

SALVATION

In the matter of salvation, why would we think we can be saved any way we want, instead of being saved the way God says to be saved? Could it be that we become so selfish and just want what we want?

Jesus is the one who calls us – invites us to come to Him and learn from Him to be saved (Matthew 11:28-29; John 14:6; John 8:30-36). So, we can be free of sin's domination (Romans 6:12), if we just listen to the author of eternal salvation. Notice that coming to Jesus and answering His call means a willingness on our part to obey Jesus – follow Jesus.

Jesus is the One who shed His blood so we could have the forgiveness of our sins and only in Jesus is there salvation (Acts 4:12). We have a choice to make. Will we accept the salvation Jesus offers or will we reject Him? Jesus is not asking us to be saved any way we want. Jesus is offering salvation on His terms (Matthew 16:24-25).

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.
6:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M. last Sunday of month
Bible Study
Sunday Morning
10:15 A.M.
Wednesday Evening
7:00 P.M.

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

GIFTS OF THE GOSPEL

In view of the upcoming Gospel Meeting (see inside for information), perhaps it would be good to consider some of the blessings coming from God through and by “the glorious gospel of Christ” (2 Cor. 4:4).

FAITH: “And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up and said unto them, ‘Men and brethren, you know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth **should hear the word of the gospel and believe**’ (Acts 15:7; cf. v. 9; Rom. 10:17).

HOPE: “...Continue in the faith grounded and settled and be not moved away from **the hope of the gospel**, which you have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul was made a minister” (Col. 1:23; cf. Acts 26:6, 7).

PEACE: “And (having) your feet shod with the preparation of **the gospel of peace**” (Eph. 6:15). “Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, **live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you**” (2 Cor. 13:11; cf. 2 Tim. 2:22). “And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach **the gospel of peace** and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:15; cf. Isa. 52:7).

SALVATION: “But we are bound to give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God has from the beginning **chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel**, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thess. 2:13-14).

LIFE/IMMORTALITY: “But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death, and has **brought life and immortality to light through the gospel**” (2 Timothy 1:10).

There is no message, however compelling, that exceeds in importance the eternal gospel of Jesus the Christ. His words will not pass away and will be intact on that great day awaiting all (Matt. 24:35; John 12:48). It would be wise to hear, hearken, and heed!

Edward L Anderson

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

A Series of

GOSPEL MEETINGS

HOSTED BY THE CARTHAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST
(711 North Main Street)

OCTOBER 24-27, 2021

Sunday A.M.: 9:00 and 10:15

Sunday P.M.: 1:00

Sunday – Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.

With Evangelist:

David L. Lipe
(Baxter, TN)

(About the Speaker: Brother Lipe began preaching in 1967. He has served churches in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama and been involved in mission campaigns in five foreign countries. He preaches in several gospel meetings and lectureships each year. He has authored several books and edited more than thirty lectureship books. He was a professor of Bible and Philosophy at Freed-Hardeman University from 1990-2010. He continued to serve as Director of the annual FHU Bible Lectureship through 2015. He then served as Director of Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies (formerly East TN School of Preaching), in Knoxville. He retired as Director in 2014 but continues to teach and work in fundraising and development for the school. He and wife Linda, reside in Baxter. He currently preaches for the Cherry Creek church of Christ in White County.)

We hope you will visit with us during the meeting. A warm welcome awaits you. Please bring your Bible that we may together “Search the Scriptures” (John 5:39), and thereby gain the approval of God (2 Tim. 2:15).

For more information call (615) 735-0114.

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Betty Law, Johnny's mother, is in Cookeville Regional Hospital. Jerry and Mary Phillips continue to deal with health issues and need our prayers. Barbara Jenkins injured her hip in a recent fall. Barry Cook has the flu. Carolyn Harris was able to be with us Sunday as were Lola King and Faye Maberry. Susan Law (knee) is now walking without a walker. The Morris twins, Julieanna and Jacie, were sick Sunday. Janice Hicks was able to be with us Sunday. She had more tests on Tuesday and requests our continued prayers. Little Oliver Woodard, Carol's grandson, spent a night in the hospital, but is now at home with appropriate medication. Clarence Carr, cousin to Dimple Hicks, has been in ICU at Cookeville Regional. Prayers requested for Wayne Hall (stroke), cousin to Edward Anderson. Wanda Fisher's mother, Brenda Forrest, is in Gallatin hospital. Wanda's sister, Bea Davis is in Vanderbilt for open heart surgery. It is good to have Dayton Jamison back with us.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS: Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Frances Glosser; Ricky Branham; (SCHR); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Pat Paysinger (Shut-in).

IN THE MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss's grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC).

THANK YOU: The church has received and read a recent “Thank You” note from Cathy and Teddy Spivey.

SYMPATHY: To the following: The family of Joel Gaw; the family of Marilyn Wilmore; the family of Anna Mai Bush (Denise Hackett's aunt); the family of Tony Hackett; and the family of Doug Gregory.

CONGRATULATIONS! To Steve and Kim Bray on the arrival of granddaughter Sutton Pait Bray October 9, weighing 7 lbs. and was 18 in. tall. Peyton and Harley Bray are the proud parents.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Dennis Hackett, Drake Washer (2); Regina Rowland, (7); Julieanna & Jacie Morris, Makenzi Gale, (8); Justin Mauldin, Josie Beth Morris (11); Jodie Morris (15); Emma Hicks (17); Chris Hicks, Davey Rutherford (18) Brian Denton; Brian Smith (23); Chris Klamm (27); Courtney Washer (28); Tony Hackett (29); Barbara Jenkins (30). Gordon & Barbara Jenkins (11/9/1973).

PRAYER LIST: (We are updating the prayer list. Please inform us of those requesting prayers and we will announce during services.)

EVENTS CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November (as permitted by covid regulations), 2:00 PM; *Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotional* (To be resumed when permitted); *Gospel Meeting:* October 24-27, with David Lipe; *Trunk-R-Treat:* Sunday, Oct. 31, 5 – 7 PM, in the parking lot. A sign-up sheet is posted for those who can help with food and /or treats. *Coffee/Fellowship:* First and third Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 AM in annex.

AREA EVENTS: *Creation vs Evolution Seminar:* Livingston church of Christ, November 5-7, with Kyle Butt (Flyer posted); *Ladies' Day:* Findlay church of Christ (Sparta), November 13, 8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. with Jane Washington; *Taylor Christian Camp Support Day:* Saturday, November 6, 6:30 PM in our annex.

VISITATION/GREETING PROGRAM: Josh Brown has a list of newcomers and shut-ins. If you wish to help with new assignments with welcomes and calls, please contact him. Making a visit can make a big difference in the life of another and our own! See Matthew 25:25:31-46 and James 1:27.

TIME

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

The day is almost over – its toiling hours are through.

Is there anyone to utter a kind word about you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along?

Or a churlish sorts “howdy”, and then vanish in the throng?
Were you selfish, pure and simple, as you rushed along your way?

Or is someone really grateful for a deed you did today?
Did you waste the day or use it? Was it well or poorly spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar or discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God can say,

“You are given one more tomorrow because of what you did today”?

--Author unknown