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earth.” (Acts 1:8) Now, some two thousand years later, the Holy Spirit inspired words of the Apostles are available around the world. The bible says that we are to develop the character of Jesus, to walk just as He walked, following in His steps. (1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 2:21) As one reads the story of Jesus in the Gospels, it is seen time and time again the Savior’s demonstrations of compassion for the lost. If we think about the massiveness of humanity, we may become discouraged about evangelism. But please recall the story of the shepherd who searched for the single lost sheep (Luke 15:4-7) and that we can help that one lost friend, stranger, or family member come to Christ, causing joy in heaven.

-Jay Launius – 2025
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Sunday Servies

Bible Classes 10:00 am
AM Worship 10:45 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm

Bible Study
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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE

CLASS 10:00 AM

“Study of Mark”
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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM

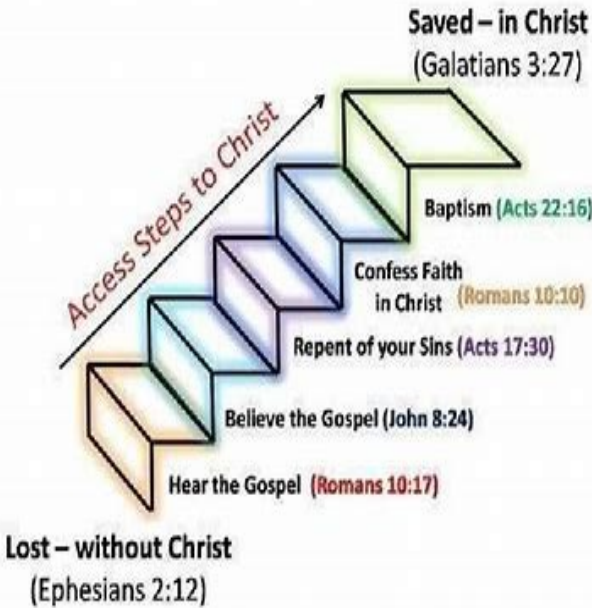
““Saved Like the Thief on the Cross?”

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM

“Therefore Be Patient”

Wednesday 7:00 PM

“A Study of Ruth”



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“PRAY WITHOUT CEASING” *By Jonnie Hutchison*

The Bible addresses Christians in the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, which reads, “pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Prayer is vital to the spiritual life of every child of God. It provides instant communication to our heavenly Father in time of need. It provides the opportunity to express our love and appreciation to our loving God. God provides the avenue of prayer for our spiritual good.

Prayer should be addressed to the Father in the name of or through Jesus the Christ. In view of His return to the Father, Jesus told His disciples, “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you **ask the Father in My name** He will give you.” (John 16:23). This is why you will hear men who lead public prayer address their prayer to the Father and end their prayer with the phrase “in Jesus name, amen.”

Prayers must be asked in faith. The book of James tells us, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all

liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.” (James 1:5-8).

Prayers must be scriptural in their content. For example, praying to the Father, but attributing the death on the cross to Him is not scriptural. It was not the Father who died on the cross, it was Jesus, the Son of God. The content of our prayers must be according to His will (1 John 5:14).

For whom should Christians pray? We should pray for the church. “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;” (Col 1:9-10). We should pray for the lost. Rom 10:1 reads, “Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.” We should pray for the

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Hayes Grady, Marie and Roy Wyatt, Jackie and Don Spiceland, Dave & Ann Thompson, Joan Lathrop, and Jesse Vincent.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, Teri Mercer, Patrice Wyatt, Jackie Hern-don and Trish Puckett.

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES continues each Monday through May 19th. Time is 7—9 pm in the annex.

PANTRY ITEMS May 2025: 4-Peanut Butter; 11-Green Beans; 18-Pepper; 25-Pork-n-Beans.

May 2025 ANNIVERSERIES: None. **BIRTHDAYS:** 27-Ann Thomp-son; 29-Mary Vincent.

AREA EVENTS: Area wide singing at the Hardin Church of Christ, May 29, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

DID YOU READ AND STUDY YOUR BIBLE THIS PAST WEEK?

“These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they re-ceived the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.” Acts 17:11

Daily Bible study is rare, but certainly beneficial to the spiritual growth of the child of God. It would do well for one to set aside a certain time each day to study and glean the great truths that are the Word of God. Why not try it this week. You will be profited and God will be glorified!

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sick (James 5:14) We should pray for those who are suffering (James 5:13). We should pray for the erring (Acts 8:24). We should pray for our enemies (Matthew 5:44). We should pray for ourselves (Hebrews 4:16).

James writes, “The effective, fer-vent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” (James 5:16b). God has promised to hear and answer the prayers of His faithful that are asked according to His will. “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything ac-cording to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we

ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” (1 John 5:14-15.” God will not answer the prayers of those who embrace error and live in rebel-lion to His will. The Bible tells us, in Proverbs 28:9, “One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.” 1 Peter 3:12 reads, “For the eyes of the Lord are on the right-eous, And His ears are open to their pray; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” Pray is a privilege granted only to those who love and obey God.

Yes, “pray without ceasing” for it is the will of our God who desires to hear from His children.

IS THIS YOUR DOG?

As you cruise through social media, you’re sure to run across a photo of a dog or two with the caption, “Is this your dog? This poor baby looked lost, and we just couldn’t leave him alone.” Well-meaning folks post photos of dogs they find at shopping centers, on the side of the road, or in the rain. Their heart-felt sympathy and concern is poured out on the poor unfortu-nate pooch, who may be aban-doned or separated from its fami-ly. Being long-time dog parents, we understand how that humans can feel such compassion for our furry friends. Oh, that we would have as much compassion on



people who are spiritually lost! Jesus said that He came to seek and save the lost. (Luke 19:10) When He sent out seventy disciples to evangelize, He said, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” (Luke 10:2) So important was the mission of evangelism, it was one of the last things the Lord instructed His fol-lowers to do. Just before He ascend-ed back to heaven, He told the Apostles, “And you shall be wit-nesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the

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