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 February 18th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – nc

Sun. AM Worship –105

Sun. PM Worship – 60

Wed. Night (2/21) – 60

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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February 25, 2018

"Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!"

Clearing a Path

I recently read the following statement that struck a chord with me. "Going to church regularly is like making a path through the forest – the more often you use it, the less obstructions you find in your way." In looking at my own life, I can honestly say that such is a true statement. When we make the decision to follow Christ no matter what, it makes the path easier to travel than if we wait until we have to make that decision. In order to clear a path, we want to notice two things that we may need to remove.

First, we may need to remove the hindrance of materialism. One of the big hindrances to individuals coming to every worship service of the church is a desire for material things. Sometimes that comes in the form of putting unnecessary work in the place of worship. Sometimes it comes in the place of enjoying material things instead of coming to worship services. Regardless when material things take the place of God on our list of important things we must remove that hindrance if we want to be faithful to God.

Second, we may need to remove the hindrance of hobbies/sports. In too many "Christian" homes, sports and recreation have become their gods. When sporting events (whether playing or watching) come before coming to worship services, we tell God that He is not number one in our life. Our actions speak louder than our words. Even if a person went on to be the best athlete in the sport they have chosen, it would not be worth the loss of one's soul. We may need to remove the hindrance of hobbies/sports.

Jesus' words in Matthew 6:33 really sum up our obligation when it comes to our priorities to God. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Let's all strive to put God first in all that we do!

~Justin

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Pat Carmack **Tommy Climer** Kenneth Roark

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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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Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman Devotional – David Bridges

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers Announcements – Joe Hunt Song Leader – David Snell Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack Lord's Supper – (S) Jimmy Hartman

- (S) Joel Sutton
- (N) Darrell Smothers
- (N) Mel Gibson
- (N) Robert Anderson

Closing Prayer – David Snell Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt Song Leader – David Snell Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman Opening Prayer – Larry Carden Lord's Supper – Jimmy Hartman Closing Prayer – Tommy Climer Security – Tommy Climer

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor & Devotional Closing Prayer – Mel Gibson Security – Frank Carmack

Door Greeters for February

South – David Snell, Joe Hunt Center – Robert Taylor North – Steve Carmack

Communion for February

Joel and Betty Sutton

February Birthdays

- Zyriah Harper 1
- Jimmy Hartman– 8
- Mickey Hamlin– 12
- Darrell Smothers 13
- Pam Carmack 16
- Quanisa Richmond 17
- Bert Lussier 17
- Lillie Dennison 20
- Pat Carmack 21
- Doris Stocklin 22
- Stella Young 24
- Quincy Richmond, Sr. 25
- Mike White 28
- Neiara Genesy 29

Mark Your Calendars!

- Feb. 28th <u>WNWWM</u> at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. See menu on the white table in the foyer
- Mar. 1st <u>Ladies' Class</u> at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- Mar. 23rd-24th <u>Ladies Retreat</u> hosted by Phillips Street. Info on the white table.

What Are My Children Studying?

- Feb. 25th Lesson 129 Abraham Offered Isaac Genesis 22-23
- Feb. 28th Lesson 130 A Wife for Isaac Genesis 24
- Mar. 4th Lesson 131 <u>Birth of Jacob and Esau</u> *Genesis 25*

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Brazell Brown, Mary Smith, and Bobby Clement.



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.
- Numerous people have been battling flu, strep, and sickness. Please keep them in your prayers.
- <u>Bobby Clement (Evelyn Smith's brother-in-law)</u> passed away. Funeral services were held on Thursday (2/22). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- <u>Angela Simone</u> (Joyce Blakemore's niece) fell and suffered some injuries. Please keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Ted Sutton</u> is back home. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- <u>Doris Stocklin</u> has had two sisters, Brazell Brown (Detroit, MI) and Mary Smith (Ripley, TN), pass away recently. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Nancy Etheridge is recovering at her son's house. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Vickie Kennedy</u> is dealing with shingles. Please keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Bert Lussier</u> is back home from the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.
- <u>Kenny Kennedy</u> is in basic training. His address is on the bulletin board. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton fell and broke her heel. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Robert Taylor has gone home. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- <u>Ann Brown</u> (WL Sandlin's home health nurse) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Quincy Richmond, Jr. has been offered a scholarship to play football at Dean College in Massachusetts. He will start in August. Please keep him in your prayers.
- <u>Darice Sheckell</u> (Synthia Gibson's sister-in-law) had surgery and everything went as planned. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- <u>Mary Stolz</u> (Janet Colvin's niece) has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Alan Sheckell</u> (Synthia Gibson's nephew) has liver cancer again. He is doing chemo and will most likely need surgery again. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- <u>WL Sandlin</u> continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- <u>Pam McDonald's 3 month old granddaughter</u> is having seizures. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Sonny Arwood, Betty Sutton, Josephine Latham, Abbey Climer, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Larry Carden, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lillie Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

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

