

February 2, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Ross Shackelford

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Chase Chapman

Opening Prayer

Ricky Cissom (A.M.)

Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Eli Carter (A.M.)

Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Bryan Davis (Presiding),

Brock Lindley, Kevin Shackelford,

Gene Yancey

Count and Usher

Randell Koon

Devin McVey

Prepare Communion

Angela Bridges & Dala Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (02/05/20)

OUR RECORD

January 26, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: 101

Sunday Morning Worship: 119

Sunday Evening Worship: 110

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 89

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 4,292

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

God Knows Your Potential Travis Main

The first time the Bible speaks of Gideon is in Judges 6:11. Gideon is hiding in a winepress beating out wheat so the Midianite oppressors will not find it. An angel of the Lord appears and calls him a "Mighty man of valor". The Lord then tells Gideon to "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from Midian". Gideon appears to be oblivious to any might that he had within himself. His work was being done in hiding! He declared he was of the weakest clan of Israel and weakest of his own house. When he is finally convinced to follow God's direction, he does so at night due to fear.

God knows the potential of man.

Timid Gideon proceeded to break down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah (sacred pole). He stood against fear and anger of his own people. He went to battle against the Amalekites and the Midianites though outnumbered. He conquered by the hand of God.

Many people go through life without seeing what they could be. James 2 speaks of the vision of man. We are not to look with partiality upon one man or another based upon their appearance. God knows the great price of the heart hidden in man (1 Peter 3:4). God called upon Moses who was fearful. He strengthened Samson who made one bad decision after another. He chose a shepherd boy to be a king! He called Peter though He knew he would reject Christ at one point. He chose Paul who fought against the Gospel to see Christians to their death. God, through His Son, made new creatures of those once lost in the hopelessness of sin. God sees beyond the eyes of carnal man.

Why does God choose the poor of the world as heirs to His Kingdom (James 2:5)? Why does God choose the weak and not the mighty? Why did he choose lowly Gideon? Consider the words Jesus shared with Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness". God's might demonstrates itself by taking what the world thinks of as weak or undesirable and then transforms it into victory. Christ came as a lowly Nazarene of Galilee and became the Savior of the World. Certainly, God could show his might through timid Gideon and make him a mighty man of valor.

Imagine what God can do with you! You have great potential in the hands of our almighty God.

**Please Don't Confuse
Me with the Facts**
By Johnny Hester

Old Bill was quite a strange fellow who fell victim to a rare mental disorder, the Cotard Delusion — a condition in which the affected person holds the delusional belief that he or she is already dead. One morning he awoke thoroughly convinced that he was dead! His wife did her best to persuade him that he was still very much alive, but he clung to the delusion that he was dead. Bill's children and grandchildren all had a go at convincing the old fellow that he was still in the land of the living, but he point-blank refused to believe it. He knew that he was dead and nobody would persuade him otherwise.

Eventually his family became so concerned that they took him to a psychiatrist. The doctor spent many hours with Bill over several weeks, but all his skills were of no avail as the stubborn old gentleman continued to insist that he was stone cold dead. After one particularly fruitless session the psychiatrist was ready to give up. But just then an idea struck him.

Taking down his medical books, he used them to illustrate the irrefutable scientific fact that dead people do not bleed.

After about an hour he asked, "So Bill, do you agree that dead men don't bleed?" "Of course," agreed Bill, "everybody knows that!" "And do you still insist that you are dead?" "Doc, I've told you a thousand times, I'm as dead as a doornail." At this point the psychiatrist took a pin and suddenly jammed it into Old Bill's thumb. Immediately a trickle of blood leaked out. "So, what do you think now!" said the psychiatrist triumphantly. "Well, I'll be a blue-nosed gopher," Bill exclaimed, "dead men do bleed!"

At times I've been like Old Bill in the refusing to budge from my preconceived notions and foregone conclusions. The attitude exhibited was "I know what I believe—I've made up my mind, so don't confuse me with the facts!"

Brothers and sisters, let's fight against such tendencies—especially regarding spiritual truth—and be receptive to what God has clearly indicated in His Word; whether by declaration, command, example, or necessarily implication. When we ascertain what God has said about any matter, we may have confidence that what He says is accurate and true. As Jesus prayed for His disciples, He asked of His Father, "Sanctify them through the truth; your Word is truth" (John 17:17).

I love the attitude, "If God said it, that settles it." This is the attitude every Christian should take when it comes to learning, loving and obeying God's inspired and inspiring Word.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Danny Witt.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Jamison Staggs, Danny. & Brenda Shackelford, Myra Palmer

•**REHAB:** Freida Hurt

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Keith Newby, Justin Bridges

•**MILITARY:** James B Chapman
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If you would like to help on care package – see Karen Yancey.

•**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).