

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 October 30<sup>th</sup>

Attendance:  
Sun. Bible Study – 69  
Sun. AM Worship – 93  
Sun. PM Worship – 67  
Wed. Night (11/2) – 55

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!”

On November 9<sup>th</sup>...

There has been much said about the importance of November 8<sup>th</sup>, Mid-term Election Day. Advertisments on radio, tv, socia media, and newspapers all proclaim that this is election is extremly important. This election cycle has been characterized (as it usually is) by hatred, division, and fearmongering. And while I agree that November 8<sup>th</sup> is an important day, for the Christian, November 9<sup>th</sup> is more important. Our reaction to the outcome of the election will say more about who we truly trust and where our allegiance truly lies. No matter who is elected on November 8<sup>th</sup>, here are four things that will still be true on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

First, God will still be on His throne. No candidate, nor their party, has the ability to remove God from His throne. Our God created it all (Genesis 1:1), He rules over it all (Daniel 4:17), and He will one day destroy it all (2 Peter 3:10). The outcome of this election will not change that.

Second, Jesus will still be King of kings and Lord of lords. In numerous places throughout scripture, Jesus is referred to as such. “...He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords” (1 Timothy 6:15). In several places in the book of Revelation, He is referred to as such. The question becomes whether we will trust in Him as our King or in some other individual.

Third, our primary citizenship will still be in Heaven. If you consider yourself an Amercian first and a Christian second, you need to correct your mindset. If your actions and words are more focused on elections than eternity, you need to change. “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20). Don’t forget it!

Fourth, the Gospel will still be the answer to what ails our nation and mankind. The answer for what is wrong is not found in any political party, or platform; it is and always will be the Gospel. The Gospel is the power of God (Romans 1:16-17). God’s Word is quick and powerful (Hebrews 4:12). If we want to help this nation, let’s spend more time and energy sharing the Gospel than our political ideaology. The Gospel is, and will always be, the answer.

No matter who is elected; no matter who controls the house or senate, none of these things will change. Let’ make sure that our faith is not placed in political candidates, but in the God of Heaven. Let’s serve Him faithfully.

~Justin

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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 – MacArthur Watkins  
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman  
Audio/Visual – Justin Paschall  
Security – Joel Sutton

### AM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman  
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor  
Lord's Supper – David Watts  
Closing Prayer – David Bridges  
Security – Joel Sutton

### PM Service:

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

### Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell  
Facebook Live – Shannon Williams  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins  
Security – JB Tharpe

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

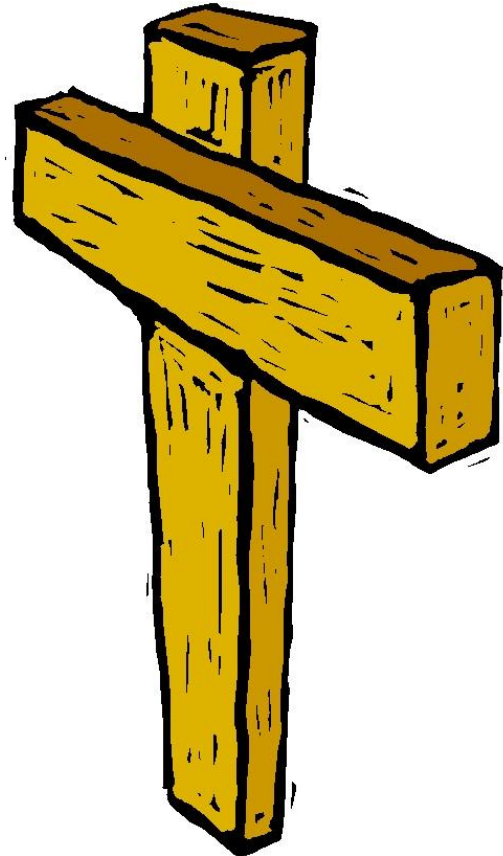
## November Birthdays

- Mammie Watkins – 2
- David Bridges – 7
- Johanna Carmack – 13
- Dana Carmack – 20
- Debbie Barnett – 28
- Larry Spiess – 28
- Josephine Latham – 30
- Kameryn Sumerall – 30



## Mark Your Calendars!

- **Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.



## 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.
- Pam Carmack has been diagnosed with Covid. Please keep her in your prayers.
- JB Haynes (June Roark's brother) passed away. His funeral was on Friday (11/4). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Eunice Dobbs passed away Sunday (10/23). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Linda Lovejoy (Janet Colvin's sister) passed away Wednesday (10/12) evening. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Richard Broadstreet (JB Tharpe's uncle) passed away (10/12). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison is back home and doing better. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Larry Spiess has started 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 still having health difficulties. Her heart cath and nerve block went well. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier is still struggling with his health. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Bruce Buggs (works storm services) had open heart surgery (9/30) and is recovering well. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Rob Frankum (works storm services) had a PET scan due to a possible return of cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Scott Sanders (Beverly Sanders' son) is having a tough time with his chemo. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Marian Smith (Evelyn's sister-in-law) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lois Watts, Tim Etheridge, Tommy and Linda Climer, Mark Paschall, Ruth King, David Bridges, Lillie Dennison, Terry and Stella Young, Tommy White, 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, Johnny Olds, 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)**