

**December 7, 2014
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

John Hopper

Opening Prayer

Joel Moore (A.M.) Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Junior Derrick (A.M.) Mickey Chandler (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Terry Chapman (Presiding),

Andy Reese, Logan Yancey, Britt Lindley

Count and Usher

Chance Criswell & Eric Melton

Prepare Communion

Angela & Kristen Bridges

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Logan Yancey (12/10/14)

OUR RECORD

November 30, 2014

Sunday Bible Study: 116

Sunday Morning Worship: 133

Sunday Evening Worship: 107

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 112

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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

GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART Mark Lindley

It was time to appoint a new king. Because of his disobedience, King Saul was dethroned and Samuel was instructed to appoint a new king. In Bethlehem, there was a man named Jesse who had sons. Samuel went to examine Jesse's sons to see if any of them was fit to be the new king. One of the sons was named Eliab. When Samuel saw him he believed that he was a perfect fit for the king's throne. However, God said: "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart" (I Samuel 16:7). It was not Eliab who became the new king, but David. God knew that David had the right kind of heart and that he would do His will (cf. Acts 13:22).

From I Samuel 16:7 we learn that people have a tendency to judge others by their outward appearance. Even Samuel, prophet of God, judged Eliab based on outward appearance. Our judgments are often based on things such as beauty, clothing, money, occupation, educational background or race. We may see a very attractive, articulate woman and conclude that she must be confident and happy, or we may see a man who has a prestigious educational background and is paid a six-figure salary and judge that he is a great person, someone who would make a good friend. But these judgments based on outward appearance may be very wrong. A woman who is striking in appearance may have low self-esteem; a man who is "successful" may be dishonest and immoral and therefore would not make a good friend.

The text also teaches that in contrast to our judgments based on external things, God looks on the heart. The "heart" is the inner man, the soul, the real person. God does not care about a person's job, looks, skin color or education. Rather, God is looking at who we are on the inside. We can all put on a clever disguise and hide from others who we are in heart, but God has full and complete knowledge of every heart. No amount of make-up, money, earthly possessions or accomplishments can hide from God who we are in our hearts (Hebrews 4:12).

Since God knows our hearts, it logically follows that we should keep our hearts. Solomon wrote, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). To "keep" the heart is to keep it pure from all things which would corrupt it—evil thoughts and desires, deceit, improper motives, jealousy and envy. In view of these things, determine to keep your heart with all diligence . . . God is looking at it!

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“Oh, My God!”

Hardly a day goes by that we do not hear someone exclaim it. You hear it at work or school, at the bank or the supermarket, and sometimes even on the church parking lot. Television, no doubt, is the chief offender, with nearly every game show, soap opera, situation comedy, prime time drama, and movie using this phrase repeatedly.

It has become a faddish and clever saying. It is used to register alarm, surprise, delight, dismay, sarcasm, and almost every kind of response. Probably some cannot imagine why. Why does, or should, this phrase grate so upon the ears of Christian people?

We would do well to consider the faith and devotion manifested by men and women from long ago; several of these are singled out and presented as examples for Christians today (Heb. 11). They insisted on using reverence and humility while addressing Deity. Abraham approached God with these words, “Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes” (Gen. 18:27). Jacob marked each place that the Lord spoke to him with a stone or altar, recognizing that even the plot of ground was sacred because the Lord had revealed Himself there (Gen. 28:17). Can you imagine the patriarchs referring to God in the offhanded manner that is so prevalent in our world today? Jehovah God is to be revered (Heb. 12:28); woe if we respect not God (Isa. 45:9).

Although we are not under the Law of Moses today (John 1: 17), we worship and serve the same God revealed to Hebrew fathers. We should have the posture of godly fear and awe that was shown by Peter before Jesus (Luke 5:8) and the apostle John on Patmos (Rev. 1: 17).

The Jews sought to protect and preserve the sacredness of God’s name. In the centuries before the birth of Jesus, they decided to stop pronouncing it altogether so that its usage would not become common or ordinary. Should we show less respect and regard for our Heavenly Father?

This phrase goes beyond such euphemisms as “goodness” or “gracious” or “gee” or “golly” (which are all expressions referring to God, check the dictionary), and thereby should not be used either. The real reason is that it is not a euphemism at all! They do not attempt to disguise the reference to God. If “Oh, my God!” is not a vain usage of God’s name, then what is it?

Our speech reflects our character and attitudes (Mt. 12:23-25). Let us refuse to be guilty of showing an empty and low regard for the God of Heaven. The apostle Paul wrote, “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearer” (Eph. 4:29).

-From the Hillcrest Herald, Glad Tidings of Good Things Vol. 8/March 20, 2003

When 900 Million People Are Watching

Ninety-percent of all people deal with some level of stage fright (Vijai P. Sharma). How do you feel when all eyes are on you? Do your palms get cold and clammy? Do you become nervous and anxious? Do you blush, tremble, shake, or feel nauseated?

There is at least one stage where the vast majority of people feel no fright at all. This stage is Facebook. Facebook recently exceeded 900 million active users. Potentially, then, depending on your privacy setting, up to 900 million people are watching what you say and do. Many who would be very careful in front of a crowd may post on Facebook with reckless abandon.

God has called His people to be different (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Timothy 2:21). God has called us to be a light in the darkness (Matthew 5:14-16). The question for us is, do our Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Pinterest accounts reflect this? Here are several categories to consider:

What Do We Say and Post? Could someone look at our profiles and see bad language, gossip, slander, or crude and crass speech? (2 Corinthians 12:20; James 3).

What People and Activities Do We “Like” (Support)? Do we “Like” celebrities, athletes, artists, or others with trashy reputations? Do we support movies, music, TV shows, video games, or other things that are not Christ like? (Romans 12:2).

What Pictures Are on Our Profiles? Do any pictures show us engaging in sin or less than Godly behaviors? (Romans 13:13-14). Do any show us hanging with people or in places a Christians should not be? (1 Corinthians 15:33). Do any pictures on our profiles display immodesty or promote lust? (1 Timothy 2:9-10; Romans 13:13; Matthew 5:28).

Remember, 900 million people are watching on earth, and One is watching in heaven.

-Brent Petrillo via Huntington Park church of Christ Shreveport, LA

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7, 2014

Chapman Singing:
Tippah County Hospital
Nursing Home at 2 PM

Visitation Group:
Will not meet.

Pinevale Christmas Child

Girl - 18 years old

If you would like to help,
please see Karen Yancey.

December 13th - Pinevale Holiday Party

Foote Street Church of Christ at 11 AM

Please sign list in the foyer **this week** if you plan to go.

They need to know how many tables to prepare.

CHAPMAN FOURTH QUARTER BIRTHDAYS (October, November & December)

The Lads to Leaders would like to invite those who have a birthday in the Fourth Quarter of 2014 to stay after church services Sunday Night- **December 28th** for cake and ice cream for you and your family in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

The Bible Broadcast

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Payden Criswell, Amy Staggs, Stephanie McAlister

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Martha Jeter (Stoke), Sam Warrington (Son of Ryan and Pam Warrington) in Children's Hospital of Birmingham -cystic fibrosis and is very sick right now.

•**REHAB:** Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman/ Tupelo). Bonnie Chapman (TCH), Gerald Walden (TCH)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Juan Stroupe (Knee Replacement Surgery), Tony Morrison (Heart Surgery)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Lance Mauney (Brother of Mildred Shackelford), Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Glen Moore (Joel's Brother), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. •**CANCER:** Eva Crawford, Elaine Mauney, David Barkley (Kelly Brewer's Uncle), Yater Shinall (Dawn Jackson's Father), Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Beth Kuykendall, William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Rhonda Shannon, 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, Christine Chapman, Billie Floyd (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663)

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