

October 6th, 2013

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel – Romans 10:17
2. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God – Mark 16:15-16
3. Repent of your sins – Acts 17:30
4. Confess Christ – Romans 10:9,10
5. Be baptized for the remission of sin – Acts 2:38

To Keep From Falling?

1. Study the Bible daily – 2 Timothy 2:15
2. Add to your faith the seven Christian Graces – 2 Peter 1:5-11
3. Attend every church service – Acts 20:7; Hebrews 10:25
4. Be faithful unto death – Revelation 2:10

Our Record

Week of September 29, 2013

Sunday AM	60
Contribution	7925

Upcoming this Week:

Sunday PM: Tom Childers will be speaking.

Wednesday: Daniel Meinsen will be speaking.

FINGER CHURCH OF CHRIST

2139 Finger Leapwood Rd., Finger, Tennessee, 38334

Elders:

Jim Davis.....	934-7387
Earl Edwards.....	989-3710

Deacon:

Rodney Weaver.....	934-7541
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Preachers:

Earl Edwards.....	989-3710
Tom Childers.....	608-2307
Chris Kidwell.....	215-7308

Sunday Services

Bible Study.....	9:30 am
Morning Worship.....	10:30 am
Evening Worship.....	5:00 pm

Wednesday Services

Bible Study.....	7:00 pm
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“In Search of the Lord’s Way”

Sunday 7:30 AM	Channel 13
DirecTV	Channel 10



The Gospel Messenger

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Heroes

“Honor such men” (Philippians 2:29).

It bothers me when our fellowship seems to lionize and quote leaders of practically every Christian fellowship except our own. This is not to suggest that people from other fellowships don’t do admirable things, of course. There is much to admire in Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s courage, John Wesley’s devotion or Billy Graham’s personal integrity.

But our fellowship is filled with extraordinary heroism, men and women who gave heart and mind, sweat and tears for the cause of Christ. Is it possible we have taken greatness for granted? One difference, I suspect, is that our heroes didn’t laud their organization or foundation on YouTube. They served Christ in relative anonymity. Shouldn’t we be grateful for them and be inspired by their actions?

Here are some, but not nearly all of my heroes:

- * Augusta and Elaine Britell, sisters who raised hundreds of orphans in south western Zambia, teaching them about Christ.
- * Carl Spain, who spoke in the 1962 Abilene Christian College Lectures and declared that the time had come for ACC to admit African American students. He could easily have lost his job. Instead, within two years Lipscomb College, Oklahoma Christian and Freed-Hardeman followed suit and admitted African Americans.
- * Jonathan Chitendeni, a Zimbabwean who was offered the position of tribal chief, an influential and powerful position; he chose a higher calling instead - to preach the gospel.
- * Joe Cannon, missionary to Japan and New Guinea: Humorous, deeply devoted, and thoroughly, completely undiplomatic when it came to shaming those who were “at ease in Zion.”
- * Dr. Neil Lightfoot, equal parts preacher and New Testament scholar. He held a generation of preachers and missionaries to the highest standards of biblical scholarship, and taught us how rewarding it was to deliver messages that were drawn from deep, prayerful study of Scripture.

* Zelma Lawyer, whose husband perished in a horrific accident with a spear in southern Africa leaving her and two children. She returned to the USA and was dorm mother for generations of Abilene Christian College women.

* Carlos Estevez, evangelist to Mozambique and Brazil. Though crippled, he was bizarrely incarcerated for being a "CIA spy," thrown in a hole in Tete Province with scores of other prisoners. He served dozens of congregations comprising thousands of New Testament Christians.

* Jaxie Palmer, wife of Roy Palmer, who followed him from Germany to Zimbabwe to Tanzania and back to Zimbabwe again. Joyful, hospitable, compassionate, and patient, she raised eight children at one time or another in the African bush.

We not only serve an awesome God, we do so alongside many awesome Christians. Once in a while, we should give "honor to whom honor is due" (Romans 13:7).

Stan Mitchell

Announcements:

- Those interested in becoming involved in our Thursday night prison ministry should contact Tim Heath.
- There will be a cookout at the home of Larry and Lisa Kee (Beth's parents) in Fayetteville, TN October 11-13. Food and housing will be provided.
- Next Sunday at 2:30 will be our nursing home devotional. Please plan to attend!

You ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."
-James 4:15

For Our Ladies:

- The Finger Ladies Fall Luncheon will be on Saturday, October 26th. Beth Cook (Matt Cook's mother) will be speaking in place of Charla Cook. Please plan to attend!
- There will be no Ladies' Night Out in October.

Remember with Prayers, Visits, and Cards:

Willodean Clayton, Karen Davis, Louise Ross, Charles McLaughlin, Stephanie McCarley, Heather Reaves, Edmund Thomas, Jesse Record, Angela Durrance, Oran Jaco, Thomas Bivens, Bryan Beckman, Perry Barns, Joseph Arnold

Updates:

- Our sympathy is extended to **Sherye Holley**, as well as the rest of her family, who lost both her mother **Jean Talley** and her husband **Donnie Holley** early last week.
- Zach Foust** continues to recover at home from multiple surgeries.
- Jim Davis** will have more tests this Tuesday.
- Josh Cornett**, Ben Harris's roommate, is struggling with melanoma.
- Karen Davis** is not doing very well.
- Tim Heath's** father has been struggling with some medical problems.
- Please remember all those who have lost loved ones in the last few weeks.

*The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous
And His ears are open to their cry.*

-Psalm 34:15

All of these are the known updates at the time of *this bulletin's printing*. For more accurate updates, please listen at the beginning of each church service or speak with Rodney Weaver or one of the elders.

Please Pray for Our Missionary Efforts:

- Rocco Pierce Family (Pacific Islands)
- Randy Gardner Family (Quechee, VT)
- International Gospel Hour (W. Claiborne)
- Sarah Dutton (Central American Missions)
- Carlos Ardila Family (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- Student Campaigns throughout the year
- Will Hanstein Family (Bear Valley Bible Institute)
- Baxter Exum Family (Madison, WI)
- Kyle Allen Family (India)
- Martin Klamm Family (Bonaire)
- FHU Graduate Bible Scholarship
- House to House, Heart to Heart
- Lance Mosher Family (New Zealand)