

June 9, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Danny Shackelford
Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Kevin Shackelford

Opening Prayer

John Hopper (A.M.)

Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Andy Reese (A.M.)

Larry Wood (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Ross Shackelford (Presiding),

Tripp Yancey, Michiel Criswell, Brock Lindley

Count and Usher

Britt Lindley and Devin McVey

Prepare Communion

Connie Davis and Bryana Gaillard

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (06/12/19)

OUR RECORD

June 2, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 101

Sunday Morning Worship: 112

Sunday Evening Worship: 100

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 99

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,633

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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

Differing Paths Gregory Alan Tidwell

Often, when traveling through the Appalachians, I have noted the markers indicating the Eastern Continental Divide. This line denotes the watershed between streams that feed into the Atlantic Ocean and those that feed into the Gulf of Mexico. Two drops of rain, falling only inches apart on the ground, will end up separated by hundreds of miles before they reach the end of their journeys.

As we consider, personally, the choices we make day by day, we should recall the words of our Lord, "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much." (Luke 16:10)

The small things in our lives can well lead to big changes, either for good or for evil. This principle extends to congregations, as well.

Frequently, an emphasis on doctrinal exactness is greeted with a roll of the eyes. Why should we, after all, be concerned over small departures here and there? Isn't it just nit-picking to question everything that doesn't measure up to the truths we understand from Scripture?

We should be concerned about apostasy, even in the smallest measure, because it is a step down a path which will end in destruction. Every heresy that has divided the church began with a small departure from the truth, which lead to greater and greater departures over time.

Our fellowship must stand firm on the inerrancy of Scripture, the total truth and authority of God's word. We must stand firm in attempting to understand and follow the pattern of faith and practice outlined in the Bible. Most centrally, we must stand firm in teaching the exclusive truth of God's way of salvation through Jesus Christ. Even the slightest deviation in our commitment to these basic truths will plunge the church quickly into all manner of false teaching.

When Christian teachers and preachers depart from a complete confidence in Scripture, they stand in danger of losing their faith altogether. When congregations begin introducing unauthorized elements into the worship and work of the church, there is no end to the changes which will occur. When the church begins fellowshiping outsiders as if they were members of the Lord's church, soon the very heart of the gospel is laid aside. Constant vigilance is needed to keep the Lord's church true to the Lord's way.

The Purpose of Life... Chad Ramsey

Life is a precious gift from God. It is God who "forms the spirit of man within him" (Zechariah 12:1), and it is to God that our spirits return after death (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Consequently, it would seem that men ought to use their lives to please God. But rather than striving to "seek the Lord" (Acts 17:27), men often expend their energies in other ventures.

Some, for example, act as if their purpose in life is to gain physical wealth. And to that end they focus all of their efforts. Those who struggle in this area should be reminded of several basic Biblical truths: 1) "One's life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses" (Luke 12:15); 2) Christians ought to "lay up for [themselves] treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6:20); and 3) "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10). Life's purpose is not to amass earthly wealth.

Others act as if their purpose in life is to maintain their physical health. While it should be granted that our bodies are important to God (1 Corinthians 6:19), and that "bodily exercise profits a little" (1 Timothy 4:8), it must be remembered that at the longest, our lives are but brief (James 4:14). For this reason, we must make sure that we do not become so consumed with caring for our bodies that we lose focus upon God.

Still others act as if the purpose of life is to experience pleasure. This, too, misses the point of our existence. Our purpose is to "Fear God and keep His commandments. For this is man's all" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

Strength by: Dave Hart

Job 6:11-13
"What strength do I have, that I should hope? And what is my end, that I should prolong my life? Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh bronze? Is my help not within me?"

Strength has been very important to me most of my life. I grew up watching larger than life heroes like Superman, Batman and John Wayne. I always wanted to excel in sports and be bigger and stronger than other men. So, I spent most of my younger life training with weights in pursuit of that goal, and have had modest successes over the years. But now that I'm getting older, I've noticed that my body is starting to hurt from old injuries, and no matter how hard I train, the strength that I worked so hard for is slowly ebbing away a little each year.

Like Job, my hope is not in my own strength, intelligence, money, fame nor anything else in this world which is fading away, and one day will be no more. My flesh is not bronze, but instead is weak and vulnerable. My hope does not lie within me in this perpetually passing life. Therefore, my hope will be in the perfect and everlasting strength of Jesus Christ. Our physical bodies and all that is around us are perishing little by little; nevertheless, because of Jesus in our life, our spirit (the inner man) can grow and be renewed each and every day as we live. Do not put your trust or your hope in your own strength, but lean on the steadfast strength of Jesus Christ, and He will see you through. Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN VBS

July 7th – 10th

Sunday AM: 10:00AM

Sunday PM: 2:00 PM (Evening Service
2:00PM – VBS immediately following)

Mon – Wed 7:00-8:30 PM

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Juanita Michael, Wanda Yancey, Joanie Kate Reese

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Wayne Vandygriff, James Newby (Rehab/Birmingham), Don Blackwell (4-wheeler accident/preacher and elder of Southaven congregation)

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

•**CANCER:** Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), 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** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).