

New Here?

Welcome to Gospel Light!

We're so glad you came to worship with us and want to do all we can to help you feel at home. Please stop by Capachi's Coffee Shop for a complimentary cup of coffee.

Connection Card

If this is your first visit with us, if you need prayer or have any questions, we'd like to know how to serve you. Please fill out the Get Connected Card and bring it to Capachi's Cafe in the Atrium to receive a free gift. You can also leave it at the connection corner or drop it in the offering plate and someone will contact you.

Small Groups

If you are desiring a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, one of the best ways to make that happen is by being part of a Small Group. Small Groups are weekly small gatherings where we dig deep into the Word of God, find fellowship and support, as well as ways to provide service and outreach into our community. Come by "The Connection Corner" in the atrium for more information.

Ministry Contacts

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Announcements

Christmas Gift to Jesus

"Christmas Gift to Jesus" offering will be received today and on Sunday, December 22nd and 29th please use designated "Christmas Gift to Jesus" envelope.

Lord's Supper

We will be observing the Lord's Supper on Sunday, December 22nd during both Worship services. I encourage you to prepare your heart, now as we remember what our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, did on the cross for us!

Save The Date

Ladies' Brown Bag Brunch on Saturday, January 18th at 11:00 a.m.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Adult Small Groups (Childcare provided)
Student Fellowship
10:30 am First Adult Worship Service
Children's Worship Service and Small Groups
Adult Small Groups
6:00 pm Second Adult Worship Service
Children's Activity Time
Student Activity Time
Adult Small Groups

Wednesday

7:00 pm Student Worship Service and Small Groups
Adult Small Groups

Financial Update

Tithes/Offerings	\$14,200.73	• Give online: www.gospellight.org
Missions	\$1,663.66	• By mail:
Bus	\$357.00	600 Garland Ave, Hot Springs, AR 71913
Total	\$16,221.39	• Giving Questions? Dave Sepe 501.624.5288 ext.48



GOSPEL LIGHT

BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship Guide

December 15, 2013

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Our Purpose

“To Glorify God”

Our Mission

“To Make Disciples of all Nations”

Our Method

“To Connect with God through Worship”
“To Connect with Each Other through Discipleship”
“To Connect with the Church through Service”
“To Connect with the World through Outreach”

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Day 1
John 3:3

Day 2
I Peter 1:3

Day 3
Psalm 51:1-2

Day 4
Psalm 51:3-5

Day 5
II Corinthians 5:17

Day 6
John 3:16

I want you to picture this. You are a man who has just been engaged to be married. You and your bride-to-be are whole heartedly devoted to God and are committed to maintaining purity in your relationship with one another. Then one day, your fiancé breaks the news that she is pregnant. You know that you have never had relations with her; so she must have slept with another man. Then she has the audacity to tell you she didn't cheat on you; but God got her pregnant. That is the dilemma Joseph was facing when Mary turned up with a baby. No doubt he didn't believe her at first. Who would have? But an angel appeared to Joseph and reassured him that Mary was telling the truth. Now his problems were worse. The honorable thing to do would be to quietly divorce Mary. But now the world would look on his family with shame. It is impossible to really know what life was like for this family. We do know that because of Joseph's faithfulness to God, to Mary, and to this new little baby, his family endured the hardship. What an example of faithfulness in the face of hardship. God will often call us to face difficulties because of our obedience to Him. It is in those times that we must remain steadfast in our faithfulness, and like Joseph, trust God to bring us through it. Face any hardship with faith and trust God. You are going to see that lived out through the apostle Paul in Acts 20, 21, 22 and 23 as we study the Bible together today. If there is anything that I can pray with you about, please let me know. I love you. Pastor Eric

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

The Christmas season is a perfect opportunity to reach out to those in your sphere of influence and invite them to church. With the obvious atmosphere and emphasis on the birth of Jesus it seems more natural to invite family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to church with you when you don't have to knock on a door. One way to overcome the fear of inviting people to church is to begin to pray for those around you. Once you begin to intercede for that person with God it helps you develop a sensitivity to their needs and leads naturally to the possibility of giving an invitation to church. What is something specific that you can ask the Lord for with regards to your church invitation efforts? Pray for the opportunity to arise to invite them to Church. Pray for awareness of their need. Pray for the courage to invite them to church. Pray for favor that they would accept the invitation. Pray they would follow through and come. Pray that they would hear the message and grow one step closer to God. Once you've prayed, then put feet to your prayers and ask them to come. You might be surprised what the Lord can do.

PRAY FOR OUR CITY

This week we are praying for the Master's Table of Hot Springs and their outreach efforts. We are also praying this week for Pastor Jim Adkins, Pastor of Trinity Church, Hot Springs, AR.

Day 1: Please pray for Doug and Lain Rodgers to have wisdom, guidance, and direction from the Lord to manage their resources and efforts during this holiday season.

Day 2: Pray for those that the Master's Table ministers to thru their Saturday meals that they would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Day 3: Pray for donations that are needed for the Master's Closet, especially shoes, coats, and blankets.

Day 4: Pray for all the volunteers and laborers who will be preparing and serving Saturday meals. Pray for more volunteers and for opportunities for Gospel Light members to participate in.

Day 5: Pray for monetary donations to increase so that they can meet the increased requests for assistance that comes this time of year. Pray for ways that you might be able to donate.

Day 6: Pray for the homeless and street people of Hot Springs as they struggle with loneliness and anxiety. Pray that they will find rest for their souls in Christ.

PRAY FOR OUR WORLD

Our prayer focus for this week is Mark Bosje serving in Thailand. Drop the Bosje's an email at markbosje@fbmi.org

Day 1 –We need to buy land. In our area the average land price is just over \$200,000 per acre.

Day 2 –We need more buildings. Our church is exploding.

Day 3 –We need more translators. Since Thai is such a difficult language, it takes a minimum of 5 years to speak it fluently. In the meantime, our American missionaries can only preach, teach, and go soul winning if they have good translators. We need translators for English-Thai and English-Karen.

Day 4 –More Thai and Karen preachers, teachers, and soul winners. Since the natives don't need to learn the language, they are ready to reach their own people much sooner than the American missionaries are.

Day 5 –Please pray for stability in the Thai government.

Day 6 –Our two oldest children, Matthew and Sarah, are currently attending Bible college in the States. We would appreciate your prayers for their health and safety. Matthew also needs a job.

NOTES:



Absolute Surrender to Jesus Christ

Acts 21,22,23

There is a _____ that is available to those who are 100% surrendered to _____.

Four things we learn about absolute surrender.

I. The power of one _____.

3 things about Paul in this passage.

1. He was not persuaded by the _____ of others.

Three reasons why Christians sometimes hinder absolute surrender.

a. We don't want them to _____ from us.

b. We don't want them to _____.

c. We don't want their level of _____ to _____ us.

2. He placed no _____ on following Christ.

3. He had one _____.

Act 21:13 "the name of the Lord Jesus"

II. The power to endure false _____.

3 responses we often give when we are falsely accused.

1. We _____ it.

2. We _____.

3. We _____ people.

III. The power to _____ in the face of _____.

IV. The power to persevere through _____.

Paul's testimony of absolute surrender makes me want to give my life to Jesus in a way that I have never done before.

****Recommended reading: Absolute Surrender by Andrew Murray**