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JESUS GOD  
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 BEGIN ACTIVE  
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 PURE WASHING

February Bible Classes		
	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
Nursery	Karli Rager	Skylar Martin
Preschool		Amy Raymer
2-5 Year Olds		Linda Raymer
1st & 2nd Grade		Lillian Warren
3rd & 4th Grade		Chris Robison
5th - 6th Grade		Daniel McMillin
7th - 8th Grade		Adam Warren
9th - 12th Grade		
Twenty Somethings	Zach Martin & Mason Miller	
Alternate Adults	Andy Wagoner <i>Lessons from the Lives of the Apostles</i>	<b>Women's Class</b> Angie Anderson <i>Fruits of the Spirit</i>
Auditorium Adults	Denver Young <i>Value of the Soul</i>	<b>Men's Class</b> Tom, Richard, Denver Edify, Evangelize, Energize, and Example

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Living Faith: Studies in the Gospel of John Equipped 2024

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# The Messenger

## When Are We Saved?

Schedule of Services	
<b>Sunday</b>	
Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
<b>Elders</b>	
Richard Eubanks	270.792.3050
Denver Young	270.799.8559
Matt Williams	270.779.7733
<b>Deacons</b>	
Perry Cole	270.202.6214
L.W. Jackson	270.996.1451
Adam Warren	270.980.2548
Mark Young	270.791.0140
<b>Evangelist</b>	
W. Tom Hall	O: 270.777.1828
	M: 270.792.2132
<b>Associate Minister</b>	
Daniel McMillin	662.882.8756

We stand ready to assist you with any need you may have.

You may call the church office at 270.777.1828.

We would be honored to help if we can. May God bless you with a wonderful week.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”  
Mark 10:45

When and how are sinners saved? Are sinners saved by faith or by works? Does God save without obedience? Faith and works are often put in contrast to one another when perhaps it would be better to understand belief and works as essential to faith. Abraham believed God’s promise in Genesis 12 and acted on faith. In Genesis 15, God reassured Abraham of the covenant. Abraham believed God and his faith was counted as righteousness (Genesis 15:6). Abraham’s faith was already proven to be an obedient faith. Paul later argued that Abraham was justified by faith without “works of the law” (Romans 4:1-12) to argue the superiority of “faith” over the Mosaic covenant, which was not given for centuries after Abraham. It seems that Paul wanted his readers in Rome to know they could be justified just like Abraham, who was justified by faith—obedient faith—without the law of Moses.

Belief and works are two sides of the same coin. Those who are “just” or “righteous” are those who actively “live by faith” (Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11). What “matters” is “faith working through love” (Galatians 5:6). Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that to be a person of faith is to actively “draw near to God” and then to be rewarded for seeking him. Abraham was justified by faith (Romans 4:1-3), but Abraham’s faith “was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works.” Therefore, “a person is justified by works and not by faith alone” (James 2:22-24, ESV). To believe is to obey.

Christians are “justified by faith” (Romans 5:1) and “justified by works and not by faith alone” (James 2:24). This is no contradiction. Instead, belief and works are inseparable in the Christian life. Faith can be seen (Matthew 9:2). Christians are described as “faithful”—those who are actively living in the faith. The faithful servant is the one who is actively prepared for his Master’s return (Matthew 24:45; 25:23). Barnabas encouraged Christians to be “faithful to the Lord” (Acts 11:23).

Paul demonstrated the necessity of belief and action in Galatians 3:26-27 when he said: “you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” Christians are “justified by faith,” and that justification by faith begins at baptism. The soon-to-be Christians in Acts 2 were “cut to the heart” and asked what they should do in Acts 2:37. It seems safe to say these individuals believed the truth about Jesus in verse 37. However, they were still “in sin” rather than “in Christ.” So, they were required to “repent and be baptized” to receive the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Their belief was incomplete without repentance and baptism.

Baptism is not a human work by which salvation is earned. Instead, baptism is a work of God in which salvation is bestowed. Colossians 2:11-14 shows that God is the primary worker in baptism. Christians are “buried with him in baptism,” “raised with him through faith,” “made alive together with him,” and “forgiven.” The individual is baptized, but God is the one who works to bring about salvation. The struggle between belief and works is better seen as the union of trust and submission.

This union of belief and action is also demonstrated by Martin Luther in his “Treatise on Baptism.” There Luther said, “there is on earth no greater comfort than baptism, for through it we come under the judgment of grace and mercy, which does not condemn our sins, but drives them out by many trials.” Luther went on to say, “There is a fine sentence of St. Augustine, which says, ‘Sin is altogether forgiven in baptism; not in such wise that it is no longer present, but in such wise that it is not taken into account.’”<sup>2</sup> Luther said “a man becomes in baptism guiltless, pure, and sinless.... This faith is of all things the most necessary, for it is the ground of all comfort.”<sup>3</sup> Following Luther, it seems John Calvin also saw no contradiction between belief and obedience. Calvin said, “[T]hey who regarded baptism as nothing but a token and mark by which we confess our religion before men, as soldiers bear the insignia of their commander as a mark of their profession, have not weighed what was the chief point of baptism. It is to receive baptism with this promise: ‘He who believes and is baptized will be saved’ [Mark 16:16].”<sup>4</sup> The premodern consensus was that God worked when individuals were baptized.

In this discussion, it is helpful to remember that neither faith nor works are meritorious acts by which salvation is earned. God “purchased the church with his own blood” (Acts 20:28). Paul said, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).<sup>5</sup> Whoever desires may “take of the water of life without price” (Revelation 22:17). Salvation is received by those who believe (John 3:16) and obey (John 3:36).<sup>6</sup> But salvation rests upon the promise and work of God.

This great truth is summarized in Titus 3:4-7, as Paul taught that God “saved us” but “not because of works done by us in righteousness.” Rather, salvation is bestowed when belief is met with obedience in baptism, which is “the washing of regeneration.”



# Announcements

- March 3<sup>rd</sup>** Lads to Leaders Bible Bowl & Pearls at 4:30 PM
- March 7<sup>th</sup>** Mens Bible Study at 7:00 PM Location TBD
- March 9<sup>th</sup>** Teen Girls Day at South Green Street church of Christ 9:30-2PM Guest Speaker Sarah Hibbet Call or Text Rayna Rudd at 270-576-0129 to RSVP. Lunch will be provided.
- March 12<sup>th</sup>** Tuesday Bible Class at 10:30 am Bring your Bible and a Dish!
- March 15-17<sup>th</sup>** Gospel Meeting at South Green Street *Guest Speaker Melvin Otey*
- March 29-31<sup>st</sup>** Lads to Leaders Convention
- April 18-20<sup>th</sup>** Equipped 2024 *Faith – Studies from the Book of John* at Lehman Avenue (See Back Page)



*The Parables of Jesus*

GOSPEL MEETING  
**March 15 to 17**  
Friday and Saturday: 7 pm  
Sunday: 9:30 am & 10:30 am

GUEST SPEAKER  
**Melvin Otey,**  
Professor of Law  
FAULKNER UNIVERSITY

**South Green Street Church of Christ**

All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. Matthew 13:34



**Pulpit Preview**  
**Sunday 10:30AM**  
Faith & Works  
**6:00PM**  
Synergy

**Tuesday Bible Class**  
Bring your Bible & a Dish!  
10:30 am  
March 12th

## Prayer Requests

• Heather Young (Daughter In-Law of Ralph and Marsha Young)	• Faye McKinley
• Danny Miller & Brenda Miller	• Gerry Utley
• Aubrey Avery – 9 Years old with Brain Tumor	• Don Anderson
• Jared Young	• Mike Collier (Donna Parker's Brother)
• J.L. Young – Massey Springs – Memory Care 2945 Small House Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42104 Phone 270.904.1999	• Wilma Blankenship
• Janice Cole	• Judy McBride
• Jimmy Hughes	• Lachlan Kreis – Brain Tumor
• Donna Wheeler	• Jimmy Wilmoth
• Malaika Ballard - Cancer	• Lunell Upton
• Janet Cole – Three Forks	• Jenny McDonald
• Eddie Windham	• Stephanie Lindsey - ALS
	• Beverly Acree

*Remembering Our Homebound Wilma Blankenship*

### God's Plan of Salvation

God's Part	Man's Part
Great love of God for man <b>John 3:16</b>	Hear the Gospel <b>Romans 10:17, John 8:32</b>
Gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior <b>Luke 19:10</b>	Believe the Gospel <b>Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31</b>
Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide <b>John 16:13</b>	Repent of past sins <b>Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30</b>
The Gospel as "the power" unto salvation <b>Romans 1:16</b>	Confess faith in Jesus Christ <b>Rom. 10:10, Matthew 10:32</b>
Provided atonement by the blood of Christ <b>Romans 5:9</b>	Be Baptized <b>Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38</b>
	Be faithful unto death <b>Revelations 2:10</b>

## Bible Trivia Challenge

### This Week's Question

What is the only miracle by Jesus recorded in all 4 Gospels?  
Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

February 18<sup>th</sup> What silversmith was an opponent of Paul?

(Answer: Demetrius - Acts 19:24)

Fred Heath, Bobby and Darlene Pruett, Lenora Isenberg, Logan Barrett, Jessie Wilson, Shorty & Thelma Wurst, Nathan Warren, Nehemiah May, Kathy Williams, and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!

Sunday Morning Services	February 25	March 3
Security 1	Joshua Barrett	Shawn Hudson
Security 2	Perry Cole	Gordon Harlow
Security 3	Grant Cole	Eddie Windham
Security 4	Tommy Flora	Fred Heath
Audio Video Controls	Reagan Young	Andy Wagoner
Song Leader	Zach Martin	Jason Kelton
Opening Prayer	Hunter Morrison	Paul Isenberg
Announcements	Andy Wagoner	Willard Raymer
Worship Service Prayer	Daniel McMillin	Matt Williams
Communion Prayer	Greg Isenberg	Victor Davis
Lord's Table Center Left	Richard Eubanks	Brian Raymer
Lord's Table Center Right	Lyle Johnson	Joshua Barrett
Lord's Table Assist Left 2	Brian Martin	Zach Martin
Lord's Table Assist Right 2	Matthue Harmon	Gary Basham
Lord's Table Assist Left 3	Luke Isenberg	Nathan Warren
Lord's Table Assist Right 3	Kane Barrett	Hunter Morrison
Scripture Reading AM	Hunter Barrett	Elijah Davis
Closing Prayer	Mark Young	Zach Martin
Sunday Evening Services		
Security 1	Matt Williams	Richard Eubanks
Security 2	Joshua Barrett	L.W. Jackson
Security 3	Travis Young	Willard Raymer
Song Leader	Jason Kelton	Jason Kelton
Opening Prayer	Gary Basham	Doug Depp
Scripture Reading PM	Nathan Warren	Hunter Barrett
Lord's Table	Victor Davis	Greg Isenberg
Closing Prayer	Jacob Williams	Mason Miller
Wednesday Night Bible Study	February 28	March 6
Security 1	Matthue Harmon	Fred Heath
Security 2	Gary Basham	Jeff Morrison
Security 3	Brian Raymer	Michael Runner
Song Leader	Hunter Barrett	Hunter Barrett
Opening Prayer	Kane Barrett	Cody Basham
Closing Prayer	Hunter Morrison	Matthue Harmon
Monthly Assignments	February	March
Lock Building	Travis Young	Richard Eubanks
Baptismal Laundry	Kristie Hughes	Lenora Isenberg
Assist with Men's Baptisms	Fred Heath	Travis Young
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Amy Raymer	Paula Lowe
Prepare Communion	Travis & Emily Young	Richard & Donna Eubanks
Bread Distribution	Bake	Give Out
February 25	Donna Eubanks	Amanda & Barrett Boys
March 3	Paula Lowe	Lil & Boys

**\*\* If unable to serve, contact Matt Williams at 270.779.7733\*\***

### For The Record

Week of February 18, 2024

Bible Study	149
Worship Service	180
Evening Service	82
Wed. Bible Study	95
Contribution	\$6,228

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