#### 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 November 14th**

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 70

Sun. AM Worship – 111

Sun. PM Worship – 74

Wed. Night (11/10) - 44

#### **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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November 14, 2021

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"Come Worship with Us!"

# Why Love?

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13).

Have you ever wondered why it is that love is the greatest? I mean, faith and hope are two powerful elements of our Christian lives. Without faith, it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:4). Hope plays a part in anchoring our soul (Heb. 6:19). But love is more powerful. Love is the root of faith and hope. We have faith and hope only in that which we love. "Many waters cannot quench love" (Song of Solomon 8:7). "Love never fails" (1 Cor. 13:8).

Paul lists several Christian responsibilities in Col 2:12-13; duties like kindness, humility, patience, and forgiveness. Then after giving the list, in verse 14, Paul through inspiration writes: "But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection." Love is what cements all of the Christian virtues together, helping to make our lives complete. If we are to ever express kindness and forgiveness, we must first possess love. Love takes action and does good things. "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

And think about this: faith and hope are for the here and now, but love will be forever. Love is something that has always been around – and always will be. God, who is eternal (Psa. 90:2) is also described in 1 John 4:8 as love. God is love. He always has been and He always will be love. His love transcends all time and temporality (Rom. 8:35-38). "I have loved you with an everlasting love" (Jer. 31:3). "Give thanks to the LORD, for Sun. Night Worship-6 PM he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" (Psa. 136:1, ESV).

Love is powerful. Love is beneficial. Love is eternal. It seems to me that love is really important. Maybe it's time we started expressing and practicing love more.

"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart" (1 Pet. 1:22).

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#### **Those Privileged to Serve:**

#### AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – Audio/Visual – Devotional –

#### AM Service:

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Announcements – Steve Carmack Song Leader – David Snell Audio/Visual – Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers Lord's Supper – David Watts Closing Prayer – Steve Carmack Security –

#### PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack Song Leader – David Snell Audio/Visual – Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor Lord's Supper – David Watts Closing Prayer – Shannon Williams Security –

#### Wednesday Night:

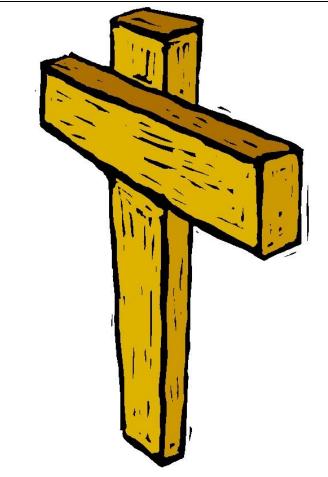
Song Leader – David Snell Audio/Visual – Opening Prayer – Larry Spiess & Devotional Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack Security –

#### **November Birthdays**

- Mammie Watkins 2
- David Bridges 7
- Sydney Carmack 9
- Johanna Carmack 13
- Johnny Olds 18
- Dana Carmack 20
- Debbie Barnett 28
- Josephine Latham 30

#### **Mark Your Calendars!**

- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> <u>Ladies' Bible Class</u> at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>-Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>** <u>Light the Fire</u> for ages 13-23. More details coming soon!



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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.
- We have been asked to keep the students, teachers, and administrators of the Ripley School System (especially the high school) in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack is back home after a hospital stay. Please keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Joyce Blakemore</u> is back at the Veterans Home in Humboldt. Please keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Kelli Alley</u> (Julia Alley's daughter-in-law) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- <u>Ann Paschall</u> (Justin Paschall's mother) broke her foot. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- <u>Anita Cressman</u> (friend of Mike White) is having surgery on Tuesday. Please keep her in your prayers.
- <u>Timmy Moore</u> (friend of Mike White) is being treated for cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Tommy White's stem cell treatment went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mario Wise (Melissa Williams' cousin) passed away in a car accident (10/17). The funeral was on Saturday (10/30). Please keep this family in your prayers.
- <u>Joel Sutton</u> has a small perforation in his colon. They are trying to avoid surgery and are giving him antibiotics. Please keep him in your prayers.
- <u>Sherry Scallions</u> 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.
- David Bridges continues to battle cancer. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Terry Young: Please keep him in your prayers as he continues to recover from amputation surgery.
- <u>Tim Etheridge's</u> (Nancy Etheridge's son) had a portion of his foot removed due to infection. He is home now. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Randy Roark's bladder cancer has returned. Please keep him in your prayers.
- <u>Scott King's</u> (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 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.