

**December 14, 2014
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Ricky Cissom

Opening Prayer

Randell Koon (A.M.) Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.) Larry Wood (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

J C Newby (12/17/14)

OUR RECORD

December 7, 2014

Sunday Bible Study: 127

Sunday Morning Worship: 142

Sunday Evening Worship: 106

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 102

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,373

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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

Serving God by Serving Others by Gene Taylor

Those who are obedient to the gospel become servants of righteousness (Romans 6:17-18). As servants, they are to serve. They are to be doing those good works for which they were created in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:10). In fact, they are to be "zealous" for those works (Titus 2:14).

Romans 12:1-2 encourages Christians to be "living sacrifices" for the Lord. That is accomplished when we start living for the Lord and doing those things His will would have us do. One of the things the Lord wants His disciples to do is to serve others. He illustrated and emphasized this in John 13.

At what many have come to call the "Last Supper," Jesus paused, girded Himself with a towel, took water, and washed His disciples' feet. He told them, "You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him" (John 13:13-16). Jesus was not binding the rite of "foot-washing," rather, He was showing that those who would be His disciples were to be of a mind to serve others, regard their needs, and do what they could to help them.

James declares that if one is going to have a saving faith, that serving others is an essential aspect of that faith. In the second chapter he states, "What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:14-17). One can profess again and again to be a Christian and to have great faith, but if he does not see to the needs of his brethren he, in reality, has no faith.

Serving others is an important matter to the Lord. When He depicted the judgment scene in Matthew 25, He stressed how important it is to Him and how it should be to us for He showed that it affects one's eternal destiny. To the righteous He said, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to me.'" (Matt. 25:34-40). The unrighteous were told to depart because they had neglected to be of service to others (Matt. 25:41-46).

Mike Waters wrote, "Our Lord and Savior set a superlative example of serving others during his brief three-year ministry... A study of the life of Christ will reveal a character unconcerned with the serving of self. Jesus took advantage of every opportunity to instill this same trait in his disciples. Christ wanted his disciples to understand that they must learn to think little of serving self and much of serving others" (Spreading the Word, Vol. 3, No. 8, March/April 1991).

Opportunities abound for those who would be like Christ to demonstrate their love for Him by their service to their brethren. They can start by giving their brethren a friendly hello and a warm greeting. They can speak a kind word of encouragement; send a card to the sick or those absent from services; prepare a meal for the shut-ins; visit the sick, elderly, the weak, or discouraged; help the sick and/or elderly with chores; provide financial assistance when needed; and, of course, pray for their brethren.

It is vitally important for all Christians to actively serve their brethren for in so doing, they serve the Lord.

How To Be Quiet Within

Mike Riley

The person who has learned to be content in whatever circumstances he finds himself, is the one who knows how to live at peace with himself (Phillippians 4:10-11). Such an individual is not upset because he does not win every contest. Rather, he finds satisfaction in playing the game simply for the joy of playing, not focusing on victory alone.

Such a person has thought through his sense of godly values so that the fulfillment of his desires brings inner satisfaction and peace of mind rather than unrest and remorse (1 Timothy 6:6; cf. 1 Timothy 4:7-8).

True peace is as often found in resisting passions as in satisfying them (Colossians 3:1-15). The danger lies not so much in what we want, as in wanting something simply to satisfy an unworthy desire (James 4:1-4; cf. Psalm 66:18).

The individual who is content with himself knows how to be quiet within.

Let's think about it!

Wise Ways To Live Without Regrets

Mike Riley

- 1) Compliment at least three people every day.
- 2) Watch a sunrise at least once a week.
- 3) Be the first to say, "Hello."
- 4) Live beneath your means.
- 5) Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
- 6) Never give up on anyone – they can change!
- 7) Forget the Joneses!
- 8) Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
- 9) Pray not for "things," but for wisdom and courage.
- 10) Be tough minded but tenderhearted.
- 11) Be kinder than necessary.
- 12) Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
- 13) "Keep" your promises!
- 14) Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it. Remember that overnight success usually takes about fifteen years!
- 15) Leave everything better than you found it.
- 16) Remember that winners "do" what losers don't want to do!
- 17) When you arrive at your job in the morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.
- 18) Don't "rain" on other people's parades!
- 19) Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.
- 20) Give God "first place" in your life (Matthew 6:33).

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPECIAL THANKS:

Special thanks to Blair Chapman, Lads to Leaders, and those that helped make the Young at Heart Holiday Dinner so wonderful. It was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Each to be commended on a great job.

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.

WEDDING:

Congratulations and best wishes!
David Smith and Rita Carter married
Saturday, December 6, 2014.

BIRTHS:

We rejoice to announce the births of:

Chapman "Chap" David Moore

December 9, 2014

7 lbs • 7 oz • 20 1/4 in

Parents: *Chris & Molly Moore*

Grandparents: Terry & Robin Chapman and

Joel & Kathy Moore

Great-Grandparents: Starrett & Linda

Chapman and Barbara Criswell

Eleanor Rose Kuhl

December 9, 2014

8 lbs • 3 oz • 21 in

Parents: Seth & Gaby Kuhl

Great-Granddaughter of Audrey Box

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Lance Mauney (Brother of Mildred Shackelford).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony Morrison, Morgan Dees, Juan Stroupe, Angela Bridges, Ina Ruth Harris

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Paul Gowdy (Heart Surgery/Corinth), Sam Warrington (Son of Ryan and Pam Warrington) in Children's Hospital of Birmingham -cystic fibrosis and is very sick right now.

•**HAVING TEST:** Keith Newby, Sharon Pannell, Brandon King, Phyliss Christian

•EXTENDED ILLNESS:

Ronnie Massey (Heart Problems), 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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