## August 7, 2022

Announcements Tommy Wade

> Song Leader Keith Newby

Scripture Reading Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer Micky Chandler (A.M.) Jeff Brewer (P.M.)

Closing Prayer Bryan Davis (A.M.) Bo Chapman (P.M.)

> Lord's Table John Hopper

Count and Usher Ricky Cissom & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader Ross Shackelford (08/10//22)

### **OUR RECORD**

July 31, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 86 Sunday Morning Worship: 101 Sunday Evening Worship: 74 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 80

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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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# GOD'S MIRROR Mark Lindley

Chances are good that you have looked at yourself in a mirror today. Usually, viewing our physical appearance is one of the first things we do after getting out of bed in the morning. We do this because we know there are some changes which need to be made. We need to brush our hair, put on make-up, shave, etc.

Though we want our physical appearance to be appealing, we should be more concerned about our spiritual attractiveness. The Scriptures teach that God has a spiritual mirror which enables us to view ourselves spiritually. James wrote, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:22-25).

Just suppose that one looked at himself in the mirror, saw that corrections in his physical appearance needed to be made, and then walked away making no changes. If one did that, looking in the mirror would be useless. Why look to see if changes need to be made in one's physical appearance, if he is not willing to make those changes?

By the same logic, it does no good to look into "the perfect law of liberty" (God's Word), realize that changes need to be made spiritually, and then fail to make those changes. This is why it is stressed in the above passage that we are to be "doers" of the Word. Hearing only is not sufficient. Application of what is heard must be made; otherwise, as James wrote, we "deceive ourselves."

Let's all resolve to look often into God's Word to see what spiritual changes we need to make. Seeing the need for change, let's love the Lord and His Word enough to change for Him.

## The World Has Gone Completely Crazy Doug Dingley

The world has gone completely crazy. If you don't think so, just switch on the news for a second or two. Whether it's someone who decides they don't like their doctor's prescription so they're going to shoot him and anyone else who stands in their way; someone who decides to tauntingly murder a classroom full of innocent schoolchildren: some dictator who decides to invade and level a foreign country simply for no other reason than his own personal ego; or someone who wants to remove guns from the hands of lawabiding citizens, while at the same time. seeking to make secure through law, that abortionists are able to both legally hang onto and unleash their deadly weapons of mass destruction daily (which have, by the way, taken the lives of more than 63 million innocent pre-born people over the past five decades), the world has, as I said, gone absolutely nuts.

said, gone absolutely nuts. But this is precisely what happens when you deny God's existence and remove His wisdom from the masses (Psa. 2). This is also exactly what the Apostle Paul described by divine inspiration to the first-century church of Christ (Ro. 16:16) that worked and worshipped together in Rome, saying of such: "Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."

"Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace they have not known" (Romans 3:13-17). If that doesn't describe what's going on in the news today, I don't know what does. Paul also said it would get worse and worse as people would become more and more "lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, [and] lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God"(2 Tim 3:1-4). No question about that!

It is against this backdrop, in such a world gone mad – with so many satanically-intoxicated by their own selfserving and sinfully exaggerated sense of self-importance – that I am so very grateful, to be a blood-bought, fully forgiven, and hope-filled New Testament Christian. One who can experience peace every day, despite whatever is going on around them (Isa. 26:3; Jn. 14:27, 16:33; Rom. 5:1-11, 8:6; Phil. 4:4-9). One who is part of a world-wide family that - totally unlike the world around them – is devoted to unconditionally loving, serving, accepting, and working together with one another, no matter what; and even directly in spite of our many different backgrounds, perspectives, talents, and opinions at times (Ro. 12:3-21, 14:1-19, 15:5-7; Gal. 3:26-29, 5:13-6:2; Eph. 4:1-6, 29-32).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST AREA WIDE YOUTH NIGHT

August 21, 2022 5:00 PM Speaker: Mason Cothren Food/Games will be provided

## **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

We rejoice to announce the birth of

Theo Starrett Smith

August 1, 2022 at 11:40 am 7 lbs • 14 oz • 18 1/2 in

Parents: Winston & Mallory

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## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dan Elder (Jill Loveless' Uncle), Oleta Phillips.

**SICK SUNDAY :** Bobbie Chapman, Starrett Chapman, Montana Brown

**HOSPITAL**: Theo Smith, Ricky Rogers (Jodie Criswell's Son-in-law), Greg Hughes

**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: Lennox Kennamore (Leukemia), 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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