

**November 8, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Britt Lindley

Opening Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.) Joel Moore (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Larry Wood (A.M.) Chase Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Barrett Chapman (Presiding),
Michiel Criswell, Casey Harris, Rickey Loveless

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom

John Hopper

Prepare Communion

Karen Yancey & Kelly Brewer

Wednesday Night Song Leader

John Hopper (11/11/15)

OUR RECORD

November 1, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 124

Sunday Morning Worship: 144

Sunday Evening Worship: 101

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 106

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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

GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION

Mark Lindley

The church at Corinth had a lot of confusion about the gift of speaking in tongues. Speaking in tongues was speaking in a “language” (cf. Acts 2:6, 8). God enabled some to possess this miraculous gift to spread the gospel in various languages. The tongue-speakers did not have to learn the language; rather, they were guided by the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit to speak in tongues.

Not only did this gift provide a way for the gospel to be spread to various nations, but the gift was also a sign to unbelievers (I Corinthians 14:22). The ability to speak in tongues proved that the tongue-speaker was speaking for God. Normally, we must “learn” to speak a language. Tongue-speakers did not learn to speak the languages they spoke.

Being miraculously endowed to speak a language one had never studied gave that person credibility so that unbelievers might believe the gospel message spoken by the tongue-speaker.

The problem was that the Corinthians were abusing the gift. They were speaking out of turn; speaking with no interpreter present, and this was creating confusion (I Corinthians 14:27-33). It is in this context that Paul wrote the following words: “For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints” (verse 33).

It is an apparent fact that the religious world is full of confusion. Imagine a person with no Biblical knowledge looking for a church to attend today. Can you imagine how difficult it would be trying to sort through all of the denominational names, doctrines, and practices?

Some churches still teach that Christians can and do speak in tongues. Other churches teach that tongue-speaking has ceased (cf. I Corinthians 13:8-10). Some churches teach that the “Sinner’s Prayer” saves. Other churches teach that sinners are “predestined” to heaven or hell and that sinners have no free will to receive salvation.

There is one thing about which we can be certain: God is not the author of confusion! It was never God’s intention for there to be a Pope, a Catholic Church, or Protestant denominations. It was never God’s intention for men to corrupt His Word and to teach dozens of different “plans” of salvation. It was never in the infinite plan of God for there to be all of this religious confusion!

Jesus prayed that all believers might be one (John 17:20-21). Paul warned that Christians are to be of the “same mind and same judgement” and to “speak the same thing” (I Corinthians 1:10).

If God is not responsible for the confusion, it must be the case that people are responsible for it. The only remedy for the confusion is to go back to the Bible and follow “only” its teachings, without addition or subtraction. Only then can we have unity instead of confusion.

“GRUDGITIS“

by

Dalton Key

Many premature deaths have been the result of otherwise good people never learning love for neighbor . . . and forgiveness. Such pitiable souls are eaten up from within by hatred and bitterness. I recall reading of an epitaph, etched out upon an old, crumbling grave stone, which read, “Died of Grudgitis.” In truth, many death certificates could cite “grudgitis” as the cause of death.

When I begin holding a grudge against someone I have lost control of the situation. I become the willing slave of the one I refuse to forgive. All I can think about – my constant obsession – is “getting even.” I eat, sleep, walk and talk retaliation. I’m anything but happy.

No, getting even is a lot like a fight between a dog and a skunk. Most dogs can whip a skunk but it’s just not worth it.

“When someone wrongs you, do not repay with another wrong. Plan honorable things among all people. If possible, as far as you are able, live in peace with all people. Beloved, do not take revenge, but give way to wrath, for it is written, ‘Justice is mine; I will repay’ says the Lord. If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink, because you will heap coals upon his head when you do this. Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 17-21, McCord.)

Please, for your own sake, don’t miss the point: put aside your hurt feelings, forget about getting even, and learn to forgive. It just may add years to your life!

Faithful Sayings by David Padfield

Christ Came Into The World To Save Sinners (1 Tim. 1:15)

- Purpose of His Birth (Matt. 1:21) and His death (Rom. 5:8)
- "He was manifested to take away our sins" (1 John 3:5)
- He finished His work (John 17:4; 19:30); Propitiation (1 John 2:2)

Desire To Be An Elder: It Is A Good Work (1 Tim. 3:1)

- Qualifications must be met (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-9)
- Appointed by gospel preachers (Titus 1:5)
- Must guard the flock (Acts 20:28) and stop vain talkers (Titus 1:10,11)
- Must be an example to the flock (1 Pet. 5:3)

Godliness Is Profitable For All Things (1 Tim. 4:8,9)

- We must be living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1,2)
- We must walk in the light (1 John 1:7)
- We are dead to sin, but alive to God (Rom. 6:9-13)
- We will be judged by our deeds (2 Cor. 5:10)

If We Die With Christ, We Shall Live With Him (2 Tim. 2:11)

- We "die" with Him in baptism (Rom. 6:1-8)
- Salvation comes through His death (Matt. 26:28)
- We should bear the likeness of His death (2 Cor. 4:10, 11)

We Must Be Careful To Maintain Good Works (Titus 3:8)

- We were redeemed for this purpose (Titus 2:14)
- Let God define what a "good work" is (1 Peter 4:11; 2 Peter 1:3)
- Not a dead or inactive faith (James 2:17-24)
- Not by works of our own righteousness (Eph. 2:8-10)

UPCOMING EVENTS

HACKLEBURG CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ladies Day

Saturday, November 7th – 9 to 1PM

Will leave from church building at 7:30AM.

More information is available in foyer.

If you are interested in going – please see
Kathy Moore or Karen Yancey.

CHAPMAN HOLIDAY BASKETS

Sunday, November 15th at 2:00 PM

If you wish to help on purchasing items for baskets - please give money to Karen Yancey.

List of Names doing baskets for - posted in foyer - please review - want to make sure we don't miss anyone.

Deadline for money and list is this Sunday, 8th
All Lads To Leaders and every one - welcome to help make baskets and deliver on the 15th.

JOIN US FOR THIS WORTHWHILE WORK-
Remember...It is more blessed to give than to receive.

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Thursday, November 19th at 6:30

LADS TO LEADERS KICK OFF

Sunday, November 22nd

More details to come.

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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 “Buddy” McMillin (Tim McMillin’s Father).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Everett Hurt, Tony Morrison

•**IN HOSPITAL :**Taylor Crawford (Atlanta/Heart Transplant), Larry Kennedy (Kidney Transplant)

•**IN REHAB:** Connie Mauney (Golden Living Rehab.)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Shelby Cissom, Erik Longoria, 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:** Lorie Christian, Yater Shinall, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, 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, 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*).