

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 30th

Attendance:
Sun. Bible Study – 79
Sun. AM Worship – 123
Sun. PM Worship – 67
Wed. Night (1/2) – Not Counted

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!”

Lifting Them Up

An individual wrote a story about a man traveling who fell into a deep pit and was unable to get out. Several people came along and saw the struggling man. The sensitive person said, “I feel for you down there in that pit.” The reflective person said, “It’s logical that someone would fall into the pit.” The aesthetic person said, “I can give you ideas on how to decorate your pit.” The judgmental person said, “Only bad people fall into the pit.” The curious person said, “Tell me how you fell into the pit.” The perfectionist said, “I believe you deserve your pit.” The evaluator asked, “Are you paying taxes on this pit.” The self-pitying person said, “You should have seen my pit.” The counselor said, “Just relax and don’t think about the pit.” The optimist said, “Cheer up! Things could be worse.” The pessimist said, “Be prepared! Things will get worse.” Jesus, seeing the man, loved him, and lifted him out of the pit.

The truth is each and every one of us was in that pit of sin. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). The consequences of being in that pit are severe. “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23). Jesus, through His death, burial, and resurrection lifted us out of that pit. The question I want to ask us is, “How do we react when we see *other* people in the pit?” Do we identify with Jesus or with one of the other individuals in the story above? Are we looking for opportunities to help those around us?

Jesus closed a parable about helping those in need with the following words: ““So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?’ And he said, ‘He who showed mercy on him.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise’” (Luke 10:36-37). Let’s go and do likewise!

~Justin

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Joe Hunt
David Snell

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Kenneth Roark

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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!”

January Birthdays

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Stephen Dodson
Devotional – Tommy Climer

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Stephen Dodson
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
Lord's Supper – (S) Steve Carmack
(S) Mike White
(N) Robert Anderson
(N) Frank Carmack
(N) JB Tharpe

Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Bret Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Stephen Dodson
Opening Prayer – David Bridges
Lord's Supper – Steve Carmack
Closing Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
Security – Tommy Climer

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – Stephen Dodson
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – Joel Sutton

Door Greeters for January

South – Steve Carmack
Center – Robert Taylor
North – Joe Hunt



- 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
- Alyssa Dunn – 22
- TJ White – 24
- Judy Anderson – 24
- Georgia Carden – 26

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Jan. 6th** - Lesson 219 – Second Passover; Provisions for Guidance and Order of Procedure
– Numbers 9-10
- **Jan. 9th** - Lesson 220 – Murmurings and Judgment – Numbers 11-12
- **Jan. 13th** - Lesson 221 – Report of the 12 Spies
– Numbers 13-14

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Jan. 9th** – Wednesday Night Winter Warmup Meals at 5:45. See menu on white table.
- **Jan. 16th** – Wednesday Night Winter Warmup Meals at 5:45. See menu on white table.
- **Jan. 17th** – Ladies' Bible Class at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Jan. 23rd** – Wednesday Night Winter Warmup Meals at 5:45. See menu on white table.

New Sign-up Sheet

There is a sign-up sheet for communion preparation on the white table in the foyer. Please sign up to help. Thanks in advance for your help and participation.

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.
- Larry Tillman's sister, Beverly Haislip, passed away. The funeral was Sunday (12/23). She was also a first cousin to Linda and June. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Gene Campbell had a procedure to remove a malignant tumor from his bladder. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Burt Lussier is having some serious health problems. Please keep him and Rita in your prayers.
- Hazel Haney (wife of Bill Haney who preaches at Gates) passed away. Her funeral and burial was Saturday (12/22) at Tiptonville. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Betty Thomas fell and broke her knee cap. She will see the doctor again in a few weeks to assess how it is healing. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Eunice Dobbs is back home now. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison has been having some problems. She continues to see doctors to try and get some answers. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Linda Climer was in an automobile accident recently and suffered minor injuries. She is doing much better. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- BC Underwood continues to recover at home. Please keep him and Darlene in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton is dealing with some health related issues. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Elaine Throgmorton (Francis Harrell's sister-in-law) fell and broke her shoulder. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Martha Dugger (Francis Harrell's sister) has had to have some skin cancer removed. She also has another procedure scheduled soon. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Melanie Moore is continuing to recover. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Beverly Sanders is dealing with sciatic nerve pain which is affecting her mobility. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tim Etheridge (Nancy Etheridge's son) is dealing with several health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack is still recovering from injuries to her leg. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Paul Bridges (David Bridges' brother) is back at work. The cancer is responding favorably to the treatments thus far. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Matthew Buckner, Ann Paschall, Patti Jolicoeur, Kenny Kennedy, Brenda Sutton, Sonny Arwood, Robert Taylor, Josephine Latham, Johnnie Matthews, Marion Morris, 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)

Communion for January

Bret and Johanna Carmack