

July 29, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Jordan Staggs

Opening Prayer

Wayne Vandygriff (A.M.) Joel Moore (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Jeff Staggs (A.M.) Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Andy Reese (Presiding),

Gene Yancey, Jimmy Williford, John Hopper

Count and Usher

Terry Chapman & Randel Koon

Prepare Communion

Shawna & Christy Jones

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford 08/01/18

OUR RECORD

July 22, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 127

Sunday Morning Worship: 136

Sunday Evening Worship: 96

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 103

Budget: \$3,500

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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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CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

July 29th – August 1st

“GREAT LESSONS FROM THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT”

• **Sunday Morning Bible Study...10:00 a.m.** •
Laying Up Treasures in Heaven
– *Mike Hixon*

• **Sunday Morning Worship...10:45 a.m.** •
Stop Worrying
– *Mike Hixon*

• **Fellowship meal will follow.**

• **Sunday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.** •
Salt of the Earth and Light of the World
– *Tony Brown*

• **Monday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.** •
The Righteousness of the Scribes and
Pharisees – *Mike McDaniel*

• **Tuesday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.** •
Trying to Serve Two Masters
– *Barry Kennedy*

• **Wednesday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.** •
The Wise and Foolish Builders
– *Jeff Scott*

Pluck It Out!

By Louis Rushmore

Three passages record Jesus advising certain hearers to 'pluck out one of their eyes' or 'cut off one of their hands,' and one of these passages adds that they may need to 'cut off one foot' (Matthew 5:29-30; 18:8-9; Mark 9:43-48). What could possibly warrant such drastic and repulsive action? In short, heaven and hell issues (Matthew 5:29-30; 18:8-9; Mark 9:43-48) or whether one will be privileged "to enter into the kingdom of God" (Mark 9:47) are gravely important and more than sufficient reasons to alleviate abettors to sinful activities, no matter how severe the course of action.

The eyes, hands and feet in these texts "offend," from a Greek word transliterated into English as "scandalize," and meaning, "to entrap, i.e. trip up... or entice to sin, apostasy" (Biblesoft's). Commentators, such as Vincent, note further that "offend" refers to "...the stick in a trap on which the bait is placed, and which springs up and shuts the trap at touch of an animal" (Vincent's). Another resource adds that the meaning of skandalon includes "stumbling block" or "cause of ruin" (Kittel).

"Pluck out" in Matthew 5:29 means "to tear out" whereas a different Greek word in Mark 9:47 means "to eject" (Biblesoft's). Elsewhere the latter is translated often as "cast forth" and once as "thrust out." Offending hands and feet are to be "cut off" (Mark 9:43, 45), meaning "amputate" (Biblesoft's). Jesus affirmed that embracing a self-imposed handicap is far preferable to crossing the threshold of eternity destined for eternal hell; the Greek word *asbestos* is translated "never shall be quenched" (Mark 9:43 KJV) and means "not extinguished... perpetual" (Biblesoft's).

The severity of the sin problem cannot be overemphasized though the language of Jesus to stress its seriousness may be viewed by some as harsh or brutal. Generally, commentators and other students of the Bible perceive that Jesus' statements discussed herein are to be understood figuratively. "Jesus' word is to be taken figuratively but seriously" (Gospel of Matthew, emp. added).

Of course the Saviour does not mean that we should apply this precept literally, since bodily mutilation will not cure sin which resides in the will and not in the organ of sense or action. A literal exaction of the demands of this precept would turn the church into a hospital. We should blind ourselves by taking care not to look with evil eyes; we should maim ourselves by absolutely refusing to go to forbidden resorts, etc. (Four-Fold)

It cannot be supposed that Christ intended this to be taken literally. His design was to teach that the dearest objects, if they cause us to sin, are to be abandoned; that by all sacrifices and self-denials we must overcome the evil propensities of our nature, and resist our wanton imaginations. Some of the fathers, however, took this commandment literally. (Barnes')

Accordingly, the apostle Paul applied our Lord's teaching with similar figurative language respecting sinful activities: "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry" (Col 3:5 NKJV emp. added).

In addition to the obvious, especially our modern age presents some unique, new opportunities to participate in old sins. For instance, borrowing from Jesus' words, one could as appropriately understand:

If thy telephone offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy Internet offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Old device or new, immaterial object or persons that lead to sin, all people and especially Christians must come to grips with the severity of sin and avoid it at all costs. Our souls depend upon it. "Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33 ASV).

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Ella Shackelford, Mildred Shackelford, Joanie Kate Reese, Micky Chandler

•**HOSPITAL:** Amy King (Hospice/Corinth – Wayne Vandygriff's Niece)

•**SURGERY:** Joanie Kate Reese

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Cortney Cissom, Tony Morrison, David Young, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Cohen Hurt (2nd grade/Pine Grove), Jimmy Smith, Roxieann Foster, Danny Yancey, Lana Waldon, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, 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: **Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).

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Remember:

*Sunday Evening Service 07/29/18
will be at 7:00 PM
for our Lectureship.*

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