

February 25, 2024

Announcements

Brad McAlister

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)
Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)
Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Lord's Table

J C Newby

Count and Usher

Rickey Cissom & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (02/28/24)

OUR RECORD

February 18, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 84

Sunday Morning Worship: 102

Sunday Evening Worship: 76

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 80

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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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Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin
Shackelford, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

PREACHER: Mark Lindley

UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HEART Mark Lindley

He had been to a funeral during which he began thinking about the condition of his soul. He knew that he was lost and wanted to be saved. Now, sitting on the shoulder of the highway in his truck, sin-burdened and guilt-ridden, he looked up into the sky and began pouring out his heart to God. On the radio a preacher was encouraging the listening audience to pray for salvation. The sky was the deepest blue he had ever seen. He could “feel” God’s presence. Then, it happened. In an instant, the Almighty filled his heart with peace. All the sin and guilt were taken away, and a sense of relief flooded his soul. He wept. He knew he was a changed man—saved from sin.

This is the “salvation experience” one man related to me. As he spoke, I noticed that something was conspicuously missing. He had not mentioned hearing the Gospel, being taught God’s Word, understanding God’s Will, or obeying the Gospel. His lack of Scriptural knowledge was obvious. He had never heard what the Scriptures teach about being saved from sin.

“But is that really necessary?” one may ask. “Does one really have to understand God’s Will?” The Bible answer is, yes. Jesus said, “For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and **hear with their ears**, and should **understand with their heart**, and should be **converted**, and I should heal them” (Matthew 13:15). Observe that these people would not convert because they failed to “hear with their ears” and “understand with their heart.” The implication is that one *must* hear and understand God’s Word in order to be converted.

Therefore, no one can be saved by feeling emotional, having an “experience,” crying, praying, kneeling at the mourner’s bench, pleading with God for salvation, or shouting. Rather, one must hear the Gospel, understand it, and obey it. Jesus said, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15-16). The man who told me his “salvation story” later did as the Lord instructs in this passage.

ALL ABOUT HIM

Chuck Webster

It really is all about Jesus, every bit of it. I sometimes teach a class on the Pentateuch—the first five books of the Old Testament—and my top goal in the class is to help people see that every page we read is about the Christ we confess. It's not "What We Learn From the Flood," or "Abraham, the Leader of his Family," or "Moses: Leadership 101."

It's about Jesus. All of it.

Sometimes in our Bible reading we hurry through the Old Testament so we can get to Jesus in Matthew, but that's a big mistake. We won't even be able to see Jesus in the gospels if we don't see him in Genesis, not really.

Here's one thing Jesus said about the first 39 books of your Bible:

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:17-20).

We claim to be New Testament Christians—and I understand why—but I think it'd be better to call ourselves Bible Christians. Jesus didn't come to set the Old Testament aside so that we could focus our attention on what's really important—the New Testament.

He came to fulfill it, to show us its ultimate meaning, to help us see him there.

After the resurrection Jesus had an extended conversation with a couple of disciples who were discouraged because they thought he was still dead. Luke gives us a hint about what Jesus taught them: "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27).

I'd love to have heard that sermon, but apparently it began in Genesis 1 and finished in Malachi 4. The subject of the sermon?

Jesus himself.

It might be that you haven't spent much time in the first part of your Bible. Maybe you're mostly reading the New Testament—it's good that you're reading any part of the Bible, of course.

Are We Like Christ?

By Harry Middleton

Some years ago, Brother G. F. Raines wrote about a young Buddhist who had made a very careful study of the life of our Lord said to a Christian: "Your Christ is wonderful, oh, so wonderful; but you Christians, you are not like him." Could it be that the Christian was left speechless by the accusation, because the force of the young Buddhist's remark lies in the fact that he almost "hit the nail on the head"?

Christ was a prayerful man (Luke 6:12); but too many "Christians" pray either infrequently or not at all. If we were like Christ, we would continue "instant in prayer" (Romans 12:12).

Christ came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10); but do we "Christians" lose any sleep because of the impending fate of the lost?

Christ's primary concern was his "Father's business" (Luke 2:49); but the work of the Lord is the thing about which many "Christians" are least concerned.

Christ had no place "to lay his head" (Matthew 8:20); but too many "Christians" are so fond of luxuries that they will not contribute liberally for the propagation of God's will.

Christ fervently prayed that Christians might be "made perfect in one" (John 17:23; cf. 11:20-22); but too many "Christians" bite, devour and consume one another.

A certain lady accurately expressed what real Christianity is when she said: "Christianity is putting Christ on inside, then letting him show on the outside."

BRIDAL SHOWER

FOR AVA GREENE & CALEB MCMILLIN

Saturday, March 16th

3 pm to 5 pm

Men & Women are invited

Chapman Fellowship Hall

They will be married April 22 in Indiana.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH NIGHT

March 3, 2024

5 PM

Fellowship Meal to follow

GOSPEL MEETING

March 17-20, 2024

Speaker: Wayne Cox

Verona Church of Christ

Sunday: 10 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

12 Noon Fellowship Meal

1:30 PM Evening Service

7:00 PM Mon - Wed

FIFTH SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

10 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

12 Noon Fellowship Meal

1:30 PM Evening Service

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Peeler (John Hopper's Family), Larry Jackson (Dawn Jackson's Family), Mr. Johnston (Pilgrim Family), Louise Robinson (Larry Newby's Mother), and Charles Hodges.

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

SICK SUNDAY: Mark Lindley, Juan Stroupe, Wilma Wood

SURGERY RECOVERY: Karen Cissom, Joy Simmons

SURGERY/TEST: Danny Kate Childs (Heart), Justin Bridges (Bobby's Brother)

HOSPITAL: Hannah Jones (ICU-Tupelo), Whitlee Grisham (Great Granddaughter – Juanita Michael/ NICU-Jackson, MS)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Everett Hurt, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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