

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 April 11th

Attendance:

Sun. AM Worship – 100
Sun. PM Bible Study – 69
Wed. Night (4/14) – ---

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!”

How Many is Few?

There are many words in our English language that are ambiguous. One word that fits that description is the word “few.” We want to ask the question, “How many is few?” To answer this question we will turn to the source of all spiritual answers, God’s Word. We want to look at three instances where the word “few” is used.

First, few is the number of our days on earth. Job stated in the long ago, “Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble” (Job 14:1). Job understood that we only have a short time here. “Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (James 4:14). James depicts our life as a vapor. That is a very short time. Indeed, few is the number of our days on earth.

Second, few is the number of people who will follow Christ. “Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38). Jesus said that the laborers, those that would follow him, were few. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” (Matthew 7:21-23). Since many will say that they did follow Jesus when they really didn’t, that means few actually will. Few is the number of people who will follow Jesus.

Third, few is the number of people who will make it to heaven. “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14). This is the opposite of what many believe. Most people think that the majority of people will make it to heaven, but Jesus said that few will find and follow that path. Few is the number of people that will make it to heaven.

Considering that our days on this earth are few, the real question is will we be part of the few. Are you one of the few that will follow Christ? Are you one of the few that will go to heaven? If you are a Christian and if you are living faithful, then you are one of the few. “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10). Will you be part of the few?

~Justin

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Service Times:

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 –

AM Service:

Usher –
Announcements – Larry Carden
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual –
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
Lord’s Supper – (S) Raymond Neal
(S)
(N)
(N)
(N)

Closing Prayer – Larry Spiess
Security –

PM Service:

Announcements –
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual –
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord’s Supper –
Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman
Security –

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader –
Audio/Visual –
Opening Prayer –
& Devotional
Closing Prayer –
Security –

Door Greeters for April

South –
Center –
North –

Communion for April

April Birthdays

- Chris Carmack – 1
- Kamisha Dixon – 2
- Robert Anderson – 7
- Courtney Smith – 8
- Roy Colvin – 8
- Joe Hunt – 10
- Lauren Carmack – 10
- JT Yarbrough – 10
- Abby Moore – 11
- Maddy Moore – 11
- Will Carmack – 12
- Eunice Dobbs – 12
- Traci Pierson – 13
- Fisher Carmack – 16
- Rita Lussier – 17
- Donna Bridges – 19
- Caroline Snell – 26
- Aaliyah Alley – 30



Memorials Received

Memorials have been received for Pat Coffey and Betty Sutton.

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Jun. 6th-11th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. Applications on the podium in the foyer. They are due May 9th.
- **Jun. 28th-30th** – Vacation Bible School.
- **July 18th-21st** – Gospel Meeting with Stephen Rogers.

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.
- Joyce Blakemore has been moved to Lauderdale Community Hospital. She is in room 154. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lillie Denison had surgery Friday (3/26) to remove a cancerous place from her nose. It went well but has now been diagnosed with shingles. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Pat Coffee (Pam Carmack’s sister) passed away (3/24). Funeral was held on Saturday (3/27). Please keep Pam and the family in your prayers.
- Everett Presson is home now. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Peter Rode (Mickey Hamlin’s dad) is not doing well. Please keep him in your prayers.
- David Bridges has begun chemo and radiation treatments. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Reba Arwood fell again and has broken her arm. She is still in NHC in Milan. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Betty Sutton passed away on Wednesday (3/3). Please keep Joel and the family in your prayers.
- Jerry Creasy (friend of Ralph and Evelyn) is in ICU at JMCGH with heart problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Dwight Shoemaker’s (customer of Tommy White) wife passed away (3/17). Please keep him in your prayers.
- Danny Jones (friend of Tommy White) was in a racing accident and taken to the MED. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mike White had hernia surgery. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Joann Spiess had shoulder surgery (2/16), and everything went as planned. She is also having issues with her knee. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- David Watts will have a procedure to relieve pain in his back soon. He does not have a definite date yet. He has also been diagnosed with COVID. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ronnie Etheridge (Nancy Etheridge’s nephew) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Frances Harrell, Tyler Newman, Justin Hendrix, Elvis Gay, Leslie Barnes, Reg Carmack, Tommy White, Doris Sandlin, Terry Young, Bert Lussier, Betty Arthur, Lou Leatherwood, Brenda Sutton, Gene Turner, Lillie Dennison, Tommy and Linda Climer, David Jennings, Blake Carden, Joyce Dunaway, Drexel Reed, 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.

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