

January 12, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Ross Shackelford

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Britt Lindley

Opening Prayer

Randell Koon (A.M.)

David Smith (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Brad McAlister (A.M.)

Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table

J C Newby (Presiding),

Logan Yancey, Bobby Bridges, Michiel Criswell

Count and Usher

Chase Chapman & Danny Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Ruby & Christy Jones

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brad McAlister (01/15/20)

OUR RECORD

January 5, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: 110

Sunday Morning Worship: 128

Sunday Evening Worship: 99

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 83

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 4,203

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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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WHEN CHRIST IS YOUR LIFE

Mark Lindley

God has made great promises to those who live for Christ. Consider what Paul wrote about living for Christ: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you" (Philippians 1:21-24). Notice from this text that Paul lived for Christ: "For to me to live is Christ" (v.21). Because Paul lived for Christ, he enjoyed wonderful blessings and promises. These same blessings and promises are given to those who live for Christ today. Consider the following blessings:

When Christ is your life, there is no reason to fear death (v.21). Paul affirmed that to die was "gain." Generally, people fear and dread death. Death is referred to in Scripture as the "king of terrors" (Job 18:14). When Isaiah told Hezekiah, king of Judah, to set his house in order because he would soon die, Hezekiah did what most would do. He wept and prayed to God (Isaiah 38:1-3). However, Jesus came and makes it possible to face death with calm confidence and assurance (Hebrews 2:14-15). When faithful Christians walk through the "valley of the shadow of death," we can pass through that valley in peace.

When Christ is your life, you can anticipate going to be with Christ (v.23). Notice from the text that Paul had a great desire to die ("depart") because at death, he would go to be with Christ. Sometimes, one who is enduring great suffering and pain may desire death to escape the trial of affliction. However, Paul had a higher, purer motive for wanting to die. He desired to depart so that he could be with Jesus. All who live for Christ will be with Him in eternity (II Corinthians 5:8)!

When Christ is your life, you can anticipate going to a place that is far better than living in this world (v.23). The term translated "far" is a word that suggests there is something "much" better—ininitely better—than anything the world has to offer. At death, those who have lived for Christ will be happy; free from temptation; free from sin, sorrow and trials. Heaven is far better!

In view of these great promises, there is little wonder that Paul wrote: "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). When Christ is your life, there is great reason to rejoice! Is Christ your life?

"YOUR BEST YEAR YET!"
by Dalton Key

The new year of 2020 has begun. This one will be a bit longer than the last few, consisting of 12 months, 52 weeks, and 366 days, due to this being a leap year. If you complained last year about not having enough time, just remember the extra day you'll have this year. The time which will elapse from the dawn of this year to its close will amount to approximately 1/80th of your life.

For those in their twilight years a period of 12 months passes rapidly and bears tremendous weight, while the same time for younger souls seems to drag along with little thought being given to the matter.

Much can happen in a year's time. Some lives can be forever soiled because of bad decisions, while others may be strengthened and built up over the course of the same year while under the influence of God's word.

You may remember the Psalmist encouraged meditation on the law of the Lord "day and night." (Psalm 1:2.)

Years later the Bereans were commended for having "searched the Scriptures daily." (Acts 17:11.) Notice the commonality: 1) Study, meditation, searching are mentioned, along with 2) a daily dose of the same, and in both cases, 3) the object of this daily attention being the word of God.

As we look forward with faith into the unwritten pages of the year before us, may we resolve to spend regular, daily time with the Bible, the Book of all Books. And further, may we resolve to live our lives doing what we learn. "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing himself in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of a man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." (James 1:22-25.) With the Lord's help and the Bible's direction this year can be our best yet!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapman Ladies Bible Class
Thursday, January 16, 2020
At 6:30PM

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.
Ephesians 5:1-2 KJV

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Edwina Hurt (Bonnie Hurt's Mother-in-law).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Pat Wade, Maynon Mauney, Juan Stroupe, Patricia Wade

•**HOSPITAL:** Josephine Chapman (TCH), Lyla Jo Chapman (Granddaughter of Judd Chapman - Le Bonheur)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Sandra Jones, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: **Christine Chapman, Earnestine Murphy** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).