

**February 15, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Evan Yancey

Opening Prayer

Johnny Cissom (A.M.) Tom Wade (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Randell Koon (A.M.) David Smith (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

Keith Newby (02/18/15)

OUR RECORD

February 8, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 120

Sunday Morning Worship: 135

Sunday Evening Worship: 138

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 122

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Contribution this week: \$3,453

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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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STANDING FOR WHAT IS RIGHT
Mark Lindley

Most people are taught from a young age to stand up for what is right. In dealing with various issues and problems, there is often a side that is right and a side that is wrong. To stand for what is right is not always easy. One who stands for what is right must have inner strength, true character, and integrity. The one who stands up for what is right will need these virtues because he may have to stand against others and resist the temptation to please them. The pressure to please others and compromise one's convictions can be strong.

A classic illustration of cowardice and compromise is seen in Pilate who turned his back on Jesus.

After Pilate had interrogated Jesus, he knew that the Lord had done nothing wrong. Pilate stated, "I find in him no fault at all" (John 18:38). It seems that Pilate should have released Jesus. After all, Pilate admitted that Jesus was guilty of no crime. Why, then, did Pilate not release Him? The answer is found in Mark 15:15: "And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified." Notice that Pilate was "willing to content the people." Pleasing the people was more important to Pilate than doing what was right. Why did he not have more compassion for Jesus? Why would he allow wicked sinners to brutalize God's Son by scourging Him and crucifying Him? The answer is found in the cold and calloused words: "willing to content the people."

How often the cause of truth and right suffers today because of cowardice and compromise! Some may compromise for the love of money; others, for popularity and power. The cause of truth and right suffers when young people give in to peer pressure and compromise their moral convictions, when parents give in to pressure from their children and allow them to go places and engage in activities which may be popular but wrong, when judges take bribes, when leaders in education ignore or cover-up problems in school, when political leaders care more about winning an election than about what is best for the people.

The way that is right is not always the easiest path to travel, but it is the only path that one can travel and please God. Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). Let us all determine to do what is right, regardless of the cost!

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Drugs And The Young by Gene Taylor

A recent study concluded that drug use among the young people of this country is dramatically on the increase. The most alarming statistic cited is that the use of illegal drugs by **children ages nine through twelve** has doubled in recent years.

It seems that not only are we losing the "war on drugs" but we are losing our children. I saw a news report where a father wept openly over the death of his 16 year old son -- an honor student who went to worship every Sunday -- but who overdosed on drugs.

This problem is not just an inner city problem. One public service announcement on television says that 40% of all drug use among children is by inner city children. It then asks the question, "Where do you think the other 60% is found?" The answer is obvious --- in every place big and small, in every strata of society, children are not only experimenting with illegal drugs but are using them on a regular basis including hard drugs such as cocaine and heroin.

Many factors contribute to this escalation. Some have suggested that many parents are to blame. The parents of "generation X" are those "baby-boomers" who in the 60's "tuned in, turned on, and dropped out." It is said that because of their own experimentation with and regular use of drugs they not only set a poor example for their own children but also have been hesitant to discipline them for using drugs, especially marijuana.

Others say society in general is responsible. From high governmental officials who admit their recreational use of drugs, to lawmakers and lobbyists who advocate legalizing marijuana and other such substances, children get the feeling that drug use is not that bad.

I saw a program on TV that was exploring substance abuse among teens where one young girl justified her use of marijuana by saying, "It's not so bad. Like, I'm not ruining my life. President Clinton smoked it and he still became president." Movie and television celebrities speak openly of their drug use. Many musicians, and not just rock musicians, use drugs illegally and even advocate their use in songs heard on the radio and M-TV. These are the "idols" of our children.

Some children succumb because of peer pressure. They want to be popular or just "fit in" with everyone else. And never discount the "thrill of rebellion." Some just want to do what they are told not to do just so that, in addition to the "high" they get from the drug, they get the "high" of doing something they know they shouldn't do.

Don't think your children are immune to these things. A survey conducted a little over ten years ago in Leon County said that 46% of all Leon County high school seniors admitted to using marijuana; 20% acknowledged using it regularly -- before, during and after school. If our community has followed the national trend, those statistics are no longer accurate -- they are probably way too low.

The Bible condemns the abuse of body and mind (1 Cor. 6:19-20). It warns against habituation and addiction (1 Cor. 6:12). We need to be teaching our children its principles. We need to be educating them and warning them about the dangers, both physical and spiritual, in substance abuse.

We are so blessed to have so many children. Let us do all we can to keep them safe and to bring them up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW COMMUNICATION PROGRAM

We are in the process of setting up a new communication program for text and email alerts. This will help keep everybody informed of deaths, events, updates, etc. Please update your information - List in foyer.

LADS TO LEADERS

Bible Bowl & Pearls Test
This Sunday, February 15th at 3:00PM
If you are unable to attend, please see Jill Loveless or Robin Chapman.

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

CHAPMAN LADIES CLASS

February 19th at 6:30 PM
Please bring to class items needed for Hospital Happy Bags: recycled gift bags, any current good condition magazines, individual size nabs, chips, cookies, snack foods, candy or health bars (no perishable items).

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: *Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Billie Floyd.*

•**SICK SUNDAY:** *Ola Wade, Kasandra & Erik Longoria*

•**IN HOSPITAL:** *Bonnie Chapman (NNMC), Westin Walker (Son of Tyler & Allie Walker) in Children's Hospital of Birmingham - new born. Glad to announce that Tavin Fitzgerald got to come home on 02/11/15.s.*

•**HOME RECOVERING:** *Tony Morrison*

•**HAVING TEST:** *Sharon Pannell (heart), Deborah Gullick, Wayne Vandygriff, Bobbye Nunnalley*

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:**
Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Grady Chandler (Athens, AL, Mickey's Father), 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*
•**SHUT-INS:** *Resthaven: Oleta Phillips (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Lorene Willis, Geraldine Benefield: had a bad fall this past week-broke hand and bruises, Christine Chapman: not doing well (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663)*

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