

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 February 5th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 55
Sun. AM Worship – 112
Sun. PM Worship – 74
Wed. Night (2/8) – 69

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!”

Will You Be My Valentine?

Tuesday is Valentine’s Day, a day of cards, flowers, chocolates, and most importantly, love. It is holiday where many will ask the question, “Will you be my Valentine?” Of course that got me to thinking...am I God’s Valentine? He has obviously expressed his love (John 3:16), but have I responded in kind. To truly be God’s Valentine, I need to embody Mark 12:30, “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Four questions that we want to ask to determine if we are God’s Valentine. These four questions encompass four very important parts of man.

First, do you love God with all of your heart? This question touches on the emotional side of man. For us to love God as He would have it, our emotions must be wrapped up in Him. We cannot love anyone more than we love God. “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me” (Matthew 10:37). Our feelings for Him must surpass all others if we are going to love Him with all of our heart.

Second, do you love God with all of your soul? This question touches on the eternal nature of man. Only man has this eternal nature. When we die, we do not cease to exist, but we go into eternity (Ecclesiastes 12:7). We must love God to the point that we want to be with Him forever if we are to love Him with all of our soul.

Third, do you love God with all of your mind? This question touches on the intellectual side of man. Christianity is not a thoughtless religion. Faith is not without evidence. And so in order to be pleasing to God, our minds must investigate who He is and what He has done for us. And then make an informed choice to follow Him fully. We need to be like Joshua and chose to follow God (Joshua 24:15). Friends, that is loving Him with all of our mind.

Finally, do you love God with all of your strength? This question touches on the physical side of a man. It is not enough to love God more than any other; it is not enough to want to spend eternity with Him; it is not enough to make a choice to serve Him; we must act on that choice. We need to have the attitude of Jesus. “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work” (John 9:4). Working for Him, that is loving God with all of your strength.

It is wonderful to know that God loves us, but it is just as important to show God that we love Him too. “We love Him because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19). Do you love God with your all? If not, start today!
~ 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 – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Justin Paschall
Security – Frank Carmack

AM Service:

Announcements – Robert Anderson
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Robert Anderson
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Shannon Williams
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Steven Dodson
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – Darrell Smothers

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

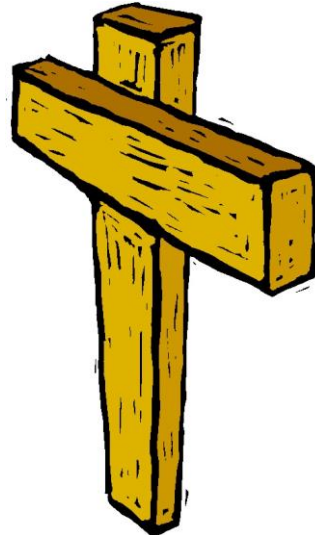
February Birthdays

- Zyriah Harper – 1
- Andy Daniels – 4
- Melanie Moore – 7
- Jimmy Hartman – 8
- Mickey Hamlin – 12
- Darrell Smothers – 13
- Pam Carmack – 16
- Quanisa Richmond – 17
- Bert Lussier – 17
- Lillie Dennison – 20
- Pat Carmack – 21
- Doris Stocklin – 22
- Stella Young – 24
- Shannon Williams (Father) – 25
- Quincy Richmond – 25
- Mike White – 28
- Neirara Genesy – 29



Mark Your Calendars!

- **June 4th-9th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. More details to come.
- **June 26th-28th** – Vacation Bible School.
- **July 16th-19th** – Gospel Meeting with John DeBerry.



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.
- Lots of folks have been sick over the past few weeks with flu, covid, strep, etc. Please remember those that you know about in your prayers.
- Roger Nadeau (Rebecca White's uncle) is in his last days of battling cancer. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Jill Watson (David Snell's sister) has been in the hospital in Murfreesboro. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Shirley Thompson (Roy Colvin's sister) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes treatment.
- Robert Taylor is in the local hospital. He is continuing to receive physical therapy. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Jane Snell will continue with doctor appointments to determine the best course of treatment for breast cancer. Please keep her and David in your prayers.
- Bubba Higdon's (Micah's stepfather) dad, John Higdon, passed away. His funeral was Saturday (2/11). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Lloyd Sanders (Rae Sanders' son) passed away. The funeral was in Camden on Tuesday (1/24). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Scott Sanders (Beverly Sanders' son) is making slow improvements. He has been moved to a long term care unit in Nashville. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Deon Williams (Shannon Williams' brother) was in a serious car accident. He is home recovering and doing better. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Dorothy Bridges passed away. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday (12/30). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Larry Spiess is continuing his treatments for cancer. He received good news that the treatments are being effective! Please keep him and JoAnn in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson's nephew) will be seeing a specialist in New York. Please keep him and the family in your prayers as he battles cancer.
- Frances Harrell, Pam Carmack, Tommy White, Scott Sanders, David Blakely, Marian Smith, Tim Etheridge, Linda Climer, Ruth King, Lillie Dennison, Terry and Stella Young, Josephine Latham, 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)