

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
- Live Faithfully – Rev. 2:10

By The Numbers for January 7th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 64
Sun. AM Worship – 95
Sun. PM Worship – 71
Contribution – \$4515
Wed. Night (1/10) – 71

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!”

Does the Great Commission Apply to Me?

Part 2

Last week we began to answer a question that was posed to me recently – Does the great commission apply to me? We began by noticing the passage in Matthew 28:18-20.

We also noted that it is true that in the context of the passage Jesus is speaking to the 11 apostles (Matt. 28:16). It is true that there are passages in Scripture that do not apply to us today. So how do we know that this command given to the apostles applies to us as well? We noticed one reason last week dealing with the apostles and the authority given them by Jesus. Let’s notice two more reasons.

Second, we have numerous examples of individuals other than the apostles teaching people the Gospel. We have the example of Phillip teaching the Ethiopian nobleman in Acts 8. The Holy Spirit instructed Phillip to do so. Why would the Holy Spirit do this if only the apostles were to carry out the Great Commission? Obviously, the Great Commission applied to more than just the apostles.

We have the examples of Aquila and Priscilla and Apollos in Corinth. All were engaged in teaching the Gospel to others. Ananias went to Saul who would later become Paul. Paul was not present when Jesus gave the Great Commission, but He was instrumental in carrying the Gospel to the Gentiles. All these examples and others show that the Great Commission is for more than just the apostles.

Third, the promise that is attached to the Great Commission shows its duration. Jesus promised to be with those who carried out His command “to the end of the age.” The apostles have died and are buried, but the age has not ended. Jesus intended the command not just for the eleven, but for some group outliving the eleven. The command will last as long as the promise attached to it – to the end of the age (the Christian age).

While there are other reasons that could be noted, these three should suffice to answer our question. Does the Great Commission apply to me? Absolutely! So let’s get busy doing it!

~Justin

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Service Times:

Sun. Bible Study-9:30 AM
Sun. Worship-10:30 AM
Sun. Night Worship-6 PM
Wed. Night-7 PM

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“Come Worship with Us!”

Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Justin Paschall
Security – Frank Carmack

AM Service:

Announcements – Robert Anderson
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord's Supper – MacArthur Watkins
Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Robert Anderson
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Shannon Williams
Lord's Supper – MacArthur Watkins
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Shannon Williams
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Bryan Hartman
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Barry Bates

**Thanks to all of the men who
lead in our worship service!**

January Birthdays

- Frank Carmack – 4
- Landon Carmack – 7
- Brent White – 11
- Chrystal Hartman – 12
- Micah Paschall – 13
- Rebecca White – 18
- Perrilyn Cherry – 19
- Zahmyia Harper – 20
- Luke Hartman – 22
- TJ White – 24
- Georgia Carden – 26

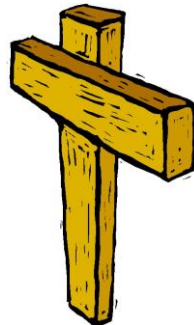


Mark Your Calendars!

- **Jan. 17th** – Wednesday Night Meal at 5:45. Menu on the podium in the foyer.
- **Jan. 18th** – Thursday Night Ladies' Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Jan. 24th** – Wednesday Night Meal at 5:45. Menu on the podium in the foyer.
- **Jan. 25th** – Thursday Night Ladies' Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

Baptisms!

- **Josie Green** was baptized on Sunday (12/24) following morning services.
- **Kennedy Williams** was baptized on Tuesday (12/26) evening.
- Please keep both in your prayers as they begin a new walk in Christ. We rejoice and congratulate them on their decision!



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.
- Tommy White is in JMCGRH. He is having issues with his blood pressure and sugar. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Larry Spiess' cancer has returned. It is in his spine and pelvis and is aggressive. Please keep him and JoAnn in your prayers.
- Tommy Watts' (David Watts' brother) memorial service will be on Thursday (1/18). Visitation will be from 10-12 with the funeral beginning at 12 at the Halls Funeral Home. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Wyatt Stanley (Matt and April's son) received great results from his CT. While there is a small issue with one of his valves, it is something that they will keep an eye on but doesn't require surgery. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Leia Stanley (Matt and April's daughter) has her heart surgery rescheduled for Feb. 20th. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- David Blakely is in LCH. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Martha Haynes passed away. The funeral was Thursday (1/4). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Debbie Barnett (daughter-in-law of Mary Barnett) passed away. Visitation was on Thursday (12/28) with a graveside to follow later. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Margaret Meeks (BC Underwoods' sister) passed away. The funeral was on Thursday (12/21) Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Erica White (Dustin White's wife) has been diagnosed with Lupus. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Everett Presson is home. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Paul Watkins (nephew of Synthia Gibson and Vickie Eastep) continues to recover from brain surgery due to cancer. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Renee Blakley is dealing with health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lynn Shepherd (Elaine Neal's brother) is home now. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Frank Carmack, Johnny Olds, Frances Harrell, Pam Carmack, Scott Sanders, David Blakely, Marian Smith, Tim Etheridge, Linda Climer, Ruth King, Lillie Dennison, Terry and Stella Young, Josephine Latham, Brenda Sutton, Joyce Dunaway, Everett Presson, Tyler Newman, Justin Hendrix, Elvis Gay, Leslie Barnes, Drexel Reed, Martha Duggar, and Johnnie Matthews: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

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