

**May 31, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Brad McAlister

Song Leader

Johnny Cissom

Scripture Reading

John Hopper

Opening Prayer

Dalton Beard (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Gene Yancey (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Barrett Chapman (Presiding),

Mason McAlister, Brock Lindley, Casey Harris

Count and Usher

Andy Reese

Logan Yancey

Prepare Communion

Jill and Hannah Loveless

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Jack Harris (06/03/15)

OUR RECORD

May 24, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 133

Sunday Morning Worship: 143

Sunday Evening Worship: 117

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 100

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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

Mothers of Successful Children

Tim Dooley

Robert R. Taylor, Jr., in his work "Christ in the Home," speaks of the unique role of motherhood. He says that the child whom a mother brings into the world "will in a few years take his place as a responsible individual in society." He goes on to say that this child "has both an earthly and eternal role to fill." Sobering thoughts for all of us. But it is the question he asks that ought to bring us to our knees; the question is, "Will the world be better or worse because this child passes through?"

I firmly believe that success in this life will be determined solely upon the eternal destination of the soul. If I do not go to heaven when this life is over, I lose! and the devil wins. "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 26:16). Secondly, I believe success will, in part, be based upon whether or not my children also go to heaven. Now I understand that the "soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself" (Ezekiel 18:20). However, there are some things a mother can do to improve the odds of success.

Put God First. You cannot ensure spiritual success if you do not put God first in your life! It is the basis upon which all spiritual blessings are offered (Matthew 6:33). You simply cannot be the mother your children need you to be if God is not the top priority in your life. You are either with God or against God (Matthew 12:30). For a fact your children are watching you and will see what is most important to you. You cannot serve both God and physical things (Matthew 6:24). In other words what takes priority in your life? Whatever it is will most likely be what your children will emphasize as well.

Love Your Husband. Your children need to know that you love your husband (Titus 2:4). Much of what they will seek in their own relationships will be heavily based upon what they see at home. When they see their mother disrespect and dishonor their father it will have a profound affect on their understanding of marriage and the home. Show them you love their father!

Love Your Children. It seems odd to many of us that mothers would have to be told this (Titus 2:4). But the fact is that society has conditioned us to be so selfish that many young women have no idea how to be the sacrificial Christian mothers, or physically caring mothers, their children need. This means they need nurturing, discipline, and structure. This child is meant to be your BFF. You're a loving Christian mother first and foremost!

Drag Them To Church. If the first three things we have talked about here are in place this will not be an issue. When you became a Christian you made a commitment to God and your desire to go to heaven supersedes every other aspect of your life. So you are faithful to the assembling together of the saints (Hebrews 10:25). Your children grow to understand the importance of Bible Class and worship, they receive supplemental instruction in God's Word, and they build relationships with other Christians of all ages. They will learn to love the church if you love the church!

Teach Them The Word. In the aforementioned suggestion I said that Bible Classes are supplemental. Because it is not the church's primary responsibility to raise your child in the way they should go, spiritually speaking. The instruction of Deuteronomy 6:7, 11:19 is worthy of our consideration, " You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." The sad fact is the Israelite people failed to do this and it lead to their demise. Sadder yet is that we haven't learned from their mistake. None of us are as diligent with this imperative as we need to be!

Pray! Pray with them. They need to see you pray, they need to hear you pray, and they need to know how to communicate with the Father of their souls! Pray for them. "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous [mother] avails much" (James 5:16).

No mother can guarantee the spiritual success of her children. When the end of time comes each individual will stand before God and give an answer to Him for the way they have lived, for their own individual decisions (Romans 14:10 - 12). The admonition of Paul to Timothy seems appropriate here: "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you" (1 Timothy 4:16).

Are you the kind of mother you need to be, that your children need you to be, that God wants you to be? Will the world be better or worse because your child passes through it? Take honest stock in your relationship with God and your family. Do what you need to do and what they need you to do. Be faithful!

What Are You Doing with Today?

Tim Dooley

I remember having a conversation that took place years ago with a brother about education. I was considering returning to school to finish my college degree. I remember making the excuse of being almost fifty years old when I would finish. This kind brother responded that, unless I was to die before then or Jesus was to return, "You are going to be fifty anyway. You can be fifty with a degree or you can be fifty without a degree." Well, this past week I finished that degree, and I owe so much to my wife and children, as well as my Point Pleasant family, for all the love, support, and encouragement I have been so blessed with. Without you I could not have done it!

Spiritually speaking everyone dies! That, in and of itself, is a sad statement. Out of context and viewed through the prism of human wisdom the thought of death is distressing. And so mankind asks, "What is the meaning of life." The psalmist, in Psalm 86 – 90, is right when he says that his life draws to the grave and he is but another man who will die and be buried (88:3 – 4). He says that our lives are like a story that is told and then it is over: and if we live to be 80 years old we soon die and leave this life (90:9 – 10). Over this we have no control. And when this life is over we will stand before God and give an answer and we need to know that in His dwelling place is justice and judgment.

So many make excuses for not obeying the gospel. "I'm too old." "I don't know enough." "I'm not good enough." "What if...?" Look, the fact is that we are all going to die and there is nothing we can do about it (Ecclesiastes 8:8). And after death each one of us will stand before a righteous Judge and give an account for our lives (Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10). So you are going to stand before God one way or another. Why would you not prepare yourself for that inevitable day?

We are often asked, "How are you spending your days?" The more immediate and important question is "How are you spending your day?" Today! "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts" (Hebrews 4:7). "I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Make your life worth while: love, serve, obey, and be faithful! Don't delay...why not now?

UPCOMING EVENTS

5th Sunday - May 31, 2015
Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 p.m conducted by Chapman young men.

LADS TO LEADERS AWARDS
May 31, 2015
Immediately After 1:30 PM Service – Fellowship Hall
Awards
Scripture Scavenger Hunt
Pizza
Everyone is invited to stay!!!!
Parents bring cookies & 2 liter sodas.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**OUT OF HOSPITAL:** Deborah Gullick is now at Stephanie & Brad's home.

•**SURGERY:** Charley Shackelford (June 1st)

•**MILITARY:** David Spires

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:**

Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Renae Koon, Brandon King, 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), Don Allen Riggs, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, 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), 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, Lorene Daily, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Pauline McBryde (Rita Smith's Grandmother) (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663)

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