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 September 26th

Attendance:
Sun. Bible Study – no service
Sun. AM Worship – 94
Sun. PM Worship – no service
Wed. Night (9/29) – livestream

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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"Come Worship with Us!"

Why Are You Waiting?

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly to fill each car, but there were many cars ahead of the minister.

Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Preacher," said the young man, "sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business." [1]

So often we know what we need to do when our spiritual condition is not what it should be, but we put off doing it. If we continue to do so, we may find ourselves unprepared when the end comes. Jesus told a parable concerning the danger of being unprepared in Matthew 25.

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, 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!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (Matthew 25:1-13).

Let's all give attention to make sure that we are prepared whether we leave to meet Him, or He returns for us.

~Justin

[1] Higdon, Michael E. Humorous Illustrations for Public Speaking. Page 117.

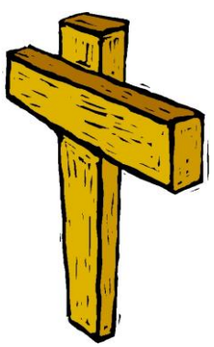
Those Privileged to Serve:

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 – Steve Carmack
Closing Prayer – Shannon Williams
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 –



October Birthdays

- Vernice Richmond – 2
- Rita Watkins – 11
- Mel Gibson – 14
- Rhonda Sparks – 16
- Alexis White – 22
- Bryan Hartman – 23
- Camden Tharpe – 26
- Sidney Richmond – 30
- Robert Taylor – 30

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Sept. 30th** – Ladies' Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Oct. 7th** – Ladies' Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Oct. 14th** – Ladies' Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

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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.
- Tommy Climer had hernia repair surgery on Monday (9/20). Everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Sherry Scallions had back surgery on Thursday (9/16). Everything went as planned, and she is home now. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Brian Dew (Janet Colvin's son) had surgery on Thursday (9/16). Everything went as planned, and he is home now. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- David Jennings passed away. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- Downey Winchester (John Dennison's sister) passed away (9/4). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Dan Fisher (Ann Carmack's brother) passed away (8/27). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Logan Davis is in the ICU in Missouri on a respirator and ECMO. He is 38 years old. Please keep him in your prayers.
- David Bridges has two lesions on his brain. He received three radiation treatments this past week that doctors believe will eliminate the lesions. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Terry Young had his amputation surgery on Wednesday (9/1). Everything went as planned. He is home now, waiting to be fitted for his new limb. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Tim Etheridge's (Nancy Etheridge's son) had a portion of his foot removed due to infection. He is home now. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Hurricane Ida: Please keep those who suffered loss and problems from the hurricane in your prayers.
- Roger Menard (Rita Lussier's brother) passed away. The funeral was held on Wednesday (9/15). Please keep him in your prayers.
- Randy Roark's bladder cancer has returned. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Scott King's (John and Lillie's son) cancer has returned. He took a treatment and will see the doctor in August for further tests. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mark Paschall, Tommy Watts, Roger and Elizabeth Tillman, Brenda Sutton, Dorothy Bridges, Lillie Dennison, Joyce Dunaway, Everett Presson, Frances Harrell, Tyler Newman, Justin Hendrix, Elvis Gay, Leslie Barnes, Reg Carmack, Tommy White, Bert Lussier, Betty Arthur, Gene Turner, Tommy and Linda Climer, Drexel Reed, Josephine Latham, Sonny and Reba Arwood, Rae Sanders, Martha Duggar, Johnny Olds, Pam Carmack, Beverly Sanders, Paul Bridges, 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)