

**September 24, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

J C Newby

Song Leader

Johnny Cissom

Scripture Reading

Bryan Davis

Opening Prayer

Bo Chapman (A.M.) Mickey Chandler (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Jeff Brewer (A.M.) Chase Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table

David Smith (Presiding),

Eli Carter, Mason McAlister, Ross Shackelford

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Danny Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Shawna & Ruby Jones

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Keith Newby (09/27/17)

OUR RECORD

September 17, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 136

Sunday Morning Worship: 152

Sunday Evening Worship: 121

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 110

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,337

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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

ARE WE TAKING THINGS FOR GRANTED? Mark Lindley

The question that serves as the title of this article is a question all should consider. I am persuaded that everyone, at some point and to some degree, either has or is taking things for granted. We do not intend to, but it is so easy to take certain things for granted.

To take something for granted means “to fail to value something properly,” or “to assume that you will never lose something.” Usually, it is only after we have lost something of value that we then realize that we have been taking it for granted.

If the stars were to appear only once a year, most everyone would set aside time to go outside and gaze into the beautiful heavens above. However, because the stars are visible nearly every night, we hardly ever notice this wonderful display of God’s power. We take such a beautiful sight for granted.

The following are other things we frequently take for granted: 1) We take for granted the precious gift of life. All life springs from the Lord, the giver of life (Acts 17:24-28). A near-death experience or failing health may cause us to realize that this life is as “a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14). We should live each day to the fullest, and recognize that time is quickly passing (Psalm 90:12).

2) We take for granted friends and family. The Scriptures teach that there is to be deep, abiding love, respect, and appreciation within the family (Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:4; Psalm 127:3-5; Ephesians 6:1-3). Nevertheless, we sometimes take our spouses and children for granted. We fail to show love and appreciation, assuming that there will always be a later time for expressing ourselves. Rather than showing love and respect, we sometimes speak to our friends and family members with harsh, angry words. What if you spoke to your spouse or child in an abrasive and rude manner, and those were the last words he/she heard you say? Surely, we would not want the last words spoken to a friend or loved-one to be bitter, angry words. We should never take for granted that there will always be “tomorrow” to apologize or express love and appreciation to friends and family.

3) We take salvation from sin for granted. God sent His only begotten Son that we might be saved from sin (John 3:16). However, we will be saved only when we choose to obey the gospel of Christ (Romans 6:16-18, 3-4). Some put off obedience to the gospel, believing there will be a time in the future for receiving God’s forgiveness. Yet, there is no guarantee that such an opportunity will be available (Luke 12:16-21). Today is the day of salvation (II Corinthians 6:2).

Let us resolve that we will always appreciate the gifts of life, friends and family, and salvation from sin. Never take such blessings for granted!

Truth is Essential
Bill Lambert

John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The world needs the truth, but there are precious few who are willing to hear the truth. Why is this? Because the truth is many times painful. People would rather "put off" facing the truth in order to continue their lives without the pain of making changes. Facing the truth will mean facing the need to make those changes. This is the "moment of truth" which we have heard about all our lives. It is when one must make a decision to accept the truth and act upon it, or ignore the truth and suffer the consequences. Jesus said that the truth will make one free, but this is only if one accepts the truth. Many, unwilling to accept the truth, will continue in their ungodliness.

In John 5:39-40, Jesus said to his audience of Jews, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." He likened them to chickens which could find refuge under the wings of their mother. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matt 23:37)

Had they been willing to accept the truth that Jesus was the Son of God, they would have had life -- but they would not. As Peter said to the Lord one time, "...thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). By refusing him, they had, as those Jews who rejected their preaching judged themselves unworthy of eternal life. (cf. Acts 13:46).

What is your attitude when your habits, lifestyle, beliefs, etc. are exposed to the light of truth? You cannot simply say, "I don't agree that such is wrong." That will not make it right -- even if you could find a million people to agree with you! The truth is still the truth, even if it is ignored or denied.

More Important Than Myself
By Greg Litmer

If I can learn to truly regard others "as more important" than myself (Philippians 2:3), then I will have taken a giant step toward living day by day as a faithful child of God. I struggle with this concept in some aspects and don't struggle with it in others. How can I view the person who has nothing and lives off of the government as more important than myself? How can I consider a person who does not match my intellectual abilities and talents as more important than myself? I can do it by looking at Jesus, that's how.

How do I compare to Jesus? Like a drop of water in the bottom of an otherwise empty 50-gallon drum. I am nothing, and the Lord died for me. One person wrote that the person who is able to think this way is "the one who is so conscious of his dependence on God, and of his own imperfections and nothingness, that his own gifts only remind him that others must have gifts also, while his sense of his own utter nothingness suggests to him that these gifts may well be superior to his own, and higher in nature and degree."

Thinking this way, it becomes possible for me to "not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." Paul's point is that the feelings, interests, and needs of our brethren are to be put before and above our own. That does not mean to ignore our own needs, but to subordinate them to the needs of others. In Romans 12:10 Paul put it this way: "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor."

Just think of how this understanding would affect our conduct in very practical ways. All of the sick would be visited and cared for just because we would be thinking about them. No one's burdens would have to be borne alone -- because brothers and sisters would always be there with arms extended to help pick them up. We would all be present at every service that our health allowed because we would be concerned about considering one another, to "provoke unto love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24). Arguments concerning non-doctrinal issues would be laid aside; they would cease, because the brethren involved in them would be more respectful of the preferences of others. Even when I have been sinned against, if I understand Paul's teaching in Philippians 2, then I am going to be most concerned about the spiritual welfare of the other person. That changes my entire attitude.

When I live my life recognizing that I am to follow the example of Jesus and to see others as more important than myself, I will engage in personal evangelism even when it is inconvenient or makes me feel uncomfortable. I will be moral and conduct myself as a child of God should every minute of every day because I want to give the best possible example that I can to every one with whom I come into contact. Christianity is not about me -- that proved to be a hard lesson for me to learn. It is about the other person.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER:
SUNDAY EVENING TIME - 2:00PM

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you haven't signed up, please do so.

Details are in the foyer. **October 29th and 30th**

Any questions, please see Karen.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

September 21st at 6:30 PM

Speaker: Wanda Yancey

Food: Robin Chapman & Dala Vandygriff

Cards: Kathy Moore

Pine Vale Children's Home Fall Food Drive:

Items requested:

BBQ SAUCE

**ZIPLOCS: QUART/GALLON/SANDWICH
PAPER TOWELS**

Please place items in the kitchen by classrooms.

Will be picked up the first week of October.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•Families affected by Hurricane Harvey and Irma.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Gearlene Cissom, Joan Berryman, Everett Hurt, Tony Morrison

•**HOSPITAL:** Courtney Cissom (Memphis), Marney Brotherton (Memphis/Robin Chapman's Sister)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Rhonda Newby, Curtis Mauney, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Tracie Gross (Back)

•**NEW ADDRESS:** Sonia Derrick, 206 Bramlett Blvd., Oxford, MS 38655 (Please send cards.)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** David Young, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Johnny Johnson, Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, Lana Waldon, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, 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).**