

**March 1, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Mickey Chandler

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Chance Criswell

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.) Bo Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Johnny Cissom (A.M.) Joel Moore (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tom Wade (Presiding),

Larry Wood, Andy Reese, Eric Melton

Count and Usher

Mike Criswell

Rickey Loveless

Prepare Communion

Connie & Bryana Davis

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Jack Harris (03/04/15)

OUR RECORD

February 22, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 128

Sunday Morning Worship: 138

Sunday Evening Worship: 117

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 92

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Contribution this week: \$3,623

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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

"I FEEL SAVED" Mark Lindley

The Bible teaches that God wants His children to feel saved. David pled, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit" (Psalm 51:12). Paul admonished: "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). Christians should have inner joy and peace, and should "feel" saved.

On the other hand, one should never base one's salvation on how one feels. Feelings can be misleading, and they do not always reflect reality. It is possible for a person to "feel" saved, but be lost. For this reason, one should never rely on feelings as proof of salvation.

Many years ago, my parents and I had planned to attend a church function together. However, we had planned to take different vehicles. My parents left for the church gathering about twenty minutes before I did. Just before I got into my truck, I was told that there had been a bad wreck and that people were injured or possibly killed. The wreck had occurred on the same road my parents would have been travelling as they were on their way to the church activity. Then, I "felt" it. I "knew" my parents had been injured or possibly killed in the terrible wreck. I rushed to the scene. As I approached, I could see the traffic was backed-up. Sirens were wailing; emergency lights, flashing; emergency responders, rushing. As I began to see the twisted metal of the wreck, my heart was pounding. Tears had begun to flow. I was panicking!

I quickly scanned the scene but did not see the car my parents had been driving! I asked someone who the people were involved in the crash. I did not recognize the names. [The victims of the wreck were taken and treated at a local hospital, and though their injuries were serious, fortunately, no one was killed.] My feelings had been intense, even gut-wrenching, and...wrong!

This personal illustration shows how feelings do not always reflect reality. This principle holds true in regard to feelings about salvation. Saul of Tarsus "felt" saved while persecuting Christians (Acts 8:3; 23:1; 26:9). Nevertheless, Saul was wrong in his actions. His zeal was misguided. Later, Saul realized this and obeyed the Gospel (Acts 9:1-6; 22:16; 9:18).

After becoming a Christian, he wrote the following passage that reveals how one can know, for a certainty, that one is saved: "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:17-18). One is made free from sin when one obeys the Gospel, not merely when one "feels" saved.

Let us be certain that our salvation is based, not on "feelings," but rather on the knowledge that we have obeyed the Gospel!

God Made You!
David Sproule

Sometimes, when something is so obvious and so basic, we often will not give much attention to it and lose sight of its place in our lives. However, it is often those things that are the most obvious and the most basic that we need to be reminded of on a regular basis, in order to help us stay focused on what is truly important.

On the wall in the children's Bible classroom was a small laminated poster with the image of two little hands and the words in bold print across the top: "GOD MADE YOU!" Boys and girls need to be reminded of this great truth over and over, but they're not the only ones. Grown-up boys and girls (i.e., men and women) need to be reminded of this great truth over and over! **GOD MADE YOU!**

God made you, which means that He loves you! Psalm 100 beautifully reminds us, "It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves" (v. 3). As such, you are a special object of His love and affection. Read 1 John 4—"Love is of God...God is love...He loved us...God so loved us...His love has been perfected in us...we have known and believed the love that God has for us...He first loved us" (4:7-19). God loves you!

God made you, which means that He wants the best for you! Earthly fathers want what is best for their children, but that pales in comparison to God's care for us. "If you then...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matt. 7:11). God wants the best for you!

God made you, which means that He has plans for you! Jesus affirmed, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The Lord wants you to have an abundant life in His Son on this earth and then to enjoy eternal life in the home He has prepared for you in heaven (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9; 2 Cor. 5:1-8). God has special plans for you!

God made you, which means that you have a wonderful purpose! You have the greatest purpose that could ever be assigned—to bring glory to God! Almost three millennia ago, God spoke of His people, "Whom I have created for My glory" (Isa. 43:7). Therefore, Christians are instructed, "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). Think about the all-inclusive scope of that statement—"whatever you do." There is nothing in your life that is not encompassed in that! God has a purpose for you!

God made you! What an awesome thought! It's not just something that little kids need to learn. It's a blessed truth that must be ever before our hearts—we have been made by God and in the image of God! May our lives glorify Him!

Caged

Roger Campbell, Cleveland, Tennessee

A boy with a rusty birdcage walked by a preacher. "What are you going to do with that bird?" asked the preacher.

"Oh, I'm just going to poke sticks at it, shake the cage, throw water on it . . . fun things like that."

"What are you going to do after that?"

"I don't know; probably just feed it to the cats."

"How much do you want for it?" asked the preacher.

"Aw, you don't want it; it's just an old field bird. It doesn't sing or nothin'."

"How much?"

The boy thought awhile, and then said, "Two dollars." The preacher paid it. The boy grinned, and pocketed his money. Then he watched to see what the preacher would do with the bird. The preacher just opened the cage and turned it loose. The boy walked away, shaking his head over the craziness of some people.

The minister had something else in mind. Sin has "caged" each one of us and Satan has mankind in his grasp. Jesus asks, "What are you going to do with them?"

"I'm just going to have fun with them. I'm going to tease them. I'm going to bring heartache and pain into their lives."

"And after that?"

"Well, when I get tired, I will take them to eternal destruction."

"I will buy them," says Jesus.

"You couldn't possibly want them! They will despise You, use Your name in vain and reject You. Then they will kill You."

"I will give my life."

Jesus paid the price, and set us free (Ephesians 1:7). Won't you accept His offer on His terms?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapman Singing - March 1, 2015
Tippah County Hospital
Nursing Home at 2 PM

**MARK'S SUNDAY EVENING
BIBLE CLASS**

Every Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

LADS TO LEADERS

Bible Bowl practice: Every Sunday at 4:45 p.m.

Visitation Group: March 1, 2015

Will meet Sunday Night after services
in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring finger food, soups or desserts.

**Golden Living Devotional/Singing:
March 8th at 2 PM**

CHAPMAN GOSPEL MEETING:

March 15th-18th

Speaker: Lance Foster

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.

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 Anna Davis Hill and also Frankie Murphy (Uncle of Rita Smith).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Lorene Willis, Keith Newby Eric and Kasandra Longoria

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Janie Jumper (heart surgery, Corinth), Charlene Stroupe (Booneville), Westin Walker (Son of Tyler & Allie Walker) in Children's Hospital of Birmingham - new born.

•**HOME FROM HOSPITAL-RECOVERING:** Tony Morrison, Deborah Gullick

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Taylor Crawford, 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, 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:* Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Willis, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman: not doing well (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*)

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of any updates to the prayer list.