

August 18, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Ross Shackelford

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Reed Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Brad McAlister (A.M.)

Keith Newby (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Jeff Roberson (A.M.)

Gene Yancey (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

Ross Shackelford (08/21/19)

OUR RECORD

August 11, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 109

Sunday Morning Worship: 131

Sunday Evening Worship: 116

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 90

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,377

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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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Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Yes, God Does Understand Brent Smith

There are times when good people find themselves in very difficult circumstances. The "ox is in the ditch" and they are not able to do some things that God has commanded because of physical barriers. God does understand! "We have not an high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb 4:15). God does not put on us more than we are able to bear (1 Cor. 10:13).

However, Jesus did say, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God ..." (Matt. 6:33). Consider:

We go to the grocery store, Wal-Mart, and to the gas station every week, but we have not been to the services of the church in 2 years because we are not physically able, and we say, "God understands."

We pay \$1,000 a month in car notes, \$1,000 mortgage on the house and \$200 is allotted for entertainment, but we are just not able at this time to give more than 3% of our income each week to the church. "God understands."

I meet people on the job every day, represent my company, make sales presentations, and give direction to employees under me. At this time, however, I am not willing to campaign with the church, lead public prayer, or talk to my neighbors about the gospel because I am not good at talking to people. "God understands."

I am quite able to make sacrifices of my sleep. Getting up at 5 a.m. to climb into a deer stand is no problem. I am always the first one to the lake, even if I didn't get to bed until 12:30 a.m. Every work-day I am up by 6 a.m. to shower, get dressed, eat breakfast, send the kids off to school, and make it to work by 8:00. Sunday morning is my only chance to sleep in. I never seem to make it to class on time, if at all. "God understands."

This summer our family went out of town for our vacation. We did quite a bit of research to locate our recreational destinations. We found our condo on the Internet. We called an 800 number to find out about shopping in the area. We picked up pamphlets to find out about local attractions. We left no stone unturned. We did not make it to church on Sunday or Wednesday night. We did not know where the saints were meeting! "God understands."

Our Creator is a God of love and compassion. He doesn't expect more from us than we are able to do. Our God is also all seeing and all knowing. He knows our limitations...and He knows when we do our best! God really does understand. God understands — do we?

Life After Death
By Garland Robinson

Job asked, "If a man die, shall he live again" (Job 14:14)? Jesus answered that question when he said, "But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living" (Matt. 22:29-32).

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were alive when these words were spoken to Moses (Exodus 3:6) and when Jesus repeated them. God did not say "I was" (past tense). He said "I am" (presence tense). The present tense "I am" is used as an argument by the Lord to confirm there is life after death. If the Bible said nothing more on the subject of life after death, the Lord's endorsement is enough.

Those who have died will be raised from the dead at the last day, confirming there is life beyond the grave. Jesus said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29). How could anyone deny there is life after death? We will live again!

The account of the rich man and Lazarus shows there is life after death. "...The beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom" (Luke 16:22-23).

These two men were alive and conscious after they died. The rich man was told to remember what he did during his "lifetime" (v.25). They were not on earth. They were in the place of the dead awaiting the final judgment (v.23). The rich man could feel pain. He was in torment (v.24). He desired for one to rise from the dead and warn his brothers of their wickedness because they were heading for the same place of torment as the rich man (vs.27-31). Such is not possible.

If there is no life after death, then why does the Bible tell every one to prepare for it? Why prepare for something if it does not exist? Are YOU prepared?

Courage, Strength, Compassion

Standing for what you believe in, regardless of the odds against you and the pressure that tears at your resistance, ...Means Courage.

Keeping a smile on your face, when inside you feel like dying, for the sake of supporting others, ...Means Strength.

Stopping at nothing and doing what, in your heart, you know is right, ...Means Determination.

Doing more than is expected, to make another's life a little more bearable, without uttering a single complaint, ...Means Compassion.

Helping a friend in need, no matter the time or effort, "to the best of our ability", ...Means Loyalty.

Giving more than you have and expecting nothing but nothing in return, ...Means Selflessness.

Hold your head high and being the best you know you can be when life seems to fall apart at your feet, facing each difficulty with the confidence that time will bring you better tomorrows and never giving up, ...Means Confidence.

via The Central Message, the weekly bulletin of the Central church of Christ in Paducah, KY

**BIRTH
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Emmie Kay Gaillard

August 9, 2019

Weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces
Measuring 19 ½ inches

Parents: Bryana & Nathan

Grandparents: Bryan & Connie Davis

Great-Grandparents: J.C. & Sandy
Newby

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IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Gerald Walden.

Keep the **West Ripley Church of Christ** in your prayers.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Johnny Cissom, Daxten McVey, Dorris Williford, Paden Criswell

•**TEST:** Loretta Criswell

•**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: **Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).