



Your Journey. Our Focus.

**June 4, 2017**

**A Pastor's Ponderings**

At the heart of my preaching today is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel begins with God and centers upon the Lord Jesus Christ... who He is and what He accomplished in His life, death, and resurrection.

Even though it isn't popular in our culture today, I am obligated to say what the Bible says. That the eternal destiny of all people depends on whether they truly know Jesus as Savior and Lord. Acts 4:12 says it explicitly: *"...there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."* We may not care for those words, but there it is in black and white. Jesus said the same thing in John 14:6, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."*

Lest I be misunderstood, let me be even more explicit. The Bible offers no hope to sincere worshipers of other religions. There is no other way and no other Name than Jesus Christ. Sincerity is not enough to get you to heaven. Only Jesus saves.

We deny any gospel other than the one revealed in the New Testament. The truth of the gospel does not depend on this church, or your human tradition, or any particular denomination. We base all that we are and all that we say on the authority of God's Word.

This is why we preach the gospel. This is why we send missionaries to the ends of the earth. This is why we urgently do the work of evangelism. We've got the Good News the world needs to hear. *"God help us to be faithful in the work you've called us to do."*

**Weekly Schedule for June 4 to June 11**

**Today** Sunday School .....10:00 am  
 Morning Worship .....11:00 am  
 Evening Worship .....6:00 pm  
 Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship .....Following evening worship  
 (EVERYONE is encouraged to join us for cake & ice cream and fellowship.)

**Tuesday** Men's Breakfast .....9:00 am  
 Ladies' Prayer Group .....postponed

**Wednesday** Fellowship Supper .....5:30-6:30 pm

<i>All group activities begin at 7:00 pm.</i>	K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall The Experience* Junior High Small Group* (* meets at <u>The Spot</u> )
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Church Business Meeting & Adult Prayer & Bible Study

**Next Sunday** Sunday School .....10:00 am  
 Morning Worship .....11:00 am  
 Evening Worship .....6:00 pm  
 Choir Practice .....following evening worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Ellyn Bennett .....Mon., June 5 Keith Holley .....Sat., June 10	<b>Wednesday, June 7</b> Brandon & Tracey Shipley  <b>Saturday, June 10</b> Nancy & Roy Gillis

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	
<b>TODAY</b> AM - Kelleve & Sierra Malone and Lori DeLoach	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> AM - Patrick & Pam Mitchell and Jessie Hodge

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

This week's menu:  
**Lasagna, green beans, cole slaw, bread, drinks & dessert**  
 (A sign up sheet is in the foyer.)  
 Meals are **\$4.00** for each adult.  
 Supper will be served from **5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**It's VERY important to let the cooks know how many meals to prepare. Otherwise, food may be insufficient or wasted. So, please remember to sign up!**  
*Need more information or need to sign up or cancel?*  
**Call Lavon Jones @ 426-8105.**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Our regular monthly business meeting will be held this Wednesday night. All members are encouraged to be in attendance.

**DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

We are trying to update the church directory, and **we need your help.** We have several new families and changes in our family profiles (such as new babies). If there have been changes made in your family or if you have joined New Salem Church during the past 2 years, please complete an **information form** and give it to **Lavon Jones** or **Linda King.** (Someone can point us out to you if we haven't become acquainted.) The sooner we can accumulate all the new data and revise the ones we already have, the sooner we can update the church directory. *If you need to revise your address or telephone number,* you can fill out a form also, or you can contact **Linda King** by phone or text @ **948-0079.**

Extra forms are on the table in the church foyer.

**HOUSEHOLD SHOWER**

Everyone is invited to attend the household shower being given for Taylor Archer and family on this Friday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m. here in our fellowship hall.

