

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 April 5th
Attendance:
Sun. Bible Study –
Sun. AM Worship –
Sun. PM Worship –
Wed. Night (4/8) –

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?

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 conversation 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 take 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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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 April

South –
Center –
North –

Communion for April

April Birthdays

- Chris Carmack – 1
- Kamisha Dixon – 2
- Robert Anderson – 7
- Courtney Smith – 8
- Roy Colvin – 8
- Joe Hunt – 10
- Lauren Carmack – 10
- JT Yarbrough – 10
- Abby Moore – 11
- Maddy Moore – 11
- Will Carmack – 12
- Eunice Dobbs – 12
- Traci Pierson – 13
- Fisher Carmack – 16
- Rita Lussier – 17
- Donna Bridges – 19
- Lizzy Dunn – 23
- Caroline Snell – 26
- Aaliyah Alley – 30



What Are My Children Studying?

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Mark Your Calendars!

- **June 7th-12th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. More details as time gets closer.
- **June 29th-July 1st** – Vacation Bible School.
- **July 19th-22nd** – Gospel Meeting with John DeBerry.

If you are in need of anything please call the church office, Justin, or one of the elders and let us know. We are here for one another. Also if you have updates on those who are sick or prayer requests, please get those to us.

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.
- Ted Sutton is still in LCH. They are trying to get him on hospice to bring him home. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack has been moved from the hospital to the nursing home for rehab. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton is scheduled to have surgery on Thursday (3/23) to remove the tumor from her kidney. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ralph Smith has been moved home and will continue with home health. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Mike White twisted his knee. It is slowly improving. Please keep him in your prayers.
- JB Haynes (June Roark’s brother) had a procedure that went well. He is home now recovering. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Josh McWilliams (Stella Young’s grandson) was stationed on the USS Theodore Roosevelt. He is now off the ship. Please keep the situation in your prayers.
- Simmie Ray Dinkins (friend of Steven Dodson from D.C.) has contracted COVID-19 and is asthmatic. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Phil Davis (Robert Taylor’s son-in-law) had surgery for colon cancer on Tuesday (4/7). Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Patricia Spiller (Steven Dodson’s grandmother) is not recovering well from open heart surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Two young men, Matthew Walker and Jaxon Woodard, died in automobile accidents recently. Please keep their families in your prayers.
- Linda Thurman (Sherry Scallions’ sister) has breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- June Roark is making progress after knee replacement surgery. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Lillie Dennison is making slow progress. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Blake Carden (Larry and Georgia’s grandson) will begin chemo soon. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton, Bert Lussier, Joyce Dunaway, Drexel Reed, Tommy and Linda Climer, Gloria Crook, Robert Taylor, David Jennings, Justin Hendrix, Leslie Barnes, Alan Sheckell, Patricia Lee, Josephine Latham, Frances Harrell, Sonny and Reba Arwood, Rae Sanders, WL and Doris Sandlin, Martha Duggar, Johnny Olds, Matthew Buckner, Pam Carmack, Beverly Sanders, Burt Lussier, Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, Eunice Dobbs, Ann Paschall, Patti Jolicoeur, Kenny Kennedy, Robert Taylor, Johnnie Matthews, Marion Morris, Joyce Blakemore, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.