

July 16, 2023

Announcements

David Smith

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.)
Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Keith Newby (A.M.)
Brad McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Randell Koon

Count and Usher

Michiel Criswell & Britt Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader

J C Newby (07/19/23)

OUR RECORD

July 9, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 99
Sunday Morning Worship: 127
Sunday Evening Worship 90
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 84

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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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WHERE ARE YOU?

Mark Lindley

As you read this article and consider the question above, you may be at work, sitting at home, or at a friend's house. You may be in Ripley, Blue Mountain, Walnut, or some other location. But the question, "Where are you?" does not concern your geographical location. This is a question concerning your spiritual location. You see, everyone is somewhere spiritually, and there are only two possible locations--**in Christ or outside Christ.**

The reason for one to consider this question is that every spiritual blessing offered by God is in Christ. The forgiveness of sins, privilege of prayer, fellowship with children of God, and the hope of eternal life are blessings only to be enjoyed in Christ. Paul wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with **all spiritual blessings** in heavenly places **in Christ**" (Ephesians 1:3). There are general blessings to be enjoyed outside of Christ. The Father in heaven "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). However, God gives no *spiritual blessings* to anyone outside of Christ.

Since it is so important for one to be in Christ, God has given us His Word which instructs us "how" to get into Christ. There are only two verses in the New Testament which specifically state how one gets into Christ. First, consider Galatians 3:27: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Also, observe Romans 6:3, 4: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"

These verses do not teach that baptism without faith and repentance puts one into Christ. In order for baptism to be effective, one must believe the Gospel and repent of sins (Acts 15:7; 17:30). Meeting these conditions, one who is baptized receives the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38), enters the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13), and is a member of the Lord's church (Acts 2:47). In view of these Bible facts, should we not all reflect on this question?

If It's Not Fed, It Won't Grow

by: Lance Cordle

Consider the following hypothetical situations:

A man selects a site on his property for a garden. He does not till the soil. He just scatters the seed and walks away. No fertilizer is placed with the seed; no watering is done. The man, however, expects a large crop of vegetables. Question: Is he being realistic? Answer: No. Principle: If it's not fed (cultivated, nourished), it won't grow (flourish).

A young man hears about a party his friends are having. He accepts an invitation and shows up—only to find that it is a poker party. Since celebrities are playing poker and it is on so many TV channels, it must be a cool way to have fun and "make a quick buck," right? The young man, however, knows that it is gambling, and is well aware of the tragic consequences of gambling addiction. He walks away from the party, resolving not to gamble, even if it means his friends will be disappointed. He believes the risk of addiction is too great. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

A man has been married for several years. He loves his wife and believes their marriage is good, but he is a little bored. At work, he spends a lot of time around a single young woman.

She is attractive and personable. Most of their contact is work-related and, so far, he has kept it that way. He knows, however that she would "see him" outside of work, if he would but ask. After thinking it over, he resolves to work on his relationship with his wife, to be more attentive, and to liven up their marriage with better communication and more romance. He resists the urge to build a deeper relationship with the woman at work. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

A young man and woman in their early twenties have dated for several months and are "serious" about each other. There is a real possibility that they will get married. They love each other and express it in verbal and non-verbal ways. However, they are Christians and have resolved to avoid fornication and save themselves sexually for marriage. Thus, they have set definite limits on their physical displays of affection. They could give into lust, like so many have chosen to do, but they don't. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

A man is offended by a lifelong friend. He thinks about the situation, but decides to act in good faith and talk to his friend about the problem. The friend understands, and he too, wants to do what is right. Resentment, though contemplated, does not really even begin. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

Is there something you are feeding that shouldn't be fed?

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOW! WHAT A GREAT VBS!
Thanks to everyone who helped make our Vacation Bible School such a great success! It was all very much enjoyed & appreciated by everyone. Great job!!!

CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY
July 30th
Meal following AM Service.
PM Service at 1:30 PM.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Charles Jeter (Juanita Michael's Brother).

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

SICK SUNDAY: Sandy Newby

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

SURGERY RECOVERY: Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father)

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, Joe Clark

A Plea For Prayers

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

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