

**January 4, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Johnny Cissom

Scripture Reading

Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer

Dalton Beard (A.M.) Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Blair Chapman (A.M.) Junior Derrick (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Joel Moore (Presiding),

Chase Chapman, Mickey Chandler, Jordan Staggs

Count and Usher

Andy Reese

Jeff Brewer

Prepare Communion

Myra Palmer & Anna Palmer

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Jack Harris (01/07/15)

OUR RECORD

December 28, 2014

Sunday Bible Study: 113

Sunday Morning Worship: 139

Sunday Evening Worship: 110

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 98

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3866

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).

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Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister,
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Our Forgiving Of Others

By Ron Boatwright

Jesus in His teaching on prayer and in asking God to forgive us of our sins says, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15). Our forgiving others may be difficult, but it is essential if we want God to forgive us of our sins. If we aren't forgiven of God then our sins will separate us from God and we will be eternally lost.

In our striving to be Christ-like we are to try to have the same mind-set that Christ has. Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." According to Jesus, how are we to think of others? "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). Jesus demonstrated this forgiving attitude as He was being nailed to the cross, "Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do'" (Luke 23:34). Many of these people were later forgiven of God when they repented and were baptized (Acts 2:38, 41). And also Stephen had a forgiving attitude as he was being stoned to death in Acts 7:60, "Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord do not charge them with this sin'. And when he said this he fell asleep".

We must not hold grudges and have hatred in our hearts for the wrongs others have done to us. God's word says to us "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you must also do" (Colossians 3:12-13). We must be forgiving of others if we want God to forgive us so we can go to Heaven.

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THE PROBLEM OF PATIENCE

by: Russ Lawson

We often talk about patience. Most of us have heard the old saying, "Lord give me patience and I want it right now!" But have you ever thought about what "patience" really means? The dictionary definition is: 1. Quality or habit of enduring without complaint. 2. The exercise of sustained endurance and preservation. 3. Forbearance toward the faults or infirmities of others. 4. Tranquil waiting or expectation. 5 Ability to await events without being perturbed disquieted or upset. (Funk & Wagnall's Dict.1952).

Actually after looking up the definition I almost felt pretty good about myself.... almost..... I actually do pretty well with most of those definitions until you read number five. "The ability to await events without being perturbed, disquieted or upset." To some of you this may come as a surprise, but perhaps not to others. You see one of my major problems is that I don't wait very well. I hate waiting in lines and getting in them and only with a strong self discipline can stay in them. I almost completely refuse go to a drive through line of any kind waiting for someone else to do something. I hate to sit around and wait in offices. I have an extreme problem with sitting and waiting and doing nothing. I take books with me almost everyplace I go, not because I am so caught up in the book, but it drives me crazy to do nothing.

"Patience, The ability to await events without being perturbed, disquieted or upset." I like to think that I am better than I was at dealing with this problem. My wife assures me that I am, but also that I still have a long way to go.

Why consider patience now? Because I have been dealing with a new life lesson in the subject.... The past few weeks I have not felt too well and of course I kept on pushing myself anyway. You guessed it, it got worse rather than better, ended up with doctor's appointments, an emergency room visit, bunches of tests, etc. Ended up with the doctor telling me to stay in the house and do nothing but rest for the next week, come see him again and we'd see if I could do anything. "Stay in the house and do nothing but rest..." Sounds nice doesn't it, but for someone like me it is one of the hardest things you could tell me to do. I told someone that I was under "house arrest," and that's kind of what it feels like.... but, I'm working on it....

What does all of this have to do with anything? One of my all time favorite scriptures is Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." I think I am slowly, (very slowly) learning to wait with out being perturbed, disquieted or upset. Paul writes in Romans 5:3-4, "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation (difficulties) worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope."

Perhaps you have heard the song, "He's still working on me." That's true of all of us isn't it? I have a long way to go, but these difficulties are strengthening my patience and giving me experience, which is my hope for eternity.

Be careful if you ask the Lord for patience; you may not find the life lesson easy to deal with.

Edify One Another

by David Padfield

At the close of Paul's first letter to the church at Thessalonica, he exhorted them to "edify one another" (1 Thes. 5:11). The word "edify" comes from the Greek word oikodomeo. This word occurs thirty-nine times in the original text, and all except eight times it is translated as "build" or "built." Our Lord chose to use this word in Matthew 7:24 when He spoke of the wise man who "built his house on the rock."

The idea Paul had in mind was that Christians should "build" one another up in the faith. After defining the word, Thayer comments that it is "the act of one who promotes another's growth in Christians wisdom, piety, holiness, happiness" (Greek-English Lexicon Of The New Testament, p. 440). W. E. Vine said the word is "used metaphorically, in the sense of 'edifying,' promoting the spiritual growth and development of character of believers, by teaching or by example, suggesting such spiritual progress as the result of patient labor." (Expository Dictionary Of Biblical Words, p. 194).

One of the highest duties that a Christian has is to encourage others. In a world filled with pessimism, violence and despair, our need for encouragement is great. It is all too easy to let the "ways of the wicked" become our ways. The happy man is the one who refuses to "stand in the path of sinners" or "sit in the seat of the scornful" (Psa. 1:1).

After a week of listening to the gripes and complaints of this sin-sick world, Christians should look forward to an isle of retreat on the Lord's day. A place where the name of God is blessed, not cursed. A place where we can enjoy the "seasons of refreshing" which only God can provide (Acts 3:19).

It is truly a shame that Christians do not spend more time in each other's company. The Hebrew writer bids us to "consider one another in order to stir up love and good works" (Heb. 10:24). After the command, he tells us how it is to be accomplished, i.e., "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Heb. 10:25).

In the days of Haggai, the people of God grew discouraged while the working to rebuild the temple. God commanded them to get back to work, then gave them comfort by saying, "I am with you, says the Lord of hosts" (Hag. 2:4). Consider what it meant for those Jews to whom Haggai spoke to know the Lord was with them. Surely they could remember the stories of how Jehovah had been with their fathers as they passed through the Red Sea. They knew that God had "led them by the hand" through the wilderness on their way to Canaan. In view of God's goodness, how could they doubt Him now?

In a similar vain, Jesus has promised to be "in the midst" of His disciples when they assemble (Matt. 18:20). What a thought! The Son of God in our midst every Lord's day. He has also promised to be with us as we carry out the great commission (Matt. 28:20). Do you desire to be in the presence of the Lord and His people?

As we run our race toward eternal glory, let us continually encourage each other and "run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1,2).

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 4, 2015

Chapman Singing:

Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home at 2 PM

&

Visitation Group:

Will meet Sunday Night after services
in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring finger food or desserts

*In keeping With the Resent Lesson on Revival -
this is Our Challenge:*

ALL CHAPMAN LADIES INVITED

SPECIAL 2015 PLANNING NIGHT

January 6, Tuesday Night at 6:30

Snacks Provided

**If you want to please God by serving Him with
all your heart, mind and soul**

**If you want to work willingly with your hands
and sing praises to Him**

**If you want to create an inviting atmosphere
of warmth and love**

**If you want to search the scriptures
with other Sisters in Christ**

**If you want to get out of your comfort zone
Be involved in many good works
Pep Up and Step Up!**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Rhonda Shannon and Glen Terry (Beech Hill).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Audrey Box, Barbara Criswell, Ella Shackelford, Blair Chapman, Sharon Pannell, Tavin & Kirstin Fitzgerald, Gerohn Childs, Erik Longoria

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Westin Walker (Son of Tyler & Allie Walker) in Children's Hospital of Birmingham - new born, Bonnie Chapman (TCH), Ronnie Massey (Corinth Hospital)

•**REHAB:** Tony Morrison (Golden Living, Room F11)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Brandon King

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:**

Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Glen Moore (Joel's Brother), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman, Christopher Pruitt.

•**CANCER:** *Deborah Gullick* (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), *Eva Crawford, Elaine Mauney, David Barkley (Kelly Brewer's Uncle), Yater*

Shinall (Dawn Jackson's Father), Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson,

Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Beth Kuykendall, William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer

•**SHUT-INS:** *Resthaven:* Oleta Phillips (*Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), *Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home:* Lorene Willis, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Billie Floyd (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*)

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