

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
- Live Faithfully – Rev. 2:10

By The Numbers for March 26th

Attendance:
Sun. Bible Study – 65
Sun. AM Worship – 102
Sun. PM Worship – 68
Wed. Night (3/29) – 58

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!”

Rejoice Always?!

Part 3

As Paul was bringing his first letter to a close, he issued a series of eight commands to the brethren there (1 Thess. 5:16-22). And while much good can come from a study of all eight of these mandates, we will concern ourselves with just one of these lofty thoughts: “Rejoice always” (1 Thessalonians 5:16). Found within such a simple statement is a very complex command upon which every Christian should meditate.

We have noticed that sometimes we are confused about what happiness is. We related happiness with pleasure, and these two things are not the same. We have also noticed that Satan tries to lure us into areas that promise happiness but can’t provide it. Now let’s begin looking at our final point.

Third, let’s notice some keys to finding true happiness, some keys that will allow us to “rejoice always.” We need to seek to always be thankful. I don’t think that it is an accident that being thankful follows closely behind this commandment to “rejoice always.” Thankfulness and happiness go hand in hand. As the song says, we need to count our blessings.

The story is told of a farmer who had lived on the same farm all of his life. It was a good farm with fertile fields and good amenities, but with the passing years he began to think, “Maybe there is something better for me!” From that day forward, every day, he found something new on his farm to criticize, something that wasn’t as good as he wanted it to be. Finally, one day, he decided to sell. He contacted a local real estate broker, and the farm went on the market. In the meantime this farmer began to look for a new place, a better place. One day while looking at the classifieds, he found this ad: “Ideal location, modern equipment, healthy stock, acres of fertile ground, high yield on crops, well-kept barns and pens, nice two-story house above the pasture.” Immediately the man called the real estate broker at the bottom of the ad, which curiously enough was also his own. He told the agent that he had found the place he had been looking for all of his life, and promptly read the ad, and explained that this was it, the place he had been looking for. To the farmer’s shock, his broker explained that he had replied to his own ad.

~Justin

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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 – MacArthur Watkins
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Justin Paschall
Security – Joel Sutton

AM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – David Watts
Lord’s Supper – Steve Carmack
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord’s Supper – Steve Carmack
Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins
Security – Joel Sutton

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Shannon Williams
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Robert Anderson

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

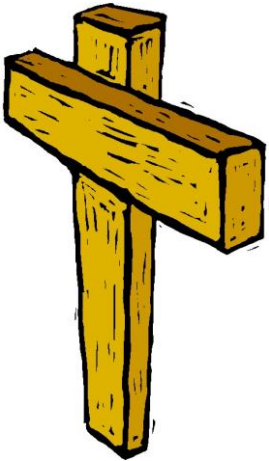
April Birthdays

- Chris Carmack – 1
- Kamisha Dixon – 2
- Robert Anderson – 7
- Courtney Smith – 8
- Roy Colvin – 8
- Joe Hunt – 10
- Abby Moore – 11
- Maddy Moore – 11
- Will Carmack – 12
- Traci Pierson – 13
- Wyatt Stanley – 14
- Fisher Carmack – 16
- Rita Lussier – 17
- Donna Bridges – 19
- Caroline Snell – 26
- Aaliyah Alley – 30



Mark Your Calendars!

- April 2nd – Ladies’ Day Meeting at 5:15 in the fellowship hall.
- May 6th – Ladies’ Day here. More details to follow.
- June 4th-9th – Reelfoot Youth Camp. More details to come.
- June 26th-28th – Vacation Bible School.
- July 16th-19th – Gospel Meeting with John DeBerry.



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 our prayers.
- Robert Taylor passed away. The funeral was on Friday (3/31). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Jill Watson (David Snell’s sister) passed away. The funeral was held on Sunday (4/2). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Betty Maners (Nell Dodson’s grandmother) passed away. Her funeral was held on Wednesday (3/29). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Hunter Sweat (Raymond and Mollie Kelley’s great-grandson) suffered a concussion and whiplash in Tipton Rosemark’s baseball game. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Carolyn Malone (Shannon Williams’ cousin) was taken to the hospital due to seizures and is in ICU. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Scott King (The Dennison’s son) had surgery (3/28), and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Tommy White had his stem cell treatment (3/28), and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Wade Stanley had surgery (3/17) to place pins and screws in his broken arm. Everything went as planned. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Lisa Hunt (Joe Hunt’s sister-in-law) was in a serious car accident. She is in the hospital in Ripley. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Jane Snell received a good follow-up visit following her surgery. Please continue to keep her and David in your prayers.
- Shirley Thompson (Roy Colvin’s sister) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes treatment.
- Willie Bonds is having knee problems and will possibly have surgery soon. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Larry Spiess is continuing his treatments for cancer. Please continue to keep him and JoAnn in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson’s nephew) will be seeing a specialist in New York. Please keep him and the family in your prayers as he battles cancer.
- Mark Paschall, Johnny Olds, Frances Harrell, Pam Carmack, Scott Sanders, David Blakely, Marian Smith, Tim Etheridge, Linda Climer, Ruth King, Lillie Dennison, Terry and Stella Young, Josephine Latham, Tommy Watts, Brenda Sutton, Joyce Dunaway, Everett Presson, Tyler Newman, Justin Hendrix, Elvis Gay, Leslie Barnes, Drexel Reed, Martha Duggar, Paul Bridges, and Johnnie Matthews: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.