

July 31, 2022

Announcements
Ross Shackelford

Song Leader
Larry Wood

Scripture Reading
Bo Chapman

Opening Prayer
Bryan Davis (A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
John. Hopper (A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Bobby Bridges

Count and Usher
Michiel Criswell & Britt Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
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OUR RECORD

July 24, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 85
Sunday Morning Worship: 106
Sunday Evening Worship: 83
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 78

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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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TRUE, BIBLICAL LOVE Mark Lindley

The Scriptures abound with instruction to love one another. John wrote, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (1 John 4:7-8). But what does it mean to love others? It seems some have the notion that Biblical love is a mushy, touchy-feely kind of love that ignores sin, doctrinal error, and immorality in others. This type of love would never confront another with sin or rebuke doctrinal error (cf. 1 Timothy 5:20).

Jesus, however, the loving Savior from heaven, did not believe in this type of love. Mark 10:17-22 is the account of Jesus and the rich young ruler. The ruler asked Jesus what to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus reminded the young man of some of the commandments he was to keep, and the ruler said, "Master, all these have I observed from my youth." The text then says, "Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions."

Did you notice that the text says Jesus "loved him"? Yet, the loving Savior would not compromise in order for the young man to inherit eternal life. Yes, Jesus loved him, but He still told him the truth—He told him what he needed to hear. The young man "went away" sorrowful, and the Lord allowed him to do so. No, Christ never compromised the condition for eternal life.

This teaches us that Biblical love is not a weak, shallow, spineless love that stands for nothing, requires nothing, and is tolerant of all sins and error. The love Christ taught us to have for others is a love with substance and conviction. There is nothing unloving about standing for Truth, with boldness and without compromise. In fact, true Biblical love demands it.

**I WANT A CHURCH
THAT MEETS MY NEEDS
William Woodson, deceased**

The statement made in the title is not only the desire of many in the religious world, but is becoming the philosophy of many Christians, because many of us are seeking a religion that "meets our needs." The phrase itself has virtually become a new religious term. Many persons praise or blame a particular congregation because it is or is not "meeting my needs."

Let me hasten to say that if the phrase means that we need to satisfy spiritual hunger, then it is a good expression, for surely everyone ought to be in a Christian community where his/her deepest spiritual longings are being addressed. The voice of God needs to be heard through spiritual teaching, and we need opportunities to serve, love and be called to repentance.

But being a part of the church to some means reaching for goals of "self-actualization." So if the church doesn't fulfill certain expectations, wants and preferences, they must move on to another emotional department store with different merchandise more appealing to their "tastes."

Sadly, and probably without realizing it, many congregations have gotten into thinking that "we have to do all these things and plan all the activities to meet people's needs so they won't leave." Consequently, well-meaning leaders have turned God's church into a merchandising institution. So we promote this program and that program for this group and that group.

But, in my judgment, the system has become turned upside down from the way God intended it to be. Whatever happened to the attitude in a Christian's heart of "I'd like to be a part of this congregation because of what I can do to meet its needs?" When are we most fulfilled? When our needs are met, or when we meet the needs of God's church on this earth? We ought to be a part of a congregation not so our needs can be met, but rather so we may best meet the needs of God's work.

Christians need to recall the Truth of the scriptures that personal fulfillment is a great spiritual paradox. We are most filled when we empty ourselves and be filled serving others. Jesus taught us, "...whoever will be great among you, let him be your minister (servant)...even as the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister (serve)" (Matthew 20:26-28).

Paul said of his own heart, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). And again, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). "Reasonable service" is not being served (having your needs met) but serving (meeting the needs of others). We need to relearn the axiom, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Let's not demand that God's church be a place where people (leadership or membership) cater to our desires and preferences. Let's turn it right side up again and be a part of a congregation, not for what it can do for us, but for what we can do for it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST AREA WIDE YOUTH NIGHT

August 21, 2022

5:00 PM

Speaker: Mason Cothren

Food/Games will be provided

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Fred Moore (Tim McMillin's Uncle).

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

SICK SUNDAY : Brice Lindley, Larry & Wilma Wood, Sailor Fitzgerald

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

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Jimmie Wayne Roberson, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury,

•**SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204, Jimmy Berryman, *Resthaven:* Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter

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