

**January 11, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Rickey Cissom

Opening Prayer

Michiel Criswell (A.M.) J C Newby (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Starrett Chapman (A.M.) Mason McAlister (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

Brock Lindley (01/14/15)

OUR RECORD

January 4, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 126

Sunday Morning Worship: 143

Sunday Evening Worship: 116

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 95

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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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89 Inspiring Ways to Know Christ... or So I Thought Josh Blackmer

There it was in the magazine rack amongst all the juicy titles: "9 Practices for Better...", "12 Ways to Know your Man is...", "The Scandal Comes to Light, Interview with..." This particular title stood in stark contrast to those around it. Printed above a picture of a large towering cross against a cloudy background was this title, "Jesus: 89 Inspiring Ways to Know Christ." I was shocked to find any "religious" materials in the grocery store checkout lane. After my initial shock wore off, I began to wonder, "How are they getting 89?" I was hooked. I had to pick it up. I did not buy it. At \$12.99, it hardly seemed like a worthy investment, but it warranted a thumbing through while the lady in front of me worked out her coupons.

Printed in its propaganda was this statement, "This special edition magazine exalts Jesus by giving an overview of 89 names and attributes described in the Bible." Not what I thought. I expected 89 "inspiring" ways to get to know the Christ on a spiritual level. I expected 89 denominational ideas on how to have a relationship with the Christ. Instead, it was 89 different ways the Bible refers to the Christ by name. You can come to know more about Christ through such a study. However, there is a more important issue at hand—to know and to be known by the Christ, the Savior.

I know that most people don't know the Jesus of the Bible. They know the Jesus filtered through their own social and philosophical ideals. This filtered Jesus makes them feel good about themselves and their current state. How do I know this? I know this because people change the teachings of the Biblical Jesus. They change the message to fit their needs. They sanitize it, wrap it in plastic and put it on the shelf. To them Jesus has become an icon of their own spirituality. The real words in red, when read in context, make people feel uncomfortable and should shake us loose from conformity to the world. When applied, they convict the heart and move it to cry out to the Savior of the world, "My Lord and my God!" The heart that says this is obedient to His commands.

The other side of knowing Christ is to be known by Him. Matthew 7:20-23 introduces an uncomfortable concept of the Biblical Jesus. In verse 20, we are known by our actions or fruits. Verses 21-22 mention that on the day of judgment there will be people talking about all the things they thought were "spiritual" that they did. Jesus' response will be, "I never knew you" (v. 23). The key is in verse 21. It is not about doing what we think is spiritual but rather doing the will of the Father in heaven. There are not "89 inspirational ways" to know Christ. There is simply one inspired way—conform our hearts and minds to the will of the Father.

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Some Exercise is Profitable

Dan Jenkins

America seems to be obsessed with physical fitness. There is obvious profit in getting our bodies fit, but when compared to getting our souls fit, there is little profit. Paul said, "Bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things" (1 Tim. 4:8). However, the Bible does show that sometimes running is truly profitable. Look at the following.

"But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside" (Gen. 39:12). Bible students will recognize these words describing how young Joseph dealt with the temptation of sexual sin. He knew what sin was and literally ran from the arms of the woman trying to seduce him. So many lives would be so different if men ran away from sin. Running can be profitable sometimes.

"They ran to the tent; and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver under it" (Josh. 7:22). The Israelites had just come from destroying Jericho. When Achan took God's treasures and hid them in his tent, disaster struck. When it became obvious what Achan had done, righteous men ran to deal with sin. We need to learn the immediate danger of sin and deal with it as soon as possible. We need to learn to run and deal with ungodliness in the midst of His people.

"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it" (Hab. 2:2). Habakkuk, the messenger of God, was sent to deliver heaven's message to the Jews. God told him to write the message so plainly that when men heard the message they would immediately flee from the coming judgment. Two points become obvious. First is the importance of Christians clearly presenting God's message. Political correctness never works when it comes to heavenly truths. The second point can never be forgotten. When we learn of the coming judgment of God against sin, we must turn away and run from it. Running can be profitable.

"So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah . . ." (Acts 8:30). The man from Ethiopia was seeking for God, and Philip ran to teach him. Think about this for a moment. What is the only response we should have in trying to take the gospel to the lost? Running can be profitable.

"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). The Jewish Christians addressed in this book had begun their walk with the Lord so well, but after time passed, their devotion cooled. The Spirit's message to them was to remind them of the only race which truly matters. Hence the words "run with endurance." We must never give up in this race. Running can be profitable.

May we run the race that ends with a crown of life!

What Will You Leave Behind?

by David Padfield

During every funeral, I remind the audience that funeral sermons are for the living, not the dead. Words spoken in the hour of death can encourage the living to remain faithful to the Lord. After the first martyr gave his life for the Lord, Luke tells us that "devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him" (Acts 8:2).

Acts 9:36 tells us of Dorcas, a woman "full of good works and charitable deeds." While at Joppa, she grew sick and died. The disciples washed her and placed her in an upper room. When Peter entered the room "all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them" (Acts 9:39). This godly woman was remembered what she left behind. Revelation 14:13 says our works will follow us. When you die, what will you leave behind?

"We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Tim. 6:7). Why do so many people get all wrapped up with "possessions?" Jesus asked, "What is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26).

What would you gain if you had the whole world? Whatever it is, it will not endure after the Judgment is passed (2 Peter 3:10).

What would you give in exchange for your soul? Whatever it may be, this is one transaction you will eternally regret. Judas sold his soul for 30 pieces of silver (Matt. 26:14-16) -- some Christians will sell out for far less. Some will sell their soul for a few more minutes sleep on Sunday morning, or another hour of TV on Sunday night. Gospel preachers have been known to exchange their hope of eternal glory for the praise of men (2 Tim. 4:3).

When you die, all that your spouse will have left of you are memories and pictures. Don't wait till your spouse dies to express your love. Flowers at the graveside might make you feel better, but your spouse could only have enjoyed them in life.

Among the many laws in the Pentateuch, Deuteronomy 24:5 is one of the most quaint. It says, "When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife, whom he has taken." God intended for the home to be pleasant for both parties.

The Psalmist tells us our "children are a heritage from the Lord" (Psa. 127:3). How are you treating your "gift" from God?

You probably purchased life insurance so your spouse can meet the financial needs of your children in the event of your death -- this is to be commended. In 1986 Christa McAuliffe died aboard the space shuttle Challenger. Some of her friends had purchased a \$1 million life insurance policy for her children. But that money could not dry a single tear from her children's eyes.

I am saddened by parents who get all wrapped up in material things so they can give their children "the best of everything." My sons often drag me outside to play baseball (I hate baseball), but, I know they would rather spend 30 minutes with me than have a new bicycle.

What will your friends think when they read your obituary? Will they be surprised to find out you were a Christian? Will the reputation of the Lord's church be harmed? Your death will affect them, for "none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself" (Rom. 14:7).

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Marie Bullock.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Blair Chapman, Audrey Box, Ola Wade, Keith Newby, Connie Koon

•**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 E4)

•**HAVING TEST:** Sharon Pannell (12th)

•EXTENDED ILLNESS:

Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Beverly Koon, Renae Koon, 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*

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