

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 28th

Attendance:
Sun. Bible Study – 72
Sun. AM Worship – 109
Sun. PM Worship – 63
Wed. Night (12/1) – 60

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!”

The Setting Sun

Almost every year during the children’s fall break, Micah’s stepfather and mom invite us to go to Florida with them for the week. We stay in a condo on the beach and enjoy a week to recharge and spend time together. This past October we got to take that trip and the day before we departed, we stayed on the beach to watch the sun set. We literally were able to watch the sun until it vanished below the ocean’s line out of sight. As I stood there and beheld such an event, there were several things that crossed my mind.

First, I thought about the words of the psalmist. “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork” (Psalms 19:1). God is the best painter! The beauty of that sunset was unmatched. No work of art could accurately match its beauty. No picture or video could capture the vividness of its colors. Indeed, God, the Creator, was on display.

Second, I thought about the fact that for every sunrise there is also a sunset. Life is filled with ups and downs, triumphs and tragedies, joys and sorrows. We need to learn to accept the good with the bad. We must learn to trust in God no matter the circumstances that are currently happening. “Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content” (Philippians 4:11). We also need to be there for one another through the ups and downs. “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15).

Third, I considered the fact that as the sun set for us, it was rising on the other side of the world. I thought about the brevity of life and how when the sun sets on this life, the sun rises on my life in eternity. “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). It has been said that at death, God did not place a period but a comma. Death is not the end; it is the beginning of eternity.

So much can be gleaned from the beauty of a sunset. May God richly bless us as we focus on Him.
~Justin

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Bryan Hartman

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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 – Darrell Smothers

AM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson
Lord's Supper – Jimmy Hartman
Closing Prayer – Larry Spiess
Security – Darrell Smothers

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – David Watts
Lord's Supper – Jimmy Hartman
Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – Darrell Smothers

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Steven Dodson
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt
Security – Frank Carmack

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

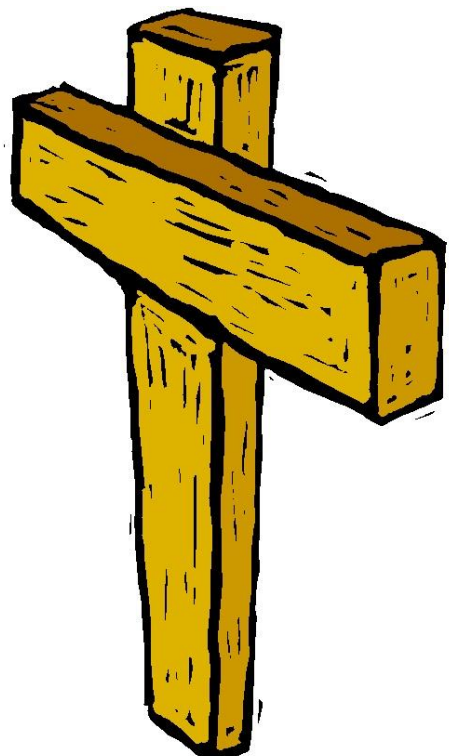
December Birthdays

- Brenda Sutton – 4
- Martha Dugger – 4
- Khadijah Pierson – 5
- Tracie Goodman – 5
- John Dennison – 6
- Jennifer Olds – 9
- Tanisha Reed – 11
- Gale Shaw – 16
- Chisholm Vaughan – 22
- Larry Carden – 28



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Dec. 9th** – Ladies' Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Dec. 12th** – Christmas Party following evening services. Bring a dish or two and a cheap ornament for the game.
- **Dec. 31st-Jan. 2nd** – Light the Fire for ages 13-23. More details coming soon!



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.
- Joyce Blakemore passed away (11/25). Funeral services were held on Saturday (12/4). Please keep her family in your prayers.
- Raymond and Molly Kelley have been diagnosed with Covid. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack continues to battle some health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Willie Griggs (Pam Carmack's brother) passed away. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Scott King (John and Lille Dennison's son) is home now and doing better. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Josh Carmack is having several health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Gloria Crook had an oral procedure, and everything went as planned.
- Debbie Brewster's (Betty Brogdon's friend) mother, Ann Paris, passed away suddenly. The funeral was on Tuesday (11/23). Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack is back home after a hospital stay. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Kelli Alley (Julia Alley's daughter-in-law) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. She will have surgery on Dec. 16th to remove the bottom and middle lobe of her right lung. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Beatrice Claybrook's (Robert Anerson's aunt) daughter passed away. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Ann Paschall (Justin Paschall's mother) broke her foot. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Mark Paschall (Justin Paschall's father) began radiation. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Timmy Moore (friend of Mike White) is being treated for cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- David Bridges continues to battle cancer. He received a good report concerning the lesions on his brain. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Tim Etheridge's (Nancy Etheridge's son) had a portion of his foot removed due to infection. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Randy Roark's bladder cancer has returned. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Terry Young, Tommy White, 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, and Johnnie Matthews: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.