

June 4, 2023

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Tim McMillin

Opening Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)

Rickey Cissom (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Bo Chapman (A.M.)

Randell Koon (P.M.)

Lord's Table

John Hopper

Count and Usher

Chase Chapman & Kevin Shackelford

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (06/07/23)

OUR RECORD

May 28, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 93

Sunday Morning Worship: 108

Sunday Evening Worship 72

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 77

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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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HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

MARK LINDLEY

We often emphasize the importance of effective, Bible preaching. The man in the pulpit, however, can only present God's Word. In order for preaching to be effective, people in the pews must listen as they should. Jesus said, "Take heed therefore how ye hear" (Luke 8:18). How should one listen (hear) to a sermon?

Here are some suggestions:

1. **Listen with an open Bible.** The noble Bereans "searched the Scriptures daily" to see if what they were hearing was true (Acts 17:11). As the preacher refers to Bible verses, look them up to see if the preacher is speaking the truth. No man should be blindly followed just because he is a preacher.
2. **Listen with an open heart.** Ezra sets a good example for us: "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord..." (Ezra 7:10). All the preaching in the world cannot penetrate a heart that is calloused and unwilling to change. We must be open to the truth, even when that truth contradicts some previously held belief.
3. **Listen reverently.** On the occasion of Nehemiah 8 when God's Word was read, all the people, with reverence for the Word, stood (Nehemiah 8:5). During the preaching of God's Word is not the time for sleeping, thinking about the Sunday afternoon ballgame, balancing the checkbook, writing notes to friends, or playing with babies.
4. **Listen in view of eternity.** The Word being preached is the standard by which all will be judged. Jesus said, "...the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Should we not earnestly listen to God's Word since we will be judged by it?

These suggestions, if applied, will help us properly listen to God's Word, and listening to God's Word will help us prepare for Judgment.

Prayer: When God Says No

Tim Dooley

The practice of prayer is so fundamental to the overall spiritual health of the Christian that Paul wrote by inspiration, “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). To Timothy Paul wrote, “I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;” (1 Timothy 2:8). But as fundamental as prayer is there are a lot of misconceptions about how prayer works.

Prayer is the medium through which we communicate our thanks, requests, and cares to God. God communicates to use through his Word and His providence. A big misconception is that God answers prayers in the affirmative or not at all. Often when we get what we want we respond thankfully by saying that God has answered our prayers. But the truth is that God answers every prayer. Sometimes God says, “Yes,” and sometimes He responds, “Not right now.” And there are also times when God says, “No.”

God Told David, “No.” After the birth of David’s son, which had been conceived in sin with Bathsheba, the prophet Nathan told the king that because of his sin the child would die. David responded by pleading with God for the child’s life. He “fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground” (2 Samuel 12:16). But God said, “No.”

God Told Paul, “No.” The great evangelist, missionary, and apostle was afflicted with “a thorn in the flesh...a messenger of Satan to buffet” him, that he may not “be exalted above measure.” Paul said, “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.” But God replied, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Paul reacted by saying, “Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). God said, “No.”

God Told Jesus, “No.” In the Garden of Gethsemane as the Lord prepared for the cross that lay before Him Jesus pleaded, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me...” (Matthew 26:39). The text tells us that three times he prayed this same prayer, but each time he concluded, “nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” And God said, “No.”

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 9TH - 12TH

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE

Wedding Shower

For

Hannah & Paul Anglin

SUNDAY ● June 4th
3:30 TO 4:30 PM

Chapman Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

REGISTERED AT WALMART, AMAZON &
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Johnnie Carpenter.

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

SICK SUNDAY: Bobbie Chapman, Mickey Chandler, Pat Shackelford, Junior Derrick

HOSPICE: Lisa Miller (Hospice House), Stevie Barnes (Hospice)

IN HOSPITAL: Cullen Loveless (Columbus/ICU, Rickey’s Father)

SURGERY RECOVERY: Sharon Pannell (shoulder), Molly Moore

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen’s Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, 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, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: Tippah County Health & Rehab: Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Gerohn Childs

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