

August 11, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Ross Shackelford
Song Leader
Chance Criswell
Scripture Reading
Logan Yancey
Opening Prayer
Randell Koon (A.M.)
Michiel Criswell (P.M.)
Closing Prayer
Mason McAlister (A.M.)
Reed Shackelford (P.M.)
Lord's Table
Chase Chapman (Presiding),
Britt Lindley, David Smith, Ricky Cissom
Count and Usher
Palmer Jones
Rickey Loveless
Prepare Communion
Joy Simmons & Juan Stroupe
Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (08/14/19)

OUR RECORD

August 4, 2019
Sunday Bible Study: 110
Sunday Morning Worship: 122
Sunday Evening Worship: 89
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 123
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: 3,836

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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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NO GIMMICKS, PLEASE!

By Roy H. Lanier, Jr.

The denominational world has degenerated into a glorified social swirl. They pretend to stimulate spiritually while making their basic appeals to the humorous and fun-loving natures of their members. There is little compelling about their preachers. Many are constantly searching for new gimmicks and gadgets to hold the interest of the people. All the recreational ideas, promotional persuasions, and social schemes are aimed at just one thing: to keep their folks happy.

The shame of it all is that the Lord's church is beginning to copy after them! A perusal of the many bulletins that cross my desk each week show a continued growth in the idea of keeping the people happy. Attendance, contribution and general interest seem to be the main problems. There is less and less Scripture being preached and more and more picturesque speech.

Some would think the church is a medium of social functions, rather than a "soul-saving society." A Bible-filled Scripture-quoting, gospel sermon might be a rarity in some of our pulpits. Not only would it be unique, but elders of some churches have made no effort to hide their criticisms of gospel preachers who "quote too much Scripture." "We've got to hold our young people" is the password of this movement. As if such a desire opened the doors to anything, just so long as the young people's interest is held! What an insult to young people! To think they have to be coddled and pampered and appealed to as if they were ignorant and unlearned in the truth! All too often, these same young people are embarrassed by such shenanigans of the oldsters, and in reality, are far stronger in the faith than the older ones!

When shall we realize that the gospel needs no gimmicks? It is God's power to save and would we imagine that God needed any changes that man might invent? We have long preached that the denominations are mistaken when they substituted the ideas of men for the plans of God. How consistent are we when we change the basic appeal of the good news of Christ to some social or recreational tug at the fun-seeking nature of man.

Let's have no gimmicks and no gadgets. Let's offer no apologies for the frank appeal for men to save themselves from this crooked generation. Let's offer a frank, true-to-the-Book stand.

Let's quit this silly appeal that the "church needs" the erring and negligent and tell them the truth: **THEY NEED THE CHURCH AND THE SALVATION OF CHRIST!** Why beg them to do what they in reality do not want to do! Let's stand for the truth; teach it lovingly; and expect men to either get in or get out!

God Always Has an Answer

House to House Vol.9 #4; via the Lake Hills Letter, weekly bulletin of the Lake Hills church of Christ in Chattanooga, TN.

It is easy to get discouraged when things go wrong, but we must not lose heart. God is at work in our world, even in the midst of pain and trial. The next time your little hut is burning to the ground, remember that it just may be a smoke signal to summon the grace of God. For any negative thing we say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it:

We say: "It's impossible." God says: "All things are possible" (Luke 18:27).

We say: "I'm too tired." God says: "I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

We say: "I can't do it." God says: "You can do all things" (Philippians 4:13).

We say: "I'm not able." God says: "I am able" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

We say: "It's not worth it." God says: "It will be worth it" (Romans 8:28).

We say: "Nobody really loves me." God says: "I really love you" (John 3:16; 3:34).

We say: "I can't go on." God says: "My grace is sufficient" (2 Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 91:15).

We say: "I can't figure things out." God says: "I will direct your steps" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

We say: "I can't forgive myself." God says: "I forgive you" (1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1).

We say: "I can't manage." God says: "I will supply all your needs" (Philippians 4:19).

We say: "I'm afraid." God says: "I have not given you a spirit of fear" (2 Timothy 1:7).

We say: "I'm always worried and frustrated." God says: "Cast all your cares on ME" (1 Peter 5:7).

We say: "I don't have enough faith." God says: "My Word will give you faith" (Romans 10:17).

We say: "I'm not smart enough." God says: "I will give you wisdom" (1 Corinthians 1:30; James 1:1-5).

We say: "I feel all alone." God says: "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

God is a God of...

By Edd Sterchi

We can learn a lot about God by doing a search in the Scriptures for the phrase "God is" and see what follows. Notice, for example:

God is a God of...

...heaven and earth (Gen. 24:3)

...my salvation (Psa. 18:46)

...glory (Psa. 29:3)

...my life (Psa. 42:8)

...truth (Isa. 65:16)

...justice (Mal. 2:17)

...the living (Matt. 22:32)

...hope (Rom. 15:3)

...patience and comfort (Rom. 15:5)

...love and peace (2 Cor. 13:11)

...all grace (1 Pet. 5:10)

Looking at all God is in charge and control of, why wouldn't you want to make Him your God and obey and serve Him all the days of your life. God is!

Spiritual ABC's

Although things are not perfect,
Because of trial or pain,
Continue in thanksgiving,
Do not begin to blame.

Even when the times are hard,
Fierce winds are bound to blow,
God is forever able,
Hold on to what you know.
Imagine life without His love,
Joy would cease to be.

Keep thanking Him for all the things,
Love imparts to thee.

Move out of "Camp Complaining,"
No weapon that is known,
On earth can yield the power,
Praise can do alone.

Quit looking at the future,
Redeem the time at hand.
Start every day with worship,
To "thank" is a command.

Until we see Him coming,
Victorious in the sky,

We'll run the race with gratitude,
exalting God most high.

Yes, there'll be good times and yes some
will be bad but,
Zion waits in glory, where none are ever
sad!

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•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Ashley Dees Wilson, Pat Waide, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, 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: **Dr. Gerald Walden (Rehab), Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).