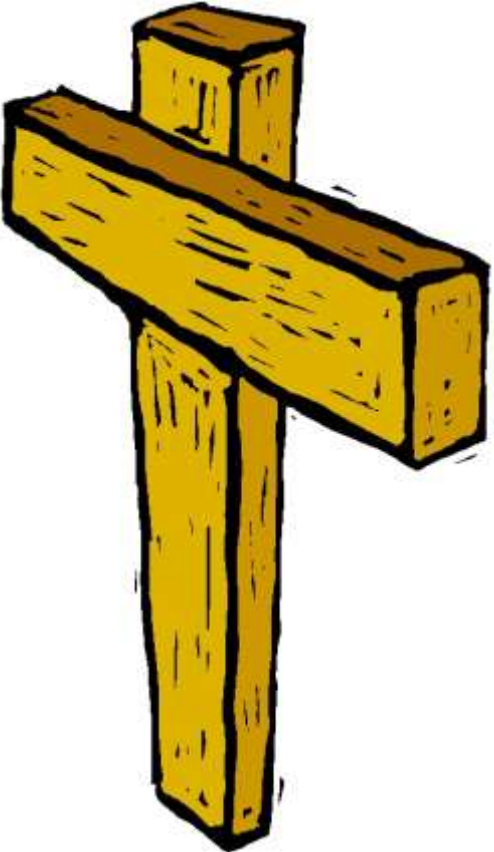
October Birthdays

- Vernice Richmond – 2
- Rita Watkins – 11
- Debra Foshee – 11
- Mel Gibson – 14
- Rhonda Sparks – 16
- Josiah Kennedy – 17
- Alexis White – 22
- Bryan Hartman – 23
- Adrianna Carmack – 23
- Camden Tharpe – 26
- Robert Taylor – 30



Memorials Received

Memorials have been received for Dot Mullins.



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.
- Remember in your prayers those suffering from the recent destruction of the hurricanes and the wildfires.
- Paul King (Beverly Sander’s brother) is battling COVID-19. He is now out of ICU and in rehab. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Gloria Crook will have knee surgery on November 4th. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lou Leatherwood has been moved to Covington Care Nursing Home. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Gene Turner fell and broke his hip. He is in LCH for rehab. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell received test results and is cancer free. Please thank God for these results.
- Bo Bodiford (friend of Melanie Moore) is fighting COVID-19 in the hospital at Vanderbilt in ICU. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Dot Mullins (Micah’s grandmother) passed away. The funeral was held last Sunday. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Peter Rode (Mickey Hamlin’s father) is making slow improvements and is home. They are still trying to determine the cause for the issues he is having. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Michael Kiestler (friend of Rebecca White) was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor. They will do surgery to remove it at the end of the month. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Terry Young (Stella’s husband) has been moved to LCH. He still has a long road ahead. Please keep him and Stella in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier has a blood clot in his right leg which will require an ultrasound. Please keep him 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.
- Lillie Dennison: Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- 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.
- 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.
- Tommy and Linda Climer, David Jennings, Blake Carden, Bert Lussier, Joyce Dunaway, Drexel Reed, Linda Climer, Justin Hendrix, 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.