

September 21, 2014
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Chris Moore

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Jordan Staggs

Opening Prayer

Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.) J C Newby (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Britt Lindley (A.M.) David Smith (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tom Wade (Presiding),

Jeff Brewer, Chase Chapman, Tommy Wade

Count and Usher

Eric Melton and Bobby Bridges

Prepare Communion

Bobbie Chapman & Pat Shackelford

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (09/24/14)

OUR RECORD

September 14, 2014

Sunday Bible Study: 125

Sunday Morning Worship: 139

Sunday Evening Worship: 108

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 107

Budget: \$3,500

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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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Loveless, Brad McAlister,
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

The Preaching Of Noah

Mike McDaniel

The Holy Spirit guided Noah in his preaching. God has always given the message to be preached unto His messengers. Today, we have it in an inspired book. Then, they had it in an inspired man. In order for Noah to have something to preach, God must have given it to him. Second Peter 2:5 says, "And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly." Noah was God's preacher of righteousness in that world of unrighteousness. Yet, in Genesis 6:3 we read, "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." God says that during this time, His Spirit was striving with man. How was He doing that? I submit to you that God's Spirit was striving with man through the preaching of Noah.

Was it not with Noah as it was with God's people during the wilderness wandering? Of that period of time Nehemiah 9:20 records, "Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and witheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst." Later, Nehemiah 9:30 says, "Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands." God in His longsuffering strove with His people in the land of Cannan. How did God do this? He testified against them BY His Spirit IN his prophets! So it was in the days of Noah.

The longsuffering of God waited during the days of Noah for some 120 years (Gen 6:3; 1 Pet. 3:21). During this period of time God strove with the people by His Holy Spirit in Noah the preacher. Obviously, the Holy Spirit guided Noah in his preaching.

Was it not with Noah as it was with the other preachers and prophets of God? Peter wrote, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Pet. 1:21).

One final thought...can we not say that God's Spirit is striving with man today? Certainly so! The Holy Spirit is using His sword (which is the word of God, Eph. 4:11) to lead us to repentance. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). As God's people use the word of God to convict the hearts of others, God strives with them. In His longsuffering, Christ has not yet come. But one day, those days of longsuffering will end just as they did in the days of Noah. Peter writes, "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men...The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness" (2 Pet. 3:5ff).

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Just Do Your Best

Tim Dooley

In Acts 3 Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer and a lame man had been left at the gate of the temple called "Beautiful" in order to beg from those who entered the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple he asked them to have pity on him. Peter replies, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Opportunities are everywhere.

It is far too typical for many of us to simply sit around waiting for God to "open a door" for us. When I was growing up my father would often tell me that there was always work to do all I had to do was look around and see it. As Christians this is just as true. We talk about creating opportunities or waiting for opportunities when the reality is those occasions to do good deeds are all around us. All we have to do is open our eyes to what is going on.

Jesus told his disciples "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" When we finally take the blinders of selfishness, pride, and laziness off we will be more aware of the physical and spiritual needs of others we encounter every day. So, when we become aware of these opportunities what do we do? Nothing great, just do your best:

1. Do What You Can: In our text Peter tells the man that he has no money to give but what he did have that he would give. Too often we only see what we can't do and not what we can. Sometimes we feel that if we can't do something great what little we may contribute is meaningless.

This couldn't be further from the truth. Few are able to do anything great, but God can do great things through us. Just do what you can and stop making excuses.

2. Where You Are: Notice that Peter and John were going into the temple to pray. They were just going about their daily lives. They didn't have to be sent on some great mission trip or to embark on the most popular new program. They just had to open their eyes to what was going on around them where they were. Where is the best place for you and I to be in order to serve God and others? Where we are right now!

3. With What You Have: "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you." God blesses each of us with physical, financial, and spiritual blessings. We all have something to contribute and God expects us to be good stewards of what He has given us. In fact, our eternal destiny depends on our faithful stewardship of those blessings. How each of us should long to hear those beautiful words, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord" (Matthew 25:21, 23).

In Acts 3 Peter takes the man by the hand, lifts him up and immediately "his feet and ankle bones received strength." He stood up and walked and entered the temple with them "walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God." God can do great things through you and I today if we just do our best, where we are, with what we have!

Who is a wise man and endowed with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. James 3:13

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN THIRD QUARTER BIRTHDAYS (July-September)

The Lads to Leaders would like to invite those who have a birthday in the Third Quarter of 2014 to stay after church services this Sunday Night- **September 21st** for cake and ice cream for you and your family in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.

Pine Vale Children's Home Fall Food Drive:

Items requested:
Brown Sugar
Drink Boxes
Toilet Cleaner
SOS Pads

Please place items in the kitchen by classrooms.
Will be picked up the week of October 20th.

2014 CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST September 28th-30th

"Sounding Out"

Speaker: Keith Parker

At: Booneville Church of Christ

Singing: 6:30 PM

Service: 7:00 PM

In order for us to travel to the Campaign the elders have moved our **afternoon services to 5:00 p.m.** for that Sunday only.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

The Bible Broadcast

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Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Joan & Jimmy Berryman, Kasandra & Erik Longoria, Audrey Box

•**NURSING HOME:** Cullen Loveless (Ricky's Father) - Landmark Nursing & Rehab in Booneville.

•**HAVING SURGERY/TEST:** Lyndon Beard

•**TREATMENTS:** Yater Shinall (Dawn Jackson's Father)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Danny Robertson (Amy Stagg's Father), Courtney Cissom (heart), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Hudson Grisham (Brother-in-law of Mildred Shackelford), Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. •**CANCER:** *Margaret Koon (Randle Koon's Sister), Brenda Wallace, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Beth Kuykendall, William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Mary Joyce Jeter (Sister of Juanita Michael), Rhonda Shannon, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer*

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