

January 30, 2022

Announcements

Ricky Cissom

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Gene Yancey

Opening Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.)

Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Michiel Criswell (A.M.)

Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table

J C Newby

Count and Usher

Tim McMillin & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (02/02/22)

OUR RECORD

January 23, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 75

Sunday Morning Worship: 81

Sunday Evening Worship: 69

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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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TO GAMBLE OR NOT TO GAMBLE James Pilgrim

Untold millions of dollars are spent encouraging people to gamble yearly in the USA. Recent Ads on local television programs have emphasized this fact. This writer wrote a tract on this subject not long after he moved to Mississippi, which is available FREE to anyone who writes for it. In the tract Biblical reasons are given for not gambling. This sin is not forbidden by name in the scriptures. However, it is one of those "and such like" sins of Galatians 5:19-21.

Read Matthew 7:12, and ask yourself if you would have others take from you. Gambling steals from the gambler and family. Cf. 1 Timothy 5:8. Is gambling an act of love (1 Corinthians 13:4-8; Galatians 6:10) on the part of either party, winner or loser? Cf. also. Hebrews 13:1; Matthew 5:44. Ephesians 4:28 tells one to make a living by working. Gambling leads to addiction. Christians are not to be brought under any. (2 Corinthians 6:12). Neither are God's people to be covetous. (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10; Luke 12:15).

Interestingly, the same businesses which sell advertising to the gambling companies also run Ads, whether sold or public announcements, from Memphis University warning against the gambler becoming addicted, and advertising counselling sessions. Even some of those who lure people to gamble also run ads using celebrities to warn people against what their businesses may do. This would be funny if it were not so destructive to so many.

Friend, THINK!!! Could these institutions remain in business if YOU were winning???

Acquaintances of this writer, both owners of gambling establishments and law officers, told him in a private conversation that the machines in gambling places were set up to pay out a certain amount of money. In other words, most gamblers are not going to win. They could not stay in business if it were by chance alone. This writer has proved to himself that gambling by chance is not beneficial. Each time the local channel he is watching has the three ball and single ball revealed, he calls out the number of the ball to be revealed. He does the same thing with the four balls and the single ball. In the months he has been doing this, he has had only two or three balls to be the right one. Without ever buying a ticket, or playing one of the machines, he has proven that it would have been a waste of his money. What does this tell you? Scripture, common sense, gambling institutions, and the educated, tell you that you could win a little, but you will lose in the long run. Check out those who did win, and see how they fared.

Life With A PURPOSE **J. Noel Merideth (deceased)**

Our life upon this earth is of few days and full of trouble. Some days are the best of times; some days are the worst of times. There are moments that look like the spring of hope; others look like the winter of despair. Through it all we need to live a life with purpose and meaning. We all seek happiness as the world lashes about us.

SOMETHING TO DO

Paul wrote, "...*this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*" (Phil. 3:13-14). Paul says he was pressing toward the mark. He was pressing on with contentment. He had learned in whatsoever state he was in to be content (Phil. 4:11). To be happy in life we all need something to do; we need a mission to fill. Let us stand for the right and not lose sight of our duty to serve the Lord, do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

SOMEONE TO LOVE

"*We love him, because he first loved us*" (1 John 4:19). It brings happiness to love God. We are to love the Lord with all our heart. He first loved us and we should return our love. We also need our family and friends to love. To visit with friends and enjoy good times together brings sunshine into our days.

SOMETHING TO HOPE FOR

"*In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began*" (Titus 1:2). The hope of heaven keeps us going through sickness, pain, disappointment, suffering and hardship. In fact, these present sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed. God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes; and there shall be no more death, sorrow, crying, nor pain. On that fair shore we shall serve the Lord with perfect bliss. There we shall be with and know our loved ones whom we have known in our life (1 Thess. 2:19).

UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHAPMAN FIFTH SUNDAY
YOUNG MEN SERVICE
January 30th at 2 PM**

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Billy Stroupe (Clint's Father).

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

HOUSE FIRE: Cade & Erin Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Grandson)

SICK: Gearlene Cissom, Karen Yancey, Tate Presley

HOSPITAL:

Taylor Crawford (Memphis), Trent Eaton (Jackson,MS)

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

•CANCER: Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury

•SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204 *Resthaven:* Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter

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