

April 30, 2023

Announcements
Randell Koon

Song Leader
Larry Wood

Scripture Reading
Rickey Cissom

Opening Prayer
John Hopper (A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Tommy Wade (A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Keith Newby

Count and Usher
David Smith & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Ross Shackelford (05/03/23)

OUR RECORD

April 23, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 95
Sunday Morning Worship: 115
Sunday Evening Worship 70
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

ARE YOU IN THE HOUSE OF GOD? By Mark Lindley

The term “house of God” has different meanings in the Bible. In the Old Testament, the term was often used to refer to the tabernacle and later, the temple.

But what is the house of God in the New Testament? The apostle Paul answers that question: “These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly; But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the *house of God, which is the church* of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:14-15). Notice that according to God’s Word, the “house of God” is the “church.”

Sometimes we may refer to a church building as “the house of God,” but a church building is not God’s house. A church building could burn to ashes, but that would not destroy the house of God because God’s house is spiritual—it is the church. The church is made up of people, not wood, brick, and mortar.

But how does one get into the house of God? To be in the house of God is to be in God’s family; so the question is, how does one get into the family of God? The Bible teaches that one gets into God’s family the same way one gets into one’s family of origin: one is born into it. However, being born into God’s family is to experience spiritual renewal, referred to in the New Testament as being “born again.” Jesus stated, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:5).

But Jesus’ statement leads to another question: What does it mean to be born of water? An inspired commentary on being born of water is Acts 8:36-39: “And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?” (verse 36). According to verses 38-39, “they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.”

To summarize this account, Philip taught the eunuch about Jesus and how to be born again. The eunuch saw water and wanted to be baptized, immediately. The eunuch acknowledged that he believed in Christ, and then he was baptized. When the eunuch was baptized he was ushered into the house of God, the Lord’s church, and he became a part of God’s family (Matthew 16:18; 1 Timothy 3:15; Galatians 3:26-27). This is what it means to be born again, and this is how one enters the house of God.

UNTIL DEATH DO US PART

James Pilgrim

On August 8, 1969, beginning at 7:00 P.M., Mike Callan and Peggy Hibbs began a united journey of fifty-four years, eight months and seven days, at the East Cullman Church of Christ, Cullman, Alabama. The writer was blessed with the privilege of officiating at the joyous occasion. Sadly yet happily that journey ended as they planned and promised before those who assembled to share the glorious occasion with them, “until death do us part.”

Mike and Peggy had fallen in love, and they wanted to share their love with one another as long as they lived. They made a commitment to one another that they would love honor and cherish with one another “until death do us part.” Sadly, Mike died of heart failure a few days ago, ending a long and faithful journey. Was either Mike or Peggy sinless over this time frame? No! However they were faithful. Preaching in a gospel meeting at the Holly Pond Church of Christ, Holly Pond, Alabama, the writer was thrilled to see them walk in together faithful to the Lord, and all smiles after fifty years together. As all couples who remain united, they had to overcome problems over the years. One man is reported to have said that he and his wife had been together for fifty years, and had never had a disagreement. An older farmer standing by is reported to have said, “If I lived next door to that man I would lock my corn crib at night.” He evidently thought the man was lying, and that he might also steal.

Mike and Peggy Callan took seriously Romans 7:1-4; 1 Corinthians 6:18; and 7:1, 2. Read the inspired apostle’s words. They also took Matthew 19:1-9 as they are, God’s laws to guide those who marry. Though fallible, corrupt, weak, natural people, they were not sinless (Romans 3:23; 6:1-7, 16, 17) on this side of eternity (1 Corinthians 15, especially, verses 42ff). We are also thankful that these two who became one flesh (Ephesians 5:31) understood God’s plan for marriage, one male and one female. (Genesis 1:27; 2:18-25). We are also grateful that Mike and Peggy understood the definition of male and female, man and woman. (Genesis 2:22-25). Ephesians 5:21-33 is a principle upon which Mike and Peggy’s marriage was built.

It is believed that Mike and Peggy aided one another in their journey together to the “abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 1:11). It is also believed that Mike, with the help of Peggy, has taken the first step thereunto, and is now “comforted” (Luke 16:25) in Abraham’s bosom (Luke 16:23) “in paradise.” (Luke 23:43). This being true, the next step Mike will take is from the Hadean world to the judgment, where he will hear that grand and glorious welcome into that everlasting Home. (Matthew 25: 21, 23, 34, 46). There will be no marriages in heaven (Matthew 22:30), but we can all be together in the Heavenly City by being faithful. (Revelation 2:10). Mike awaits our coming. Watch patiently, pray, and be faithful. (Matthew 26:41; 24:13; James 5:7).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapman Cemetery Work Day
SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH
Cancel if rain.

CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY
APRIL 30TH
Meal following AM service
PM Service at 1:30 PM

A Plea For Prayers
Please pray for spiritual and
numerical growth for the
Chapman Congregation in 2023.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

SICK SUNDAY: Randell Koon, Hannah Loveless

HOSPITAL: Dani Kate Childs (Lebonheur – 7 month old daughter of Beau & Meredith), Cullen Loveless (Rehab)

SURGERY RECOVERY: Juan Stroupe (eyes), Senita Coats (shoulder)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen’s Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon’s Mother), Malone Hurt, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler’s Son-in-law), 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), Tom Muir (Cindy Pruitt’s Brother-in-law), David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Gerohn Childs *Resthaven:* Johnnie Carpenter