

**FEBRUARY 3, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements
Danny Shackelford
Song Leader
Chance Criswell
Scripture Reading
Kevin Shackelford
Opening Prayer
Johnny Cissom (A.M.) Ricky Cissom(P.M.)
Closing Prayer
Larry Wood (A.M.) Eli Carter (P.M.)
Lord's Table
Bryan Davis(Presiding),
Brock Lindley, Keith Newby, Ross Shackelford
Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges, Devin McVey
Prepare Communion
Jill & Hannah Loveless
Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (02/06/19)

OUR RECORD

January 27, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: NA
Sunday Morning Worship: 126
Sunday Evening Worship: 101
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 90
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: NA

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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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Brad McAlister, 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 him 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 it 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.

Jesus Calms Storms By Johnny Hester

Read once again the familiar yet always thrilling account related in Mark 4:36-41 and allow the power Jesus manifested here to wash over and saturate your awareness: *“Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. And a great wind-storm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, ‘Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?’ Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace, be still!’ And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, ‘Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?’ And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, ‘Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!’”*

Life’s sea through which we venture is often stormy and terrifying. We are frequently reminded by the calamities that come upon us of our personal inability to stay above the treacherous waves and to keep our fragile life-ships from capsizing.

It is a wonderful comfort to know that Jesus has the power to bring calm in the midst of chaos. And He has the compassion to exercise His sovereignty over our world in such a way as to affect our rescue.

Once you come to comprehend these glorious truths, it is then necessary to notice a vital detail from the story. These men “took Him [Jesus] along in the boat” (v. 36) — they with Him and He with them! Life is fraught with many perils. When these frightening storms come into your life, don’t you want Jesus in your boat? Please understand: He must be invited!

How does one invite Jesus to be your constant companion, Savior and Lord? In faith, obey His will. Receive His salvation by accepting His terms. Be compelled by your love for Him to “walk in the light as He is in the light” (1 John 1:7).

If I may assist you in obeying the gospel, it would be my delight to baptize you into Christ “for the forgiveness of sins” (Acts 2:38). If I may offer prayer on your behalf or render spiritual assistance in your walk with the Lord, please let me know. Please be aware that members of the Lord’s family at the Matthews church of Christ would consider it an honor and a joy to help meet your spiritual needs.

Isn’t That What Love Does? By Ron Thomas

Each time I read the historical story associated with Samson I can’t help but reflect on his stupidity! Whatever is to be said about Delilah, or any other person in Judges 13-16, it’s Samson who plays with fires and gets burned. As much as I marvel at Samson, I learn that what plagued a people then plagues us as well: a failure to understand what love is and does. Delilah sold her dignity and defined her actions as “love” toward Samson, but Samson didn’t have the wisdom to see that she was a wolf in sheep’s clothing. He didn’t see it because he evidently thought that “love” would not betray him. When example after example presented itself he dismissed it because God, he thought, loved him and would not leave him. A misunderstanding of love results in a misapplication of the same. Love does not manipulate, does not betray, and will not suffer fools. Love will, however, instruct, persuade, hold in confidence, and correct the foolish. God did.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapman Ladies Bible Class
Thursday, February 21, 2019
At 6:30PM

CHAPMAN GOSPEL MEETING
March 17 – 20, 2018
Ken Tyler,
Arab, AL

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mason McAlister, Gearlene Cissom

•**HOSPITAL:** Misty Wilson (ICU/Memphis), Maddee Hall (Patti Hall’s Granddaughter, New Albany/Pneumonia)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Starrett Chapman, Jo Chapman

•**HOSPITAL:** Joanie Kate Reese (LeBonheur-ICU)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Pat Waide, Joanie Kate Reese, Carlin Johnson, Faye Jenkins, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Tony Morrison, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGaughy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith,, Rhonda Horton, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny Yancey, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno.

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