

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 24th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – ---
Sun. AM Worship – 68
Sun. PM Worship – ---
Wed. Night (1/27) – ---

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!”

And the Door was Shut! – Part 2

Last week we noticed Jesus’ parable of the wise and foolish virgins. “The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ (Matthew 25:10-11). What a sad reality to realize that there will be people on the Day of Judgment that will miss out on heaven. They will find themselves on the outside when the door is shut. Last week we noticed one reason that can cause this to happen, willful ignorance. This week we want to notice two more reasons.

Second, the door was shut because of *indifference*. Many will be lost for all of eternity because they were indifferent when it came to their spiritual life. They were concerned about their health and wealth but not about their soul. And the soul is what is most important. “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26). Having an “I don’t care” attitude when it comes to salvation is not an option. We need to take our spiritual lives very seriously while here on earth, or we will face serious consequences when this life is over. Don’t be left on the outside of a shut door because of indifference.

The third and final reason the door was shut was because of *disobedience*. The final group consists of those who know what they need to do but chose instead to disobey God. These individuals live a life that is in opposition to God and His will. When we choose to disobey the commandments of God, we travel down a road that will ultimately end in destruction. “When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Paul doesn’t describe a very appealing picture for those who do not obey God. Don’t find yourself missing out on heaven because of disobedience.

Instead we should heed the advice of King Solomon, “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). If we will do that, then we will be ushered into Heaven before the door is shut.

~ Justin

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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 – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual –
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
Lord’s Supper – (S) David Bridges
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Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins
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 January

South –
Center –
North –

Communion for January

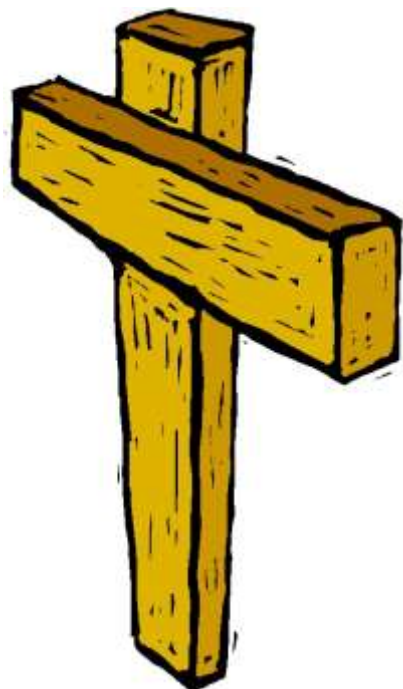
February Birthdays

- 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
- Quincy Richmond – 25
- Mike White – 28
- Neirara Genesy – 29



Memorials Received

Memorials have been received for WL Sandlin, Anita Rogers, Margaret Sellers, and Paula Spoon.



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.
- COVID (Those who have and/or recovering from coronavirus): Dorothy Dodson (Steven Dodson’s grandmother), Frances Harrell, Bert Lussier, Tommy White, Sr., and Annie White (Tommy’s father and stepmother).
- Shirley Smothers’ brother, Tommy Sneed, passed away. The funeral was held on Tuesday (1/26). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Reba Arwood fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and is in NHC in Milan for rehab. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Bianca Perry is having a lot of back problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Joann Spiess will have shoulder surgery. She is waiting for a surgery date. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Janet Colvin’s sister-in-law, Adell Dew, passed away Friday (1/15). Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Justin Hendrix is about to be deployed until August. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Kamisha Dixon’s older sister, Anita Rogers, lost her battle with cancer. Funeral services were held on Wednesday (1/13). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Pat Carmack’s sister-in-law, Barbara Carmack, passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Ronald Kendrick (David Snell’s brother-in-law) passed away due to COVID. The funeral was on Friday (1/15). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Leslie Barnes had surgery. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Reg Carmack had surgery. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Stephen and Amy Snell. There has been an outbreak of COVID among the medical team in Zambia. Please keep this family and the other doctors and nurses in your prayers.
- Everett and Mary Presson: Mr. Everett is still in a facility in Memphis. Also Mrs. Mary continues to have good days and bad days. Please keep both of them in your prayers.
- Elvis Gay (David Bridges’ brother-in-law) has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Peter Rode (Mickey Hamlin’s father) is still not doing well at all. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Caroline Snell continues to recover from wrist surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tommy White, Shirley Cates Mustion, Doris Sandlin, Terry Young, Bert Lussier, Betty Arthur, Lou Leatherwood, Brenda Sutton, Gene Turner, Leslie Barnes, Dorothy Bridges, Lillie Dennison, Tommy and Linda Climer, David Jennings, Blake Carden, Joyce Dunaway, Drexel Reed, Patricia Lee, Josephine Latham, Sonny and Reba Arwood, Rae Sanders, Martha Duggar, Johnny Olds, Pam Carmack, Beverly Sanders, Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, Eunice Dobbs, Robert Taylor, Johnnie Matthews, and Joyce Blakemore: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.