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 January 12th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study - 90

Sun. AM Worship – 120

Sun. PM Worship – 76

Wed. Night (1/8) - 65

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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January 12, 2020

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

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"Come Worship with Us!"

The Wrapping Matters

If your house is anything like mine, at the conclusion of Christmas morning it looks like a bomb of wrapping paper, tissue paper, bows, and boxes has exploded in our living room. We all understand it is what is inside those boxes that we want to see, but to some (my wife being one of them), the wrapping matters.

With the exception of the one gift that I wrapped (which looked like a T-Rex did it), Micah had coordinating paper and bows. It really made for a very beautiful scene as we dimmed the lights on Christmas Eve and shuffled off to bed awaiting Santa's arrival. To some, the wrapping matters.

Such is also true of the Gospel. We understand that it is the message that is of the utmost importance. It is God's Word that is "living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword' (Heb. 4:12). It is the Gospel that is "the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes" (Rom. 1:16). It is the Scriptures that are "given by inspiration of God" and can make us "complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

And while the message matters, the methods that are employed and the manner in which it is delivered matters as well. Different aspects of the Gospel can be emphasized depending on to whom we are speaking. Understanding our audience can help us to better reach them in a manner that will be easier to accept. I am not for a moment suggesting that we change the message. Never! But we should be aware of the way in which that message is being disseminated. Consider these two quick examples.

First, notice the Gospel accounts. Why four accounts? Why do they each have a different tone? Why do they emphasize different things? They were written to different audiences. As such, God saw fit to emphasize the things that the audience for that particular account would benefit from the most

Second, consider the words of Paul. In 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Paul discussed how he varied his approach depending on the individual. "I have become all things to all men, that I might save some" (v 22). Paul understood that the way in which he presented the Gospel to others mattered.

Yes, the message of paramount importance, but let's not forget – the wrapping matters!

~Justin

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Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell Audio/Visual – David Bridges Devotional – Robert Taylor

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers Announcements – Tommy Climer Song Leader – David Snell Audio/Visual – David Bridges Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers Lord's Supper – (S) Raymond Neal

- (S) Mike White
- (N) Robert Anderson
- (N) John Dennison
- (N) MacArthur Watkins

Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:

Announcements – Tommy Climer Song Leader – David Snell Audio/Visual – David Bridges Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson Lord's Supper – Raymond Neal Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt Security – Jimmy Hartman

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins Audio/Visual – David Bridges Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson & Devotional Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal Security – Barry Bates

Door Greeters for January

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

Communion for January

Bret and Johanna Carmack

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

What Are My Children Studying?

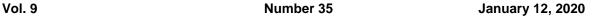
- Jan. 12th Lesson 325 Excuses of the Invited Guests; Counting the Cost of Discipleship – Luke 14:15-35
- Jan. 15th Lesson 326 Parables of the Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son Luke 15
- Jan. 19th Lesson 327 Parable of the Unrighteous Steward Luke 16:1-18

Mark Your Calendars!

- Jan. 15th Wednesday Night Meal at 5:45. Menu sign-up on the table in the foyer.
- Jan. 22nd <u>Wednesday Night Meal</u> at 5:45. Menu sign-up on the table in the foyer.
- Jan. 29th <u>Wednesday Night Meal</u> at 5:45. Menu sign-up on the table in the foyer.

Congratulations

- Luke Hartman was named student of the month at Halls Elementary.
- Kamisha Dixon was named Teacher of the Year for Ripley Middle School.



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.
- <u>Leslie Barnes</u> is still having some issues with her sugar levels and her kidneys. Please keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Lillie Dennison</u> is having severe mobility issues. She had an appointment with a specialist who has suggested steroids and physical therapy. Please keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Gloria Crook</u> has a couple of doctor appointments concerning the knee problems that she has been dealing with. Please keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Doris Stocklin</u> is home from the hospital taking antibiotics for pneumonia. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Betty Sutton had a second surgery and is home recovering. Please keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Darrell Smothers</u> had surgery on Wednesday (12/17). He is home recovering. Please keep him in your prayers.
- <u>Kristina Lussier</u> (Bert Lussier's daughter) was in a serious car accident requiring surgery on her knee. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier will have knee surgery on Jan. 13th. Please remember him in your prayers.
- <u>Tommy White</u> is dealing with severe back pain. He has an appointment to have a MRI on January 14th. Please keep him in your prayers.
- <u>Justin Hendri</u>x has several short deployments over the next year leading up to deploying in 2021. Please keep him in your prayers.
- <u>Juanita Stanley</u> (Rita Hartman's mother) is having some problems with her neck. Please keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Blake Carden</u> (Larry and Georgia's grandson) went to MD Anderson in Texas to get a second opinion on the cancer treatment plans. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- <u>Ted Sutton</u> is home from rehab. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- <u>Brenda Sutton</u> has been undergoing chemo and radiation treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Alan Sheckell's</u> cancer has returned. It is in both lungs and he is undergoing chemo. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- 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, Drexel Reed, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.
- "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16)