

August 15, 2021

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Danny Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)

Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.)

David Smith (P.M.)

Lord's Table

J C Newby

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom & Michiel Criswell

Wednesday Night Song Leader

J C Newby (08/18/21)

OUR RECORD

August 8, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 82

Sunday Morning Worship: 100

Sunday Evening Worship: 79

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 77

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

HOLDING TO THE PROFESSION OF FAITH Mark Lindley

There is a book of the New Testament that is designed to inspire Christians to hold fast to the profession of faith. That book is the great book of Hebrews. One of the key passages of the book is Hebrews 10:23: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)."

First century Jewish Christians, to whom this book was originally written, needed encouragement to be faithful to the Lord. The church was being persecuted, and many were tempted to leave Christianity and return to their former religion of Judaism. This is why the writer admonished: "hold fast the profession of our faith."

What is the "profession of our faith"? Many translations read, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope" or similar language. Instead of "profession," these other translations use the word "confession."

But what is the "confession" we are to make? In becoming a Christian, there is a confession to be made: "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). The confession under consideration is the one that Peter made, stating, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). It is upon that confession that Jesus would build His church (Matthew 16:18). That is the confession that sinners made at baptism (cf. Acts 8:37), that Jesus is the Son of God.

With these thoughts in mind, consider again the question, "What is the 'profession' of our faith?" At a minimum, involved in this "profession" is the "confession" that Jesus is the Son of God. This confession is at the center of Christianity and without it, there would be no Christianity. Christians are to love, obey, serve, worship, and follow Christ because He is the Son of God. In becoming a Christian one must believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and one must continue to believe that confession throughout the Christian life (cf. I John 5:13).

Do you know why there are those who are hypocrites, claiming to be Christians but living in sin, bringing shame upon the very name Christian? It is because they were never truly convinced that He is the Son of God, or their faith has become so weak they have ceased to have a sincere faith in Christ? The reason some are lukewarm, reckless in attending worship services, neglectful in their duties as a Christian is that they do not have a strong faith in the Son of God!

If you have made the "confession of faith," do you still believe it? Does your life reflect a strong faith that Jesus is the Son of God? These are questions we all need to consider. So...Christian...hold fast the profession of faith!

Who is the Father of Your Child?

Dan Jenkins

There are hundreds of churches around the world which are struggling because of a lack of leadership. Every year there are preachers who decide to no longer preach and many others who, because of failing health or advanced age, no longer stand as God's messengers. Add to this the fact that death takes many from us. The truth is that the number of preachers who graduate from our colleges and schools of preaching are not replacing those who no longer preach. It is a serious problem in the church.

The Church is starving for leaders approved by God.

Consider also the fact that even more churches are suffering because of a lack of qualified elders and deacons. Many congregations which in time past had elders no longer have them. There is a diminishing number of men who take seriously the work of serving as deacons. How has all of this come about?

The Lord's plan is very simple. It is for godly parents to fully understand their place in rearing their children to lead His people. We think of our children as being ours, but such is far from the truth. The Jews took what they thought were their children and actually sacrificed them to idols. How did God see this? "You have slain My children and offered them up" (Ezek. 16:21). Our children are not ours but His. They are God's before He gives them to us. "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord" (Psa. 127:3). We receive our inheritance from the Lord when we are in our twenties!

Hannah understood this. She was no different from the way many of you were. When in your teens you thought about your future—who you would marry, where you would live and the children you would have. Hannah's plan had not come about, for though she had a husband she had no children and agonized in prayer that she might have them. God heard her prayer and gave her Samuel. She gave him back to God by giving him up while he was so young. Her words?

"For this child I prayed and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. Therefore I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord" (1 Sam. 1:27-28).

The leadership problem facing the church is serious because we have lost sight of His plan. It has come about because we no longer see our children like those in the past saw their children. Parents, I urge you to change your view of those precious little ones in your home. They are not your children but His. How we view them drastically changes how we raise them. Every time Hannah called Samuel by name (his name means "a gift from God"), he was reminded of the fact that God had given him to Hannah so that she could give him back to God! How does this differ from you and your children?

Men of Valor

Tim Dooley

There is a description of several groups within the genealogies of Israel which deserve our focused consideration. Several are recognized for posterity as being "mighty men of valor."

While many men will live such lives as to garner no real lasting impression on subsequent generations this shouldn't be the case with the children of God. If our time spent here on the earth is lived in such a way to bear any kind of lasting influence at all just what kind of influence will it be and just how will we be remembered?

Do you press forward or shrink back? Do you stand or step aside?

Every generation of the Lord's church needs those men (and women), young and old alike, who will take a stand for the truth... Mighty men of valor.

What kind of influence, what legacy, what inspiration, what remembrance will our lives have when we cross over into eternity? What we do today may well determine the answer that questions.

Be strong, be patient, be loving, be determined, be obedient, and be faithful!

AREA EVENTS

Gospel Meeting

Marlow Church of Christ

August 22-25

Speaker: Josh James

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Widowhood Workshop

New Albany Church of Christ

August 28 & 29

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BAPTIZED

We are happy to announce that Dale and Jimmy Vandygriff were baptized.

Please add them to your directory:

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of John Braddock, Nathan Harrison and Brenda Brown (Johnnie Carpenter's Daughter).

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

•**SICK:** Juan Stroupe, Sailor & Tavin Fitzgerald

•**HOSPITAL:** Michelle Bellew

• **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Keith Newby

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** April Pounders, Lori Duke, Billy McBryde, Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

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