

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 December 6th

Attendance:
Sun. Bible Study – ---
Sun. AM Worship – 69
Sun. PM Worship – ---
Wed. Night (12/9) – ---

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!”

Everyday Christianity

Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:15-16, “But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’” Peter calls for Christians to be “holy in **all** your conduct (epm. added, jjp).” Yet, too many Christians practice “Closet Christianity.” They take out their Christianity on Sundays and the occasional Wednesday night and leave it in the closet for the rest of the week. Such a practice is condemned in the Bible, and it hinders others from obeying the Gospel because of the hypocritical nature of some “faithful” Christians.

The unfortunate truth is that many base their opinion of Christianity as a whole and congregations individually on the actions of the most unfaithful, hypocritical person of the bunch. But such is not a true measure of what a Christian should be. It would be like tasting the worse dish that a chef ever made and using that to determine your opinion of said chef’s cooking abilities. But some of us allow ourselves to be that worse dish. We need to be better tasting!

Being a Christians involves much more than attending every worship service. It involves more than making a one-time decision to obey the Gospel. Christianity is a lifestyle, a way of life that should affect every facet of my existence here on earth. “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Colossians 3:17). “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment” (Mark 12:30).

We are not saying that Christians are or will be perfect. Paul tells us that “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). We are not talking about perfection, but direction. In what direction is your life heading. Are you living for Christ on a daily basis or only when it is convenient? As Christians we fall sometimes, but it is not the falling but the getting up that defines us. Let’s make sure that we set the proper example of what a Christian should be, both when we are living right and when we make mistakes.

Are you an everyday Christian or a once a week Christian? If you and I are going to be pleasing to the God of Heaven, then we better be serving him every day.

~ Justin

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Service Times:

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 December

South –
Center –
North –

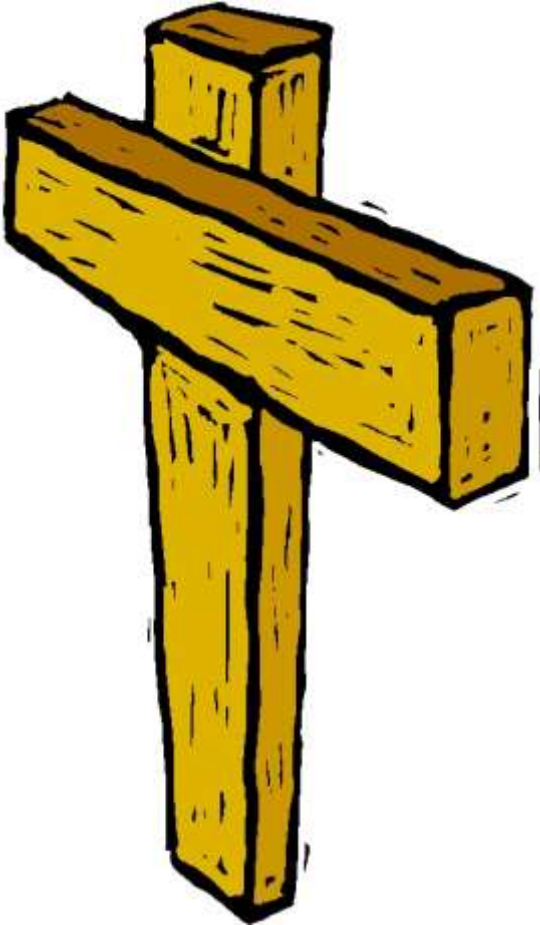
Communion for December

- Brenda Sutton – 4
- Martha Dugger – 4
- Khadijah Pierson – 5
- Tracie Goodman – 5
- John Dennison – 6
- Jennifer Olds – 9
- Tanisha Reed – 11
- Rusty Kennedy – 13
- Gale Shaw – 16
- Chisholm Vaughan – 22
- Larry Carden – 28



Memorials Received

Memorials have been received for Vicky Newman.



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.
- Justin Hendrix’s children, Bailey and Seth, lost their possessions in a house fire at their mom’s house in Mississippi. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Kenneth, June, and Anthony Roark were diagnosed with COVID-19. All are doing well at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Elvis Gay (David Bridges’ brother-in-law) has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Peter Rode (Mickey Hamlin’s father) is in the ICU in North Carolina. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Wade Stanley (Matt and April’s youngest son) broke his arm on Monday (11/23), and now has it in a cast as it heals. Please keep him and his parents in your prayers.
- Paula Bales (Mike White’s step-sister) passed away. Her funeral was held on Saturday (11/28). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Pat Coffee (Pam Carmack’s sister) had heart surgery on Thursday (11/19) at Vanderbilt. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Caroline Snell had wrist surgery, and it went well. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Everett and Mary Presson: Mr. Everett is in rehab following his surgery. Also Mrs. Mary continues to have good days and bad days. Please keep both of them in your prayers.
- Tommy White: Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Vicky Newman (Andrea Hartman Newman’s mother-in-law) passed away. Funeral services were held on Saturday (11/28). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Waylon Tharpe (Linsey and JB’s son) had surgery and is recovering at home. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Anita Rogers (Kamisha’s older sister) is battling two different forms of cancer, one of which is breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Terry Young, Bert Lussier, Betty Arthur, Lou Leatherwood, Brenda Sutton, Gene Turner, Leslie Barnes, Dorothy Bridges, Lillie Dennison, Tommy and Linda Climer, David Jennings, Blake Carden, Joyce Dunaway, Drexel Reed, Justin Hendrix, Patricia Lee, Josephine Latham, Frances Harrell, Sonny and Reba Arwood, Rae Sanders, Martha Duggar, Johnny Olds, Pam Carmack, Beverly Sanders, Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, Eunice Dobbs, Robert Taylor, Johnnie Matthews, and Joyce Blakemore: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

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