

September 2, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Jarvene Shackelford
Song Leader
Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading
Chase Chapman

Opening Prayer

Joel Moore (A.M.) Logan Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Brad McAlister (A.M.) Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table

David Smith (Presiding),
Eli Carter, Mason McAlister, Tripp Yancey

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Devin McVey

Prepare Communion

Kathy Moore & Shelia Criswell

Wednesday Night Song Leader

John Hopper (09/05/18)

OUR RECORD

August 26, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 112

Sunday Morning Worship: 137

Sunday Evening Worship: 214

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 100

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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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WHAT JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT WORRY

Mark Lindley

The teachings of Jesus have made an impact on the world more than the teachings of any other person. An example of Jesus' marvelous teachings is the Sermon on the Mount, recorded in Matthew chapters 5-7.

One of the topics Jesus addressed in this outstanding sermon is worry. Worry is a very common problem. I suppose everyone, at some point, has worried about something. By analyzing and applying what Jesus taught about worry, we can combat and overcome it.

First, Jesus taught that God takes care of the birds, and He will take care of His people: "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them.

Are ye not much better than they?" (Matthew 6:26). Birds do not plant seed, work a farm, or reap a harvest; yet, God takes care of them. Surely, if God takes care of birds, He will take care of His people.

Second, Jesus taught that worry accomplishes nothing: "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" (Matthew 6:27). In essence, Jesus asked if one could grow taller by "thinking" about it. The obvious answer is no. No person grows taller merely by thinking about growing taller. This principle holds true regarding worry. No person corrects problems by worry. Since worry accomplishes nothing, worry is a waste of precious time.

Third, God knows our needs: "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things" (Matthew 6:31-32). Since God knows our needs, there is no reason to worry about the necessities of life. God is loving enough and powerful enough to supply the things we need. So why worry?

Fourth, tomorrow will take care of itself: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34). Often, we worry so much about "tomorrow" that we cannot enjoy "today." Yet, the problems that we imagine we will have to face tomorrow, often never even develop. For this reason, it makes good sense to live for today. "If" tomorrow comes, the Lord will help His people meet any challenge that may arise.

Rather than wasting time worrying, Jesus instructs us to "seek...first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). Do not worry. Put God first, and strive to do what is right. God will take care of the rest!

Suggestions for Living a Balanced Life By Lance Cordle

- Live a godly life when you are young and when you are old, so there will be few regrets (Ecclesiastes 12:1).
- Don't live in the past, but acknowledge it and learn from it as you face the future (Acts 26:9; Galatians 3:12-14).
- Emphasize the importance of knowledge and education in a school setting, but raise your children in the "discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Luke 2:52; Ephesians 6:4).
- Be obedient and submissive to government officials and laws, but understand that ultimately, when there is conflict between the government and God, "we must obey God rather than men" (Matthew 22:21; Acts 5:29).
- Take care of, and nurture your body, but also know that godliness is most important and your attitudes and actions should reflect that understanding (1 Timothy 4:8; Philippians 4:8).
- Understand and emphasize the private aspect of your life (prayer, giving, etc.) and devotion, but also realize that God wants His children to come together regularly in the assembly (Matthew 6:14; Hebrews 10:24, 25).
- Provide for and nourish your spouse and children, but also know that we are to honor and care for our mothers and fathers throughout their lives (Ephesians 5:22-6:2; 1 Timothy 5:4, 8).
- Work hard and enjoy the fruit of your labor, but do not neglect your family and their emotional and spiritual needs—and don't forget to "rest awhile" (Colossians 3:18; 21, 23; Mark 6:36).
- Have proper concern for earthly matters and possessions, but do not continually worry about them and do not let "stuff" rule your life (Matthew 6:34; 1 Timothy 6:17, 18).
- Honor and love your physical family, but realize your ultimate allegiance is to your heavenly Father and your brothers and sisters in Christ (John 19:26, 27; Matthew 12:46-50).
- Laugh when you can; cry when you need to (Proverbs 17:22; Ecclesiastes 3:4).

The Importance of Midweek Bible Study By Ray Crawford

The question was asked me recently, "Are we to believe that Wednesday evening attendance is necessary?" I believe brother Garland M. Robinson makes a good response to this question by asking, "If you are a Christian, where else would you want to be?" This is a most revealing question. It reveals the shallow and hollow depth of devotion one has to the Christ who died for him. This question speaks volumes concerning those who desire to be somewhere else during the Wednesday night services.

It is a simple fact that a person will make time for and be engaged in whatever activity pleases him. The bottom line basically is that people only do what they want to do. If you want to be a faithful Christian, live a godly life, and go to heaven when you die, then you will make every effort to achieve that end. One's attitude and heart is not right who must be begged, prodded and coaxed to attend services of the Lord's church at any time! Shame on those who do not put forth the effort to be with those of "like mind" in the faith every opportunity afforded.

- II Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." To meet at any time with the saints to study the most precious Book that tells of everlasting life and what to do to obtain it is the desire of everyone who truly wants to go to heaven. One day we will stand before Jesus to be judged. We study the scriptures to be approved of Him so that we might be found living in accordance with His will when He comes to call all things to an end (Acts 17:30,31).

- II Peter 3:18 tells us, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." This command is to grow in the knowledge of God. How then could anyone refuse to grasp the opportunity to do what we have been commanded?

Wednesday night is an excellent time to meet and study. This time is to supplement our personal home study. But if the truth is known, few study at home and therefore have no interest in midweek study either.

Seriously, what else on earth is more important than God, truth, and righteousness? Read Matthew 6:33 and know that when we put anything ahead of God, the Bible, and church and think we are fine, we are in for a rude awakening on judgment day.

Prayer By Craig Evans

Prayer is a vital aspect of a Christian's life. It is our opportunity to go before the throne of God and express our great appreciation for Him, tell Him of our struggles, and bring our innermost desires and requests before Him. It is an awesome thought that we have access to God, who by His omnipotence spoke the world into existence, and by His omniscience knows all about us, and by His omnibenevolence sent His son to die on a cross to save us from our sins. A God that is all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-loving will hear me. This week as you enter God's throne room there are some things that you can pray for:

- The brotherhood - that it may love one another and hold God's word as its standard of practice and attitude.
- The local congregation - that we may be strong in God's word, united, caring, and evangelistic.
- World leaders - that they may rely on God's word for truth so that peace may abound.
- Families - that marriages would be strong, and parents would bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and children will honor their parents.
- The lost - that they may come to a knowledge of God and put Christ on in baptism and live for Him.
- The hurting - that they may be comforted and see God as that comfort.

Paul tells us in 1 Thess. 5:17 "Pray without ceasing." Let us never take the wonderful gift of prayer for granted.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Wade Hodges.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Kevin Shackelford, Stephanie McAlister

•**HOSPITAL:** Amy May (Ripley), Curtis Mauney (Corinth/pneumonia), Patsy Morrison (Tupelo), Carlin Johnson (13 yr old, Waiting Heart Transplant, Lebonheur)

•**SURGERY:** Annalee Chapman (Kidney/Lebonheur) – (Debbie Chapman's Granddaughter), Raelin Sparkman (Brain/not scheduled yet)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Scotty Cliburn (Heart/Jackson) – Nephew of Barrett and Starrett Chapman, Kathy Alison (Hip/Tupelo - Bree's Grandmother) Send cards: 1111 East Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38843, Margie Hurt (Eye), Edie Chapman (Heart), Jet Estes(Eye), Doris Williford (Hip)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Faye Jenkins, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Cortney Cissom, Tony Morrison, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Cohen Hurt (2nd grade/Pine Grove/ Undergoing Treatments), Jimmy Smith, Roxieann Foster, Danny Yancey, Lana Waldon, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, 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: **Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).