

April 28 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Randell Koon
Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer

Tommy Wade (A.M.) Larry Wood (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Chase Chapman (A.M.) Mickey Chandler (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Britt Lindley (Presiding),

Eli Carter, Brock Lindley, Ross Shackelford
Count and Usher

Ricky Loveless and Terry Chapman

Prepare Communion

Janette Rickles & Romia Palmer

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Barrett Chapman (05/01/19)

OUR RECORD

April 21, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 118

Sunday Morning Worship: 137

Sunday Evening Worship: 112

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 94

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 4,776

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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

Good Listener
Josh Webster

Someone once told me that an important key to having lasting and fulfilling relationships is to be a good listener. I have found this to be very accurate. Sometime folks do not want to know how much you know, but rather how much you care. A person must learn to be a good listener in every relationship.

Jesus led Peter, James, and John to a mountain. On this mountain these three apostles witnessed things that you and I can only imagine. Jesus was transfigured right before their eyes. His face was made to radiate like the sun.

Moses and Elijah, two important men of old, appeared before them and were talking to Jesus. As Jesus and the two prophets stood talking a cloud overshadowed them and a voice spoke from the cloud. The message of the voice was simple, but important. The voice said, "...This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" This important event reveals to us the important message from God - hear Jesus, the beloved Son of God.

It is crucial that people incorporate the principle of becoming a good listener in their spiritual life. We must learn to become a good listener in our spiritual life. We must learn to become good listeners to the Word of God. The words that Christ delivered are important words.

"...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10.) "Sanctify them by your truth, Your Word is truth." (John 17:17.) "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." (Matthew 24:35.) "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:38.)

It is important that Christians are good listeners in every relationship. Most importantly it is necessary that Christians are good listeners to the Word of God. May we all heed those words that were spoken so many years ago and just listen to Him.

Distraction and Destruction

Travis Main

Most folks start the day with a list of projects that they want to tackle. Yet, on the way to achieving their purposes, distraction rises up. Not all distraction is worthless or troublesome. There are distractions which are wonderfully spiritual. Some distraction is very rewarding and perhaps represents even greater value than the original intended purposes of the day. The distraction simply needs to be what is authorized in Christ (Colossians 3:17). Regardless of its worth, distraction makes itself ever present. Consider for a brief moment the brief exhortation of focus from the Hebrew author:

Hebrews 12:1-3 – Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

We should never be distracted from constantly submitting our lives to Jesus. He is our Example, our Savior, and our Defender. He certainly had distractions in His life. His physical family wanted His time.

Everywhere He went People upon Him to heal them. Multitudes followed him to hear Him speak. Crowds sought him out hoping to see miracles or be fed. The Pharisaical Jews sought him to trick Him or cause Him to stumble in His ultimate purpose so that they would not lose their place of power. His inner circle of disciples represented distraction of weak faith, puzzled understanding, and even deception. Satan tried Him and tempted Him when he felt there was an opportune time. Physical fear and the reality of the pain of the flesh made their calling as well as He unwaveringly came to the cross. However, the distractions and suffering that Jesus endured provided understanding of the worth of submission to the Father (Hebrews 5:8). Jesus sits at the right hand of God because of His constant and steady control in keeping His eyes on the Father. Today, our eyes need to be constantly looking toward Jesus.

Destruction is the result of worldly distraction being our ultimate pursuit (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). Destruction results from trying to legitimize evil distraction as good (Isaiah 5:20) and turn scriptural wisdom into earthly wisdom (2 Peter 3:16) so we can pursue worldly distraction. Destruction comes from a heart problem that wants to turn back to the world (Luke 17:32). However, if you are seeking God (Matthew 6:33), spiritual distraction will not keep you from your God, nor will destruction await you. Submission of the heart, soul, mind, and strength to God will lovingly have the kingdom of the Father in view. Be of good cheer in the midst of distraction and boldly march onward (John 16:33).

UPCOMING EVENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL OF OUR LADS TO
LEADERS PARTICIPANTS**

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**Chapman Area Wide
Ladies Bible Class
Tuesday, May 7th
Speaker: Berta Kennedy**

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Larry Davis (Mark Lindley's Friend).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Gearlene Cissom, Wilma Wood

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Pat Waide, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Tony Morrison, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Gary Michaels, 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, Willard Shackelford** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).