

May 14, 2023

Announcements
Rickey Cissom

Song Leader
Keith Newby

Scripture Reading
Gene Yancey

Opening Prayer
Mason McAlister (A.M.)
Brad McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
John Hopper (A.M.)
Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Larry Wood

Count and Usher
Randell Koon & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brock Lindley (05/17/23)

OUR RECORD

May 7, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 83
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Wednesday Night Bible Study: 89

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

WHO WROTE THE BIBLE?

Mark Lindley

Those who believe the Bible is God's Word maintain that the Bible was written by inspired men of God. Peter wrote, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:20-21). Also, consider what Paul wrote about the inspiration of the Scriptures: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (II Timothy 3:16).

Nevertheless, we live in an age when many deny the inspiration of the Scriptures. Those who deny that the Bible is God's Word often affirm that the Bible is nothing more than a book full of myths.

They scoff at the Biblical account of the flood that destroyed the earth in Noah's day. They mock the idea that Jonah was swallowed by a great fish and lived to tell about it. These Biblical events and others are viewed as nothing more than fairy-tale type stories.

If it is true that the Bible was "not" written by inspired men, then we must ask the question, who wrote the Bible? Someone might respond, "Good men wrote the Bible, but they were not inspired men." However, this cannot be true. Good, but uninspired men, could not have written the Bible because those who wrote it claimed to be writing the "Word of God" (Isaiah 1:1-2; Jeremiah 1:9; I Corinthians 14:37; et al.). If those who wrote scripture knew their writings were not God's Word but were only "fairy-tale" type stories, then the writers were guilty of deception—they lied. If those who wrote the Bible were liars, then they were not "good men." We know, therefore, that merely "good men" did not write the Bible.

"Well, maybe bad men wrote the Bible," one might argue. Yet, we know that bad men did not write the Bible because the Bible condemns the behavior of bad men. The Bible condemns lying (Colossians 3:9), stealing (Ephesians 4:28), corrupt speech (Ephesians 4:29), drunkenness (I Corinthians 6:10), and other sinful behaviors. Would bad men write a book that condemns their own behavior? Would bad men write a book that teaches that bad men are going to hell? Further, could bad men have produced a book that is so full of good works, comforting words, godly attitudes, and the hope of heaven? It is irrational to believe that bad men wrote the Bible.

Well, if good (but uninspired) men did not write the Bible, and bad men did not write the Bible, then who wrote it? The irresistible conclusion is that, just as the Bible claims, inspired men of God wrote it. "The things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord" (I Corinthians 14:37). The Bible is the Word of God!

Happy Mother's Day! By Ron Thomas

Let me spell the word m-o-t-h-e-r, with a message to complement.

M is for Mature. Do you remember when mom always seemed to have the right answer, and when she gave the answer, it was with the right spirit and attitude (I remember that).

O is for Open. Mothers who love their children will have an "open door policy" with the kids. That simply means that when trouble is brewing in the youth, mom is there to lend a hand.

T is for Teacher. Can hardly think of mom without there being some component of teaching involved. Mom taught things of importance like personal hygiene, laundry, or doing the dishes because that was women's work! (Boy, did I learn about that!)

H is for Health. I remember that when I got sick, I never wanted dad to tend to my needs or concerns. He would have been there and done what was needed, but gruff and "suck it up" just wasn't the same as the tender "honey," and "sweet heart."

E is for Expectations. Mothers who love their children will have expectation and, when they are not met, the child (or children) will suffer consequences. I learned early that suffering was less than pleasant.

R is for Remember. Mom had (has) a memory that just doesn't need to work as good as it did (at least when I was in trouble!), but on the other hand I am glad it works as well as it does. Let our "memory" work the same, and be sure to wish your mother (and all mothers) a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Prayer Will Keep Us Busy Wayne Jones

Christianity is a religion that revolves around the work and participation of its members. Jesus stressed this need as He taught such parables as the "talents" (Matt. 25:14-30) and the "sower" (Mark 4:3-9). Paul reaffirmed this teaching by referring to God's people as those who are "zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14). James warned that trying to live a life of faith without works was emptiness and void (James 2:17, 26). Despite God's continual reminder, He still addressed those who would try to follow Him and refuse to work (Prov. 21:25; 26:14). Solomon describes the field of a lazy man as being overgrown with thorns and the wall around it as broken (Prov. 24:30-31). What's the point? We ought to be people who are busy!

Someone might respond, "Well, I have that covered!" We are all busy people, are we not? Little League, soccer practice, band concerts, football games, school projects, overtime, and many other things keep us busy from sun up to sun down, almost every day. Let us remember that in our schedule of things to do, God must capture first place and retain such a position. Sadly, some who claim to be people of God are described in Psalm 39:6. Here David penned, "Surely every man walks about like a shadow; surely they busy themselves in vain; he heaps up riches and does not know who will gather them" (Psa. 39:6).

How then do I keep from being busy in vain? How do I go about reorganizing my priorities so that I am busy with things that will matter on the Day of Judgment? One of the many answers to this question is to pray. Not that all of our time in each day will be consumed with prayer, but that faithful prayer (which will be accompanied with action by the petitioner) will keep us busy.

As we continue this study, let us consider some areas of our lives and some roles in the church that would be spurred to greater service if those who occupied those roles were diligent in their prayer life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH NIGHT - MAY 28TH
WILL BE RESCHEDULED SOON

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 9TH - 12TH

Congratulations to Caleb McMillin. He will be graduating from Freed Hardeman this Saturday.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE

Wedding Shower

For

Hannah Loveless

&

Paul Anglin

SUNDAY ● June 4th
3:30 TO 4:30 PM

Chapman Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

**REGISTERED AT WALMART, AMAZON &
TARGET**

A Plea For Prayers

*Please pray for spiritual and numerical
growth for the Chapman Congregation
in 2023.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

SICK SUNDAY: Myra Palmer, Danny Shackelford, Robin Chapman

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

UPCOMING SURGERY : Sharon Pannell (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: Stevie 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

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