

**January 10, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Britt Lindley

Opening Prayer

Dalton Beard (A.M.) Randell Koon (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Starrett Chapman (A.M.) Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Jarvene Shackelford (Presiding),

Jeff Staggs, Jordan Staggs, Tom Wade

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom

Casey Harris

Prepare Communion

Angela Bridges & Dala Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (01/13/2016)

OUR RECORD

January 3, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 124

Sunday Morning Worship: 140

Sunday Evening Worship: 109

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 101

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,923

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Me Generation – It's Not All About You... Or Me
Brad Harrub

I have looked into the tearful eyes of many parents as they shared the details of their children abandoning Christianity. While I have learned a great deal about why young people leave the Church, one nugget that has stood out from such conversations is that there is a million miles between our children "going through the motions" in reference to their spiritual life versus our children possessing a heart that dictates their actions. Thus, I think it is vitally important for parents, teachers, preachers, and elders to get to the heart of the matter. In this column I hope to share with you what I hope to instill in the hearts of my own children and those whom I love.

Generational names are not new. Those individuals who are now waltzing into their golden years have been long termed Baby Boomers. The X-generation watched the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War. The latest generation has been labeled by many as the "Me Generation." (Or maybe better termed the "I-Me" generation.) This generation has grown up embracing the notion that the world literally revolves around their very existence. Now don't get me wrong—they have had good role models. The Baby Boomers set the precedent on being a "me generation." The X-generation then filled in any missing gaps by filling their homes with gadgets, electronics, and technology to please their own desires. So now along comes an extremely narcissistic generation that expects their every want and desire to be fulfilled. Is this a healthy outlook on life, and what does the Bible have to say regarding this mentality?

Here's what I intend on teaching my children—children who are currently growing up in the Me Generation: While I love you deeply, it never has been, or never will be, all about you. That does not change my love for you, but it does help us put things into perspective. This world has existed for a long time before you and I came into it. And, Lord willing, it will continue on long after we are gone. It's not all about you. Simply put, it's all about Him.

This "I-Me" attitude has become an epidemic. During your life, you will meet many people who believe they come first—that the world truly revolves around them. Never lose sight of the fact that the Bible clearly teaches us that every knee will bow to God (Isaiah 45:23) no matter how rich or famous. This same sentiment is applied to Jesus in Philippians 2:9-11. How frightening will it be to look upon Jehovah God on that Great Day having lived a life revolving around yourself?

James admonished, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up" (James 4:10). The Bible teaches us that one of the six things God hates is a proud look (Proverbs 6:16-17). The inspired writer of Proverb 3:34 proclaimed that God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. It's my prayer that you will grow into humble servants of God. Humility is a trait that must be cultivated in your heart. Always ask yourself why you are doing what you are doing.

No matter how great we believe our accomplishments to be, there will always be someone out there who is wealthier, prettier, smarter, or more successful. There will always be someone who has traveled further, built bigger, or accumulated more. But remember, these are worldly standards of success. If you place all of your happiness and peace in your own self-image or your own accomplishments, then you are ultimately going to live a miserable life.

In Micah 6:8 the question is raised: "And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" Is this the message we are sending our children today?

Having tasted every single thing this world had to offer, Solomon reminded us "vanity of vanities, all is vanity" (Ecclesiastes 1:2). He then concluded by reminding us the whole duty of man was to "fear God and keep His commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

Please make sure this I-Me attitude does not infect your heart. Make sure this narcissistic attitude does not enter the Church. Our worship to God is not all about you or your personal desires. It's about Him. He is the audience of our worship and praise—not man. As you look for a husband or wife, as you raise your children, as you find a congregation to worship with, remember Who the world truly revolves around. For without Him, the world would not revolve at all.

Dealing with Last Year's Mistakes

Dan Jenkins

One of the unseen blessings of memorizing Scripture is that doing this opens the door to our souls. Solomon showed this when he said that a man is what he thinks in his heart (Prov. 23:7). What is perhaps even more remarkable is that what we memorized when we were children is so much a part of what we are today. We all know about what happened to Jack and Jill, Little Miss Muffet and the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe. We owe a tremendous debt to those who helped us learn spiritual truths when we were so much younger.

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I am not sure what teacher required that I memorize the opening stanza of a poem which I can so easily recall now six decades after I learned it. It was written by Lolita Hiroshi (I did not memorize her name, but found it on Google), but the moral truth found in it still impacts my life.

I wish that there were some wonderful place called the Land of Beginning Again, where all our mistakes and all our heartaches could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door, and never be on again.

The reality is that such a place does exist. That land of beginning again is found in Christ. His grace is so amazing that He allows us to bury all the mistakes of the past and then to begin again. Paul said, "If anyone in Christ he is a new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17). That old man is crucified and buried in baptism, and we are raised to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:3-6). Mistakes of the past are gone and laid aside like an old garment, and we clothe ourselves in Christ-like apparel.

This truth is vividly described in Paul's description of those in Corinth. Before becoming Christians, they were fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, sodomites, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers and extortioners. There was no way, living that way, they could inherit the kingdom of God. But, Paul described what happened when they became Christians. "But you were washed...sanctified...justified (1 Cor. 6:9-11). They entered the "Land of Beginning Again."

That same beginning is still available for those who have become Christians and made foolish mistakes. John says that the blood of Jesus cleanses us also (1 John 1:7). The Lord continues to see us a without spot, wrinkle and without a single blemish (Eph. 5:27). With humble hearts we can live each day in the "Land of Beginning Again."

So, as this new year begins, let's take time to have an honest look at changes we can make. With His help every wrong can be made right. Memorize His words about the "land" in which we live. Write them on your soul, today!

Reference
By Charlie Gamble

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Gal 5:22-23 (NKJV)

Have you noticed that this description is singular? Paul is not telling us to reflect one or two of these characteristics while ignoring the others. Indeed, the follower of Christ will be all of these things.

There are times when I have been asked to be a reference. When I do this, I take these verses into consideration. It is not enough to be faithful in attendance if I don't see the other aspects of the fruit of the Spirit living in you. More importantly, does God see you living this description?

How will you be referenced by Jesus at the judgment: "Come, you blessed of My Father", or "Depart from Me?" (Matt. 25:34,41)

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADS TO LEADERS KEEPERS

January 10, 2016 at 5:00 PM -
Fellowship Hall

January 22 & 23
Christian Leaders Seminar
Ripley Church of Christ
(Friday, 22nd 7 PM to 9 PM
Saturday, 23rd 8:30 AM until lunch)
Conducted by Glenn Colley

"Happiness doesn't depend on what we have, but it does depend on how we feel toward what we have. We can be happy with little and miserable with much." - via The Encourager, Calvert City, KY

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"What one does, one becomes."
(Spanish proverb)

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Josephine Chapman, David Palmer, Candice Hopper, Tony Morrison

•**HAVING TEST:** Robin Chapman, Juanita Micheal

Wonderful to have Sandy Newby back with us.

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Connie Mauney, Shelby Cissom, Erik Longoria, Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe's Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. •**CANCER:** Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: Oleta Phillips (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Willis, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman, Pauline McBryde (Rita Smith's Grandmother) (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).