

January 23, 2022

Announcements
Ricky Cissom

Song Leader
John Hopper

Scripture Reading
Britt Lindley

Opening Prayer
David Smith (A.M.)
Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
James Pilgrim (A.M.)
Jimmy Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Terry Chapman

Count and Usher
Tim McMillin & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (01/26/22)

OUR RECORD

January 16, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: NA
Sunday Morning Worship: NA
Sunday Evening Worship: NA
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 79

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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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Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

God's Kind of "Woman Preacher" Tom Holland

"Monday, March 8, 1993, my wife and I attended a funeral service for the husband of a woman preacher. The husband was appropriately eulogized as a man who knew and loved God; one who was appreciative of and loyal to his family; a man who demonstrated love for his country. He had been an active member of the Lord's church for years. He had taught a ladies' Bible class. He supported the church financially.

The preacher did not identify the man's wife as a preacher, but in his remarks about her, we all knew that she was an effective preacher.

She has not stood in a pulpit and preached. She respects God's loving restriction given by His wisdom that a woman is not to teach nor have authority over a man (1 Timothy 2:12). She preached by her manner of life.

She preached a great "sermon" on loyalty. For fifty-one years she kept a promise that she made to her husband and to God that she would "love, honor and cherish until death do us part." In a day of shallow commitments and seemingly casual breaking of vows, how desperately the world needs to hear this woman's "sermon."

She preached a beautiful "sermon" on compassion and love. Her husband had been ill, seriously sick, for months. She stayed with him. She cared for him. She supported him. In a cold and calloused world she demonstrated a concern borne of a right relationship with God and nourished by the love she had for her husband.

The kind of preaching this Christian lady has done, some radical feminists could not appreciate. The value of the preaching done by this lady, women in the church clamoring for leadership roles could not evaluate. However, the power of such preaching is hard to estimate. Remember the lines of the poet, "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day?"

In reflecting on the preaching done by this dear Christian lady, I was glad that my son was married to a woman whose grandmother was God's kind of woman preacher.

Self-Help Quiz for Spiritual Growth

Tim Ayers

Each Christian is responsible for spiritual improvement and growth. No one else can do it for you. Others can help, but each of us must accept our personal accountability. Peter admonished the people on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem, "Save yourselves" (Acts 2:40). Paul wrote, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). Peter wrote, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). We need to give serious attention to the following questions, and let them help us to grow mature in Christ.

Am I the person I ought to be? In 2 Peter 3:11, the apostle wrote, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness?" First, we should be Christians. That is the most important matter for everyone to take care of. Then, after you have obeyed the first principles of the gospel to be born into God's family, take your place in God's kingdom.).

Each of us has personal abilities and opportunities unique to each one, and we must take advantage of and use these for God's glory. "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Do I respect Bible authority? Peter wrote, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11). John told us that we must remain within the bounds of scripture, the "doctrine of Christ," or we no longer have a relationship with God (2 John 9). Anyone who does not care what God's will is cannot succeed in spiritual growth. After all, how else is that growth going to occur, except by continual study of the word? Read 2 Timothy 2:15 and Romans 10:17.

Am I willing to make sacrifices for the cause of Christ? This is a real earmark of maturity in Christ. Paul was willing to give up all for Jesus, even those things that he previously had thought were so important (Philippians 3:4-15). The Macedonians "first gave their own selves to the Lord" (2 Corinthians 8:5). After that, they found it easier to give "beyond their power," even though they were in "deep poverty" (2 Corinthians 8:2-3).

Do I understand the true nature and mission of the church? Read these passages to see God's purpose for the church: Ephesians 3:9-11, 21; 5:25-27.

The church will be presented to Christ, but in a condition that requires personal character development on the part of each member. Since the church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1; Colossians 1), the Christians who compose it should be doing what He did while He was here on earth, i.e., seeking the lost (Luke 19:10). Are we? Am I becoming more spiritually mature? Several passages in the scripture encourage us to grow up and not remain as babes in Christ (e.g., Hebrew 5:12-14; 1 Corinthians 14:10; 16:13; Ephesians 4:14).

Read and study God's word every day, and you can "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

SICK: Rickey Loveless, Kim & Mark Lindley

HOSPITAL:

Taylor Crawford (Memphis), Austin Wentz (Ronald McDonald House), Billy Stroupe (TCH Rehab)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Betty Faye Ledbury

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