

October 26, 2014
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Jack Harris

Opening Prayer

Tommy Wade (A.M.) Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Logan Yancey (A.M.) Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Barrett Chapman (Presiding),

Junior Derrick, Brock Lindley, Eric Melton

Count and Usher

Andy Reece & Chase Chapman

Prepare Communion

Romia Palmer and Janette Rickles

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (10/29/14)

OUR RECORD

October 19, 2014

Sunday Bible Study: 109

Sunday Morning Worship: 134

Sunday Evening Worship: 107

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 106

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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

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

By Mark Lindley

Jesus challenged the Jews of His day to "search the Scriptures." He said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). The Jews took great pride in having the Old Testament Scriptures, but they failed to see that the Scriptures they treasured predicted the coming of Jesus. They loved the Scriptures, but they rejected what the Scriptures taught about Jesus.

The challenge to "search the Scriptures" is one that we should be willing to accept today. If the Scriptures are the Word of God, then we should accept what they teach and reject any doctrine that is not found in the Scriptures.

When you search the Scriptures, can you find the Church to which you belong? In order for a Church to be Scriptural, that Church would have to be in the Scriptures.

Surely, everyone can see that a Church that is not found in the Bible cannot be Biblical. The Bible claims that it reveals all we need to know in order to be saved (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Therefore, any Church that is not mentioned in the Bible has nothing to do with salvation. However, Christ's church is mentioned repeatedly in the Bible because it "is" necessary for salvation (Matthew 16:18-19; Acts 2:47; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18). This means that a Church not found in the Bible is not Jesus' church.

When you search the Scriptures, can you find the baptism to which you submitted? Bible baptism is a burial in water and it is for the remission of sins (Colossians 2:12; Acts 2:38; 22:16). The Scriptures do not teach that baptism can be administered by sprinkling or pouring, nor does the Bible teach that baptism is something that one does to show he has already been saved. Baptism "precedes" salvation (Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Peter 3:21).

When you search the Scriptures, can you find "The Sinner's Prayer?" The truth is that no person on this side of the cross was ever told to say a prayer in order to be saved. No person was ever told to "accept Jesus as your personal Savior" in order to be saved. In the New Testament, those who were saved "obeyed" the Gospel of Christ (Romans 6:3-4, 17-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9; Mark 16:15-16). Obeying the Gospel is not the same thing as saying "The Sinner's Prayer." Obeying the Gospel is necessary in order to be saved. Saying a prayer to be saved is a doctrine added by men, and it is not a part of God's plan of salvation.

Friend, please "search the Scriptures" given in this article, knowing that the author cares deeply for your soul. It is not my intention to make anyone angry; it is my intention to encourage all who read this article to "search the Scriptures."

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The Road Less Traveled

By Mike Riley

Life is full of choices to make. There are things that everyone must choose to do or not to do (Joshua 24:15), places to decide to go or not to go (Genesis 13:8-12), people to acquaint yourself with (Romans 16:1-15) or to ignore (Romans 16:17; 2 John 1:10-11). All sorts of choices, and many of them are difficult. The Lord spoke of a choice man has to make in Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few that find it" (NKJV).

Picture yourself at an intersection of two roads, one well-paved, easy to navigate, relatively straight with few hills to climb; several lanes for driving. The other, a two-lane road with potholes, no shoulders, curvy and very hilly, so your ability to see at a distance is limited. Which would you choose? Most folks are going to take the first road because of the ease of navigation. Why would one willingly go down the second road with all of its difficulties and pitfalls?

The same two choices are faced in the spiritual roadway of life. It is easy to do the things of this world and go down that "easy road". One will meet little or no resistance if he or she goes along with what everyone else is doing. The cruise control can be set, the seat leaned back, the air conditioner cranked up, the stereo on your favorite radio station, and no cares to run through your mind about anything getting in your way. There is no such thing as "peer pressure" on this road, because whatever carnal activities society dictates, the one who takes this road will likely engage in them as well (1 Corinthians 3:3-4).

The other choice, however, is not as easy. It is a difficult road or way. The "way of righteousness" and following the teaching of God's word (Proverbs 12:28; Psalm 1:1-2). It is indeed "the road less traveled" (there are "few who find it" – Matthew 7:14). For the most part, people do not wish to be different from the rest of the world. It's a difficult thing to "go against the grain" and be one of those "peculiar" people who try to live a life pleasing to God (1 Peter 2:9). When one chooses to take the road less traveled, often times people of the world think them to be strange because of the stand it requires (1 Peter 4:4). The excesses of those on the easier road are repugnant to those on the difficult road, yet the disciplined life of those traveling the difficult road seems silly to those on the other roadway (1 Corinthians 9:27; Acts 17:18; 1 Peter 4:4).

These two roads have crossovers. There is tremendous pressure on those who take the difficult road or way to leave it and cross over to the easier way. One can go from the easy road to the difficult road through obedience to God's will (Matthew 7:21) and trying to live a life faithful to Him (Revelation 2:10). Most do not cross over to this way. However, many cross over from the difficult road to the easy road. Perhaps the road less traveled gets too difficult for them, or like Demas they "love this present world" (2 Timothy 4:10). They see that it is much easier to blend with the flow of traffic on the easier road and choose to take it. What we must do is consider the end of the two roads. The less traveled road leads to the right destination – eternal life (Matthew 7:14), the well traveled road leads to a "dead end" – a destination of destruction (Matthew 7:13). Which road will you choose? This writer's choice is the "road less traveled".



UPCOMING EVENTS

HACKLEBURG CHURCH OF CHRIST - Ladies Day:

Saturday, November 1st – 9 to 1PM

Celine Sparks – Author of "Because I Said So" and "What Ever Happened to Fried Chicken?"

Will leave from church building at 7:30AM.

If you are interesting in going – please see
Kathy Moore or Karen Yancey.

CHAPMAN'S TRUNK-R-TREAT/HOTDOG ROAST/HAYRIDE:

Saturday, November 1st at 6PM

We would like to encourage everyone to dress up. There will be prizes for the best child & adult costumes and best decorated trunk. The trunk-r-treat participants are to park in the front parking lot and all others park in the back.

There is a food sign up sheet in the foyer.

*Molly & Chris Moore
are having a BABY BOY!*

Chapman "Chap" David

Please join us

For a baby shower

Sunday, November 2nd

2:00 to 4:00 pm - Come and Go

*at Chapman Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall*

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Target & Silly Sisters

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Danny Robertson (Amy Staggs' Father).

•SICK SUNDAY: Lyndon Beard, Tony Morrison, Curtis Mauney, Blair Chapman

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

•HAVING TEST: Phyliss Christian, Keith Newby

•SURGERY: Wayne Vandygriff

•IN HOSPITAL: Audrey Box (Corinth-has had surgery)

•EXTENDED ILLNESS: Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Glen Moore (Joel's Brother), 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:** Elaine Mauney, David Barkley (Kelly Brewer's Uncle), Yater Shinall (Dawn Jackson's Father), 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, Rhonda Shannon, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer

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