

**August 2, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer

Jeff Brewer (A.M.) Chance Criswell (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.) Britt Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Jarvene Shackelford (Presiding),

Tom Wade, Gene Yancey, Jack Harris

Count and Usher

David Smith

Rickey Loveless

Prepare Communion

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (08/05/15)

OUR RECORD

JULY 26, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 102

Sunday Morning Worship: 136

Sunday Evening Worship: 125

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 83

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,431

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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

DO YOU BELIEVE IN WATER SALVATION? Mark Lindley

I have attended services of churches of Christ for the past forty-seven years. I have heard countless sermons, sat through Bible classes each week since I was a toddler, been to Christian-youth camps, and have been a member of the church of Christ since I was thirteen years old.

I graduated from two schools, in which faithful members of churches of Christ taught the Bible. For the past twenty-five years I have preached and taught Bible classes each Sunday, Wednesday, and in other evangelistic endeavors. In addition, I have preached scores of sermons on television and radio while serving churches of Christ.

Please understand that I have written none of these things to boast of any accomplishments or works I have done. God, alone, is worthy of praise and worship, and I realize, more than anyone, that I am a weak and fallible man, in need of God's grace.

The reason I mentioned the experience I have with churches of Christ is to establish that I am very familiar with what is taught within faithful churches of Christ.

In all my association with the church of Christ, I have never heard anyone teach the doctrine of "water salvation." Why is this fact significant? Because sometimes people misunderstand—some may intentionally misrepresent—what faithful churches of Christ teach regarding water baptism. Some charge, "You teach water salvation."

When Naaman the Leper was cleansed of leprosy after dipping in the Jordan, was that "water salvation" (II Kings 5:1-14)? When the blind man of John chapter 9 was told to go and wash in the pool of Siloam, and after doing so, he was healed and could see, was that "water salvation" (John 9:1-7)? Did the "water" cure these men, or the power of God? We all agree that the power to cure leprosy and blindness was not in water, but in God.

Now, friend, if you can understand these simple illustrations, I know you can understand that the power to remove sin is not in water, but in the blood of Christ. However, that blood cleanses "when" one is baptized "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

Naaman was cleansed of leprosy when he "dipped"; the blind man was healed when he "washed"; sinners are forgiven when they are baptized to have sins washed away (Acts 22:16). This is not "Church of Christ" doctrine; this is Bible doctrine, and faithful churches of Christ will teach what the Bible teaches. Friend, please consider these matters with an open heart and open Bible. God bless!

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. Acts 22:16

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Busybodies or Busy Bodies?

by David Shannon

Still attached to an upper story of a house on Elfreth's Alley in Philadelphia is a busybody. That's right a mechanical busybody made by Benjamin Franklin. Mirrors make up this busybody which reflect to the real busybody what is happening in the alley without them having to put their head out of the window. Isn't it sad that every society has had busybodies? God has always urged busybodies to become busy bodies.

Leviticus 19:16-18 instructs Israel not to be a talebearer, hater of brethren, vengeful, or bear grudges. These thoughts are concluded with the words, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord." Busybodies need to become busy bodies of love. Whether it is a friend, stranger or enemy, why would a Christian hurt them with sinful busybody ways? We ought to be busy bodies serving them through love.

How does one become a busybody? Perhaps there are several ways. A few things associated with busybodies are mentioned in 1 Timothy 5:3-15. Those who live in sensual pleasure (vr 11). Those who do not keep the vows they make (vr 12). They learn to be idle. They wander about from house to house. They gossip and are busybodies (vr 13).

Once someone has started the habitual life of being a busybody, is there any hope for them? 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 instructs the church to take action by marking the disorderly busybody. It isn't right to not work, beg from others for daily provision, and use idle moments to talk. The church must stand against this. The church must command them to work, be quiet and provide their own bread. To reinforce this teaching he adds not to grow weary in doing good. In other words, God wants us to be busy bodies working to provide, not busybodies in wandering about gossiping and begging!

C.S. Lewis wrote about busybodies who constantly picked at others to live a moral life. "Those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their own conscience." Do you love juicy gossip? If a couple were experiencing a divorce because of fornication, would you regret that you hadn't heard which was unfaithful and with whom? Would you ask others and seek details? Why? Would you go to them, pray with them, and encourage them to work through it? Why do you want to know? Either to be a busybody or a busy body. Those who want to know so they can gossip and use the information as a weapon of knowledge, torment people, instead of love them.

One of the greatest Athenian generals was Alcibiade. He set sail to war against the city of Syracuse. A busybody made false accusations against him. He was accused of breaking body parts from the statue of the god Hermes. He was commanded to return home and another general was sent in his place. The other general was incompetent causing Athens to lose the war. This wasn't the first or last battle lost due to busybodies.

Spiritual battles are always lost by busybodies. When God lists seven things He hates in Proverbs 6, several of them describe busy bodies: Pride, lying, wicked hearts with wicked plans, feet that are swift to do wrong, and one who sows discord among brethren. On the other hand, when God gives the great commission to spread the Gospel to the whole world, the second greatest commandment to love your neighbor, the commands to take care of orphans, widows, the poor, visit the sick and those in jail, study, pray, meditate, instruct our children, work, pay taxes, give, worship, and on and on are commands that require our time every day! If we are busy serving our Lord, we simply won't make the time to be busybodies. Lay down the phone, stop the e-mails, get out of the coffee houses, narrow down the hobbies and do more kingdom work!

UPCOMING EVENTS

We would like to thank everyone who had a part in our 2015 Lectureship. We were blessed to have so many visitors come and worship with us. Our guest speakers did a **wonderful** job. We appreciate all who invited and to all who prepared the wonderful meal Sunday. It was truly a good week!

AUGUST 2, 2015

Chapman Singing:
Tippah County Hospital
Nursing Home at 2 PM
&

Visitation Group:
Will **NOT** meet Sunday Night.

CONGRATULATIONS

Daxten Karter McVey

July 25, 2015

6lbs 8 oz - 19 1/2 inches

Parents: Kristen & Devin McVey

Grandparents: Angela & Bobby Bridges

Great Grandparents: Dala & Wayne

Vandygriff

Mother and baby are doing fine.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony Morrison

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Connie Mauney(Tupelo), Geneva Oliver (Red Bay, AL - Rehab. - Car Accident - Brent Townsend's Grandmother)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe's Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Renae Koon, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**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), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**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, Christine Chapman, Pauline McBryde (Rita Smith's Grandmother) (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*).