

The Voice

“A beacon of light and a harbor of hope”

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ACTS 16:31

Richard Kirkland

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved...”

(Acts 16:31, NASB)

This is always the correct reply to someone who does not yet know Christ. The first and foremost thing is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. John 8:24 teaches that unless we believe in Him we will die in our sins and if we die in our sins we cannot go to be with the Lord when we die!

Notice, please, that the cause of our being lost is **SIN**. “[F]or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). And, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

Since sin causes us to be lost, we must do whatever God tells us to do in order to be saved from the wages of sin. And the first thing we must do is to **believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the first thing we must do, but by no means the last thing! Faith *alone* moves us in the direction of salvation, but does not save. “Even so, faith, if it has no works, is dead being by itself...You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone...For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead” (James 2:17, 24, 26).

Because we believe on Christ, we must **repent** of all of our sins (Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3,5; 2 Peter 3:9). We must also confess with our mouths our faith in Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32-33, Romans 10:9). And then we must be **baptized into** Christ (Acts 22:16) where salvation is obtained (2 Timothy 2:10).

The Philippian Jailer surely did all of these things. How do we know? Because in Acts 16:32 the inspired writer informs us, “And they **spoke the word of the Lord to him** together with all who were in his house.” If they spoke the word of the Lord to him, do you suppose that included the words of our Lord regarding repentance (Luke 13:3), confession (Matthew 10:32) and baptism (Mark 16:16)? This is true because Acts 16:33 records, “and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household.

Don’t ever let people confuse you about what is required for salvation by using Acts 16:31 as a stand-alone passage. Whenever a person lifts a *text* out of its *context* it becomes a *pretext* for false doctrine. The touchstone for understanding any verse of scripture is the text in which it is found.

Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30 AM

AM Worship 10:15 AM

PM Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders

Jack Jones

968-4277

Anthony Sweeney

968-5692

Deacons

Chris Hare

Freddy Nelson

Kenneth Pirtle

Minister

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TO OUR GUESTS: We welcome you to our worship assembly! We are glad that you have come to be with us today. Our prayer for you is for God to be leading you in your life and in your search for a church home. We are continually praying for God to send more people to help us with His work. If you want to be a part of this loving Christian family, please fill out one of our visitor cards and place it in the collection plate when it is passed. One of our elders or the preacher will then soon contact you personally.

OUR SICK: Please continue to remember the following individuals in your daily prayers: Bill Abernathy, Bob Baker, Raymond Barton, Jack Brown, Brian Davis, Doranda Finley, Lois Galloway, Sue Griffin, Tim Green, Lillian Hare, Jerrie Hare, Lilden Hefley, Mike Hickman, Faye Jimason, Jessie Kirkland, Dwight Mask, Morgan Melton, Lou Mitchel (cancer), Bob Molden, Jr., Betty Pierce, Joyce Poynter, Jamie Rees, Reba Spradlin, Etoile Sweeney, Sandy Sweeney, Emmett Wade, Dan Woods, Martha Yates.

OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Derek Jones, Phillip Sweet, SPC Destry Benton Branch.

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DEVOTIONAL SPEAKERS FOR THE MONTH: Aug. 4th—Vernon Howard, Aug. 11th—Jack Jones, Aug. 18th—Jim Harrelson, Aug. 25th—Nick Nelson, Sept. 1st—Donnie Miller, Sept. 8th—Ben Hare, Sept. 15th—Matt Sweeney, Sept. 22nd—Adam Sweeney

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way is presented on Sundays on channel 4 at 7:30A.M. Tune in this week! Presentations for the months of July and August:

- August 1—Give Us A Standard
- August 8—Christian Morality
- August 15—Constrained By God's Love
- August 22—That Which Is Perfect
- August 29—People Can Change

Becoming a Christian:

We believe that we are saved by the grace of God which is accessed by our obedient faith to Him. Obedience includes making public confession of our faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, repenting of our sins, and receiving baptism by immersion for the remission of sins in the name of Jesus. Through this response we are forgiven of our past sins, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and enjoy the promise of eternal life. We welcome at any time a request for baptism.

Becoming a member at Fifth and Greenwich:

All believers who have received baptism by immersion for the remission of sins are welcome to place their membership with us. Doing so places you under the care of our elders and commits you to active participation in the work of this congregation.

Responding:

If you have any need – baptism, repentance, confession, the desire to place membership, or desire the prayers of the church – you are invited to come to the front of the auditorium during the singing of the song after the sermon. The preacher will help you communicate your need to the church.

<p><i>Southern Christian Home</i> Don't Forget to Bring your Food Items for this week: Washing Powder Spray starch Canned tomatoes Now is time to restock!</p>	<p><i>Record July 25, 2010</i></p> <table> <tr> <td>Bible Study.....</td> <td>63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Worship.....</td> <td>85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evening.....</td> <td>53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed. night.....</td> <td>51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Offering.....</td> <td>\$1,591.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Budget.....</td> <td>\$1,389.00</td> </tr> </table>	Bible Study.....	63	Worship.....	85	Evening.....	53	Wed. night.....	51	Offering.....	\$1,591.97	Budget.....	\$1,389.00
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FROM THE DESK OF BROTHER RICHARD:

The updated, new and improved church directory is here! **Jim and Mary Harrelson** have done a wonderful job putting everything together. The completed directories will be available as printing allows and can be picked up in the foyer.

Vacation Bible School going well. Our theme, "Rise and Shine for Jesus" has been well received. We have had visitors from other area congregations and our own children combined. Attendance has been good thus far. Also, our teachers and helpers are to be commended for the good way they are supporting the programs. The teachers are all young adults and we are grateful for this involvement, growth and participation. Our support people have just worked together brilliantly! **Helen Molden** has done a great job with the refreshments. **Debbie Sweeney** has been the person who has just filled every open assignment so wonderfully. **Pat Miller** has been here to give her helping hand as needed. Without these people the work could not have gone so smoothly. We should say a special "thank you" to **Matt Sweeney** for leading the program this year. His hard work and dedication has meant so much to the success of the program. However, I was NOT surprised to hear one class singing its own version of the Booster Song: "Booster, booster, be a booster, don't be a grouchy like brother Richard..." (I didn't really hear that...but I could've!) Actually, on one day I had seven grandchildren there...I'd like to see anyone top that!

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: On Saturday (July 31st) we will have our regular, monthly, men's prayer breakfast. We start eating at 8:00 am. Come early for coffee and conversation. Stay late for coffee and conversation! Come and enjoy a good time.

THE GREATEST MAN IN HISTORY

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
 Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
 Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
 He had no army, yet kings feared Him..
 He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
 He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
 He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

**Privileged to
Serve**

Sunday Morning
Aug. 1

Announcements
Jack Jones

Song Leader
Anthony Sweeney

Opening Prayer
Freddy Green

Communion
Chris Hare
Kevin Guinn
Bob Molden
Adam Sweeney

Sermon:
Richard Kirkland

Closing Prayer
Vernon Howard

Sunday Evening
Aug. 1

Announcements
Jack Jones

Song Leader
Matt Sweeney

Opening Prayer
Rick Wood

Sermon:
Richard Kirkland

Closing Prayer
James Taylor

GOSPEL MEETING

August 22-25, 2010

Sunday Morning: 9:30 and 10:15 A.M.

Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M.

Monday – Wednesday Evenings 7:00 P. M.

Carroll Sites, Guest Speaker

SCHEDULES

Sunday Bible Class:

Auditorium

The Book of Proverbs

Anthony Sweeney, teacher.

Adult Group Class

The Book of Revelation

Jack Jones, teacher

Sunday Singing Practice:

Each Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Wednesday Bible Class:

The Book of James

Richard Kirkland, teacher

Wednesday

College & Teen Study:

Led by Matt Sweeney

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