

March 1, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Eli Carter

Opening Prayer

John Hopper (A.M.)

Chris Moore (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Ricky Cissom (A.M.)

Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Wayne Vandygriff (Presiding),

Tripp Yancey, J C Newby, Reed Shackelford

Count and Usher

Rickey Loveless, Michiel Criswell

Prepare Communion

Myra Palmer and Anna Palmer

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Chris Moore (03/04/20)

OUR RECORD

February 23, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: 109

Sunday Morning Worship: 126

Sunday Evening Worship: 100

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 95

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,932

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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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" OF FOOLS AND BLIND FAITH " by Dalton Key

Both evidence and reason point convincingly to faith in God. The charge of "blind faith," often leveled against the conviction of believers, better describes the plight of those who see a world without God.

"For every house is built by someone, and He that built all things is God." (Hebrews 3:4, McCord.) A house suggests a builder. To imagine a house building itself, or accidentally exploding into existence, is to contemplate the absurd. Such a nonsensical notion, absent any empirical, philosophical, or historical foundation, is "blind faith" to the extreme.

But there is a faith equally ridiculous and even more blind.

The imagination that everything in our universe – mass and matter, living tissue and intelligent beings – was brought into existence without a Designer, without a Maker, has become a matter of faith for many pseudo-scientists of our day. And these same scientists propagate and defend their faith with nothing short of religious fervor tending toward wild fanaticism. With nothing to work with other than conjecture and theory, such faith, no matter how firmly held, is nothing if not blind.

Simply put, which requires a blinder faith – the thought of everything coming into existence from nothing, naturally, without God? Or the realization that all things must come from some source, from some beginning; in this case from the God of heaven?

The Bible, as always, has it right: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1.) "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth . . . For He spoke, and it was done, He commanded, and it stood fast." (Psalms 33:6-9.) "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmaments shows His handiwork." (Psalms 19:1.)

And perhaps the truism of truisms is this inspired nugget from Palms 53, verse one "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God."

Fools come and fools go but the God of the universe lives on.

When God's People Disappoint Us Bill Burk

Since people are fallible and prone to sin (Rom. 3:10-23), we should not be surprised when they disappoint us and let us down. Throughout history, even the very best of God's people involved themselves in disappointing behavior. Consider...

1.The first pair who ignored God's prohibition (Gen. 216-17), sinned against God (Gen 3:6) and were banished from the Garden.

2.Noah, who was usually of sterling character (Gen. 6:8), once the ark came to rest upon dry land, became drunk and uncovered in his tent (Gen. 9:21).

3.Abraham was the "friend of God" (James 2:21-23), yet he was, at times, dishonest (Gen. 12:12-13).

4.Jacob or Israel, who was one of the great patriarchs, took advantage of his brother and deceived his father (Gen. 25:27).

5.Moses was the great lawgiver, yet he tried to dodge responsibility (Ex. 13:10-13). Also, because of his disobedience, he missed the Promised Land (Num. 20:9).

6.David was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22), yet he sinned with Bathsheba and had Urriah put to death (2 Sam. 11).

7.Judas was chosen as an apostle, yet he sold out the Lord for 30 pieces of silver and betrayed him with a kiss (Mark 14:41-45).

8.Peter was a great apostle of Christ, yet he denied the Lord three times (Mk. 14:66-72).

9.The rest of the apostles all accomplished much, yet on the night Jesus needed them most, "they all forsook Him and fled" (Mark 14:50).

Based on all these examples, should we be surprised when Christians disappoint us by their actions? No. But when they do disappoint us, what should we do? First, we must remember to be long-suffering (Gal. 5:22-23). We desire others to be long-suffering with us; therefore we need to be long-suffering with them. God is long-suffering (2 Pet. 3:9) and only by following His example can we please Him. Second, we must remember that the Lord will never disappoint us. Some people quit serving the Lord because a child of God disappointed them. This makes no sense. Why quit serving the only perfect one to ever live because imperfect people have let us down? Third, we must remember to do what we can for the one who has erred. The Bible would teach us to go to such a one and restore him (Gal. 6:1). Is this not what we would want done should we fall? Certainly it would be.

Disappointments will come in life. At time, a brother or sister may be the source of these disappointments. Let us keep the right attitude and do what we can to help the situation, understanding all the while that our perfect God will never let us down.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN GOSPEL MEETING

March 15 – 18, 2020

Guest Speaker: Adam Miller

10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship:
Fellowship Meal to Follow

2:00 p.m. Sunday Evening

**7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday
Evening**

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•**SICK SUNDAY:** Jo Chapman, Patti Hall, Karly Yancey

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Larry Wood (March 6th)

•**MILITARY:** James B Chapman
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•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Jimmy Hopper, 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*).