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 January 15th

Attendance:
Sun. Bible Study – 76
Sun. AM Worship – 98
Sun. PM Worship – 76
Wed. Night (1/18) – 68

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!"

Do We Expect to Sin?

I am afraid that if we are being totally honest with ourselves, we may have developed a mindset where we expect to sin. We just can't help it! The temptation is too strong. We are too weak. But maybe the issue is not that the temptation is too strong. Maybe the problem is not that we are too weak. Maybe the issue lies in our mindset and in the fact that we invite temptation in.

We are like the young boy who was instructed by his father not to swim in the canal. "Son," ordered a father, "Don't swim in that canal." "OK, Dad," he answered. But he came home carrying a wet bathing suit that evening. "Where have you been?" demanded the father. "Swimming in the canal," answered the boy. "Didn't I tell you not to swim there?" asked the father. "Yes, Sir," answered the boy. "Why did you?" he asked. "Well, Dad," he explained, "I had my bathing suit with me and I couldn't resist the temptation." "Why did you take your bathing suit with you?" he questioned. "So I'd be prepared to swim, in case I was tempted," he replied.[1]

We are not "weak and sinful creatures" in the sense that we can't help but sin. Oh yes, we are weak, and we are sinful. But thanks to God and Jesus, we are also strong and forgiven. We do not have to give in to temptation.

Instead of setting a dinner place for Satan at the table of our lives, let's heed the words of James. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

~Justin

[1] Illustration taken from On Step Forward by C. Swindoll, p. 85.

Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Justin Paschall
Security – Joel Sutton

AM Service:
Announcements – Robert Anderson
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Joel Sutton

PM Service:
Announcements – Robert Anderson
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – MacArthur Watkins
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – Joel Sutton

Wednesday Night:
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal & Devotional
Closing Prayer – Bret Carmack
Security – Robert Anderson

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

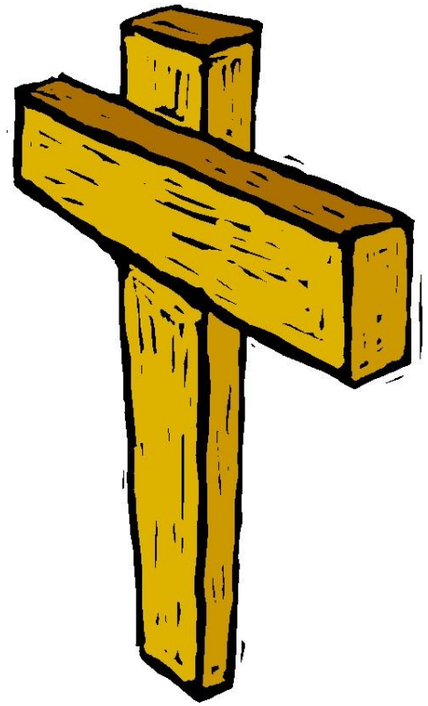
January Birthdays

- Frank Carmack – 4
- Landon Carmack – 7
- Brent White – 11
- Chrystal Hartman – 12
- Micah Paschall – 13
- Rebecca White – 18
- Perrilyn Cherry – 19
- Zahmyia Harper – 20
- Luke Hartman – 22
- TJ White – 24
- Judy Moore – 24
- Georgia Carden – 26



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Jan. 25th** – Wednesday Night Winter Warmup Meal at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Feb. 1st** – Wednesday Night Winter Warmup Meal at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.



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.
- Lots of folks have been sick over the past few weeks with flu, covid, strep, etc. Please remember those that you know about in your prayers.
- Bob Duvall (friend of the Paschalls) has been diagnosed with ALS. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Cara Ungerechat (Janet Colvin's daughter) had surgery on Thursday (1/12). She is home, and things went well. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Tommy Climer passed away on Wednesday (1/4). His funeral was on Sunday (1/8). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Lanie Stanley fell and broke her wrist. She had surgery to insert a pin on Monday (1/9). Please keep her in your prayers.
- Scott Sanders (Beverly Sanders' son) is having several complications and has a long road ahead of him. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Deon Williams (Shannon Williams' brother) was in a serious car accident. He is home recovering and doing better. Pease keep him in your prayers.
- Dorothy Bridges passed away. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday (12/30). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Alexis White had a car accident. Thankfully she only suffered minor injuries. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Larry Spiess is continuing his treatments for cancer. He received good news that the treatments are being effective! Please keep him and JoAnn in your prayers.
- Frances Harrell is not doing well. Please keep her in your prayers.
- James Sangster (Robert Anderson's father) passed away. Funeral services were held Saturday (12/10). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell: (Synthia Gibson's nephew) Please keep him and the family in your prayers as he battles cancer.
- Kim White is doing some better. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack, Tommy White, 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, Frances Harrell, Tyler Newman, Justin Hendrix, Elvis Gay, Leslie Barnes, Betty Arthur, Drexel Reed, Martha Duggar, Paul Bridges, Robert Taylor, and Johnnie Matthews: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

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