

**February 8, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Kevin Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Chris Moore (A.M.) Britt Lindley (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

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

Lord's Table

Gene Yancey (Presiding),

Ross Shackelford, Brock Lindley, Jeff Brewer

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges

Eric Melton

Prepare Communion

Joy Simmons & Juan Stroupe

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Chance Criswell (02/11/15)

OUR RECORD

February 1, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 135

Sunday Morning Worship: 142

Sunday Evening Worship: 120

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 102

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,345

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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

Witnessing

By Robert Notgrass

We hear a great deal about “witnessing for Christ” in our present day. Even some of our brethren use this word. The denominational world uses this expression to refer to a “special working of grace.” So what is witnessing?

Are You Really a Witness?

It is defined as: “To behold personal knowledge of an event, to have direct observance with one’s own eye, to bear witness to one’s religious convictions.” In the Bible, the Greek word for witness means, “One who is a spectator of an event.” It is one who has information or knowledge of something and who can give information. It is further defined by Vine’s Dictionary of New Testament Words as: “One who has seen, heard or knows; to observe.” In the Bible, there are thirty three references to being a witness (examples: Acts 1:8, 22; Acts 5:32; 1 Pet. 5:1; etc . . .) Each time the term is used in the sense of stating what one has actually seen or observed or has direct knowledge of

Many people who are using this term, including those of the brotherhood, do not use this word as the Bible uses this term. One cannot bear witness of the death of Christ for none of us were there. One cannot bear witness on the work of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost because none of us were there to observe it. Now, we can proclaim to others the testimony of Luke who wrote the book of Acts. We can give to others what the apostles witnessed, but this is not our testimony. In other words, there is a difference between telling what another witnessed and actually witnessing something yourself. So, when we proclaim the good news of the Gospel, we are passing on to listeners, the testimony of those who were actually witnesses.

But, the question then arises: “What is the big deal if we use this word or not?” Well, as Christians, we are taught to speak as the oracles of God (1 Pet. 4:11). For this reason alone, we should be cautious in using expressions like “witnessing for Christ” lest we begin to change the way the Bible uses the term witness. Second, no one qualifies as a witness for Christ today and it brings into Christianity, an element of deceit which defiles a person (Mk. 7:21-23). Third, if we truly seek to speak where the Bible speaks, we will understand that witnessing, as recorded in God’s Word, was in reference to the witnessing of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and all he did (Acts 1:21-22; 10:39-43). Fourth, our purpose is not to be a witness for the Lord as the disciples were in the first century. Christ, His message and His kingdom have already been established and proven to be true. We do not need to share testimonies of what the Lord did in our lives nor do we need to witness: anything. What we need to do is speak as the Bible speaks and teach as the Bible tells us to teach so that we and others are absolutely sure of the message we bear. And, to do contrary to this, is to pervert and confuse people of the message we bring. Therefore, let us teach the Gospel to others by using the examples of conversions we find in God’s Word and leave witnessing to those who lived in the days of Christ.

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Your Child Deserves...

By Tom Moore

A weary mother returned from the store,
Lugging groceries through the kitchen door,
Awaiting her arrival was her 8-year-old son,
Anxious to relate what his younger brother had
done.

"While I was out playing and Dad was on call,
T. J. took his crayons and wrote on the wall!
It's on the new paper you just hung in the den.
I told him you'd be mad at having to do it again."

She let out a moan and furrowed her brow,
"Where is your little brother right now!"
She emptied her arms and with a purposeful stride,
She marched to his closet where he had gone to
hide.

She called his full name as she entered his room.
He trembled with fear – he knew that meant doom!
For the next ten minutes, she ranted and raved
About the expensive wallpaper that she had saved.

Lamenting all the work it would take to repair,
She condemned his actions and total lack of care.
The more she scolded, the madder she got,
Then stomped from his room, totally distraught!

She headed for the den to confirm her fears.
When she saw the wall, her eyes flooded with tears.
The message she read pierced her soul with a dart.
It said, "I love Mommy," surrounded by a heart.

Well, the wallpaper remained, just as she found it,
With an empty picture frame hung to surround it.

A reminder to her, and indeed to us all.
Take time to read the handwriting on the wall.

(Poem by Unknown Author)

I know from personal experience that sometimes our children make horrible mistakes, and hurt us deeply. These mistakes are not usually done intentionally—but nonetheless have been done. One thing I know for sure is that our children love us and want to please us—this sometimes comes in the strangest ways. The point that I want to make is that since our children do love us—we need to love them in return.

If we really love our children we will do our best to "nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, And even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Pro. 22:6). Return your children's love with true love.

Your child deserves...

...to hear you pray earnestly and often.

...to go to worship and Bible classes with you regularly.

...to see you sacrifice for the Lord.

...to go with you to visit the sick and bereaved.

...to be taught the Bible by you.

...to hear you praise the church and her leaders.

...to be encouraged by you to seek and obey the truth always.

...to see you putting the Lord first in your giving.

...to know the Christ living in you.

Think about it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SKATING FUN
SUNDAY EVENING AFTER SERVICES
THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
7:00 - 9:00 PM
AT FUN ZONE
EVERYONE IS INVITED - BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE
Sunday at 4:45 PM
Wednesday at 6:00 PM

MARK'S BIBLE CLASS
Starts Sunday, February 15th
4:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

CHAPMAN LADIES CLASS
February 19th at 6:30 PM

PROGRAMS OF WORK

The Bible Broadcast
Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM
Southern Sentinel Article
Every other Wednesday
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of James Ervin Dees.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Doss Brewer

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

•**HOME RECOVERING:** Terry & Janie Jumper, Tony Morrison

•**REHAB:** Grady Chandler (Athens, AL, Mickey's Father)

•**SURGERY:** Allie Ward

•**HAVING TEST:** Sharon Pannell (heart)

•**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), Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell* (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, *Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister)*, 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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