

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 December 11th

Attendance:
Sun. Bible Study – 60
Sun. AM Worship – 98
Sun. PM Worship – 60
Wed. Night (12/14) – 54

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!”

What I Love About Being a Christian

I love being a child of the King! Why?

First, Christians have a family. God designed the physical family in the paradise of Eden (cf. Genesis 2:7; 18). Most of us enjoy that blessing from God. In the New Testament, God gave us a second family—relationships with other church members. If our physical family fails us, especially, God has given us the substitute of a family in Christ (cf. Mark 10:29–30). Christians love to sing of this truth:

*We’re part of the family, that’s been born again,
Part of the family, whose love knows no end,
For Jesus has saved us, and made us His own,
Now we’re part of the family that’s on its way home!*

Second, Christians have a function. Our foremost purpose in life is to bring glory to our Father (cf. Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12). Therefore, our aim is to do “in word or deed” all we do by the authority of Jesus Christ (cf. Colossians 3:17; Acts 4:7–10). Our speech (Colossians 4:6), attitudes (Philippians 2:1–5), clothing (1 Timothy 2:9–10; 1 Peter 3:3–4), and daily work (Colossians 3:22) should reflect Jesus (1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6).

Third, Christians have a future. Those in Christ have a wonderful future no matter what their situation today. God’s Book affirms that the Christian’s future is bright (Luke 10:20; 1 Peter 1:1–9; Romans 6:22). Truly, I know not what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow! A family, function, and future—all free. Jesus is still taking followers!

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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 – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Justin Paschall
Security – Joel Sutton

AM Service:

Announcements – Steven Dodson
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – David Watts
Lord's Supper – Steve Carmack
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:

Announcements – Steven Dodson
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
Lord's Supper – Steve Carmack
Closing Prayer – Shannon Williams
Security – Joel Sutton

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Shannon Williams
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – JB Tharpe

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

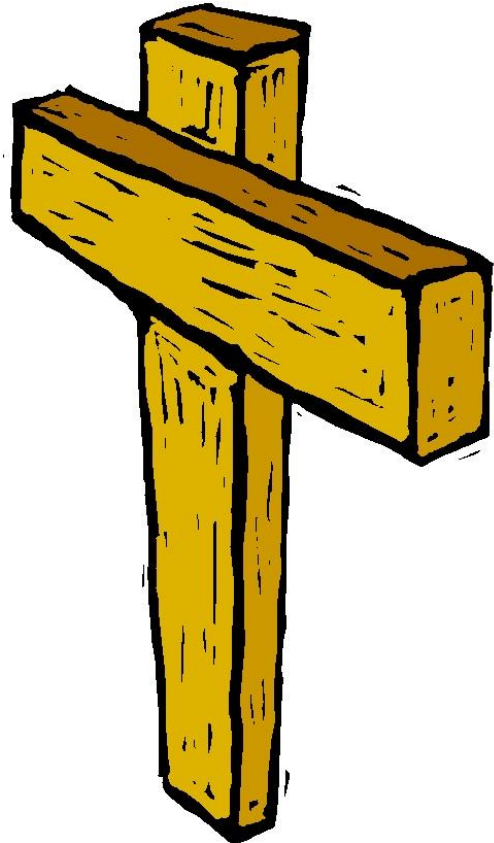
December Birthdays

- Brenda Sutton – 4
- Martha Dugger – 4
- Khadijah Pierson – 5
- Tracie Goodman – 5
- John Dennison – 6
- Jennifer Olds – 9
- Tanisha Reed – 11
- Gale Shaw – 16
- Chisholm Vaughan – 22
- Larry Carden – 28



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Dec. 25th** – Worship service will be at 10:30. There will be no other services.
- **Dec. 30th-Jan. 1st** – Light the Fire for ages 13-23. See Justin for more details.



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.
- We have been asked to keep the students, teachers, and administrators of the Ripley School System (especially the high school) in our prayers.
- Scott Sanders (Beverly Sanders' son) had surgery on Thursday (12/15) to remove cancer spots on his liver and colon. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Dorothy Bridges is on hospice care. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Frances Harrell is not doing well. Please keep her in your prayers.
- James Sangster (Robert Anderson's father) passed away. Funeral services were held Saturday (12/10). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Martha Lynn Cranford (Ralph Smith' sister) passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Franklin Alley came home from the hospital and is doing better. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Josie Dodson is having some health problems that she will be seeing a doctor about. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Johnny Olds met with a surgeon on Tuesday (12/6) to discuss treatment options for his back. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Renee Blakely saw a specialist at Vanderbilt on the 12th for some health issues she is dealing with. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Steve Arwood passed away. Funeral services were held on Thursday (12/8). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Reagan Paschall is doing much better. Thank you for your prayers.
- Tommy White had his stem cell treatment. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Larry Spiess is continuing his treatments for cancer. Please keep him and JoAnn in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell: (Synthia Gibson's nephew) Please keep him and the family in your prayers as he battles cancer.
- Kim White is doing some better. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Scott Sanders, David Blakely, Marian Smith, Tim Etheridge, Tommy and Linda Climer, Mark Paschall, Ruth King, Lillie Dennison, Terry and Stella Young, Josephine Latham, Scott King, Tommy Watts, Brenda Sutton, Joyce Dunaway, Everett Presson, Frances Harrell, Tyler Newman, Justin Hendrix, Elvis Gay, Leslie Barnes, Betty Arthur, Drexel Reed, Martha Duggar, Paul Bridges, Robert Taylor, and Johnnie Matthews: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

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