

**October 13, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer

Larry Wood (A.M.)

Chris Moore (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Britt Lindley (A.M.)

Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Ricky Cissom (Presiding),

John Hopper, Kevin Shackelford, Randell Koon

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Devin McVey

Prepare Communion

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Chris Moore (10/16/19)

OUR RECORD

October 6, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 143

Sunday Morning Worship: 181

Sunday Evening Worship: 126

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 98

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,867

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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

Expressions & Impressions
By Ron Thomas

Are you approachable? It is likely each of us can say, "Yes, I am approachable. Why do you ask?" It was not long ago that I heard a sister say to the preacher, "You're approachable." This is an interesting remark. Is the case that some in the congregation, perhaps Bible class teachers, other saints, elders are not? Perhaps. On the other hand, maybe all that was meant is the preacher is approachable and easy to talk to.

Are you judgmental? Some time back, a good way in fact, I heard a person say of an elder, "He is judgmental!" The context of that remark had to do with "Let us not approach him lest we be given a judgmental lecture about how we have done this or that wrong." The idea behind the word "judgmental" is negative in just about every use of the word. We all have a standard by which we live and judge. Most of the time the standard is of our own making, but the standard by which we live and judge is to be the Lord's. Then, putting that into practice, we form our opinions along with our experiences into a firm decree by which we live.

When that decree by which I live is compelled on another person without them asking for it, I become judgmental. I have learned long ago this is a recipe for separation.

Again, not too long ago, I heard a brother say that when something was introduced into his mind, say some failings or struggle that belongs to a particular saint, the brother who is told this information – told because there is a desire to receive help to overcome – the brother told now can't get the impression from the mind. Consequently, whenever the struggling one presents him or herself to the preacher, the impression made is the only image seen. The preacher now has to get over the hurdle to be of any help, while the one needing help does not realize the extra height that needs to be scaled.

Have you come across a saint who mumbles much, says nothing in the mumbling worth hearing, but is judgmental in the saying of it? I have. Rather disappointing. Murmuring/mumbling destroyed the nation of Israel (1 Cor. 10:9-10) and it destroys the saint who engages in the same.

This goes a long way to solving all of the above: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

Each of us should put it into practice.

Right or Wrong? By Bill Brandstatter

I have noticed a change in our society. There are some things that were once considered wrong, even illegal, are now considered okay and legal. One example is the legalization of marijuana. When I grew up in the 1960's and even until recently, the use of that drug was illegal. Now some states have legalized it.

What was once wrong is now considered to be right. I once read an article about "civil disobedience." The article was about individuals who were objecting to the minimum wage and wanted it increased to \$15.00 per hour. There was even a meeting being held on civil disobedience. One lady commented that their efforts would change the moral consciousness of people. I am afraid our society has become more lawless in many areas, and the idea of obedience is not what it once was. Society is changing the idea of right and wrong.

What does the Bible say about this? God, after all is the great lawgiver and lawmaker. From Him we learn obedience and disobedience. Isaiah, the prophet, wrote, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness" (Is. 5:20). In the book of Romans Paul wrote about those who "did not like to retain God in their knowledge" (Rom.1:28).

Obedience is something the Bible emphasizes. Jesus saves those who obey Him (Heb. 5:8, 9). Paul wrote that people should obey the gospel (Rom. 10:16; 2 Thess. 1:8, 9). Jesus stated, "If you love me, keep My commandments" (Jn. 14:15). The Hebrews writer stated: "We have human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?" (Heb. 12:9) What we learn in one area of life can often affect us in another. My concern is that when our society makes legal that which was once illegal, and makes disobedience something to be considered right, what will happen to the souls of individuals who need to obey Christ? Will they understand the obligation to the law that God has given? Will they obey that form of doctrine that was delivered by the apostles? (Rom. 6:17)

We need to obey the Bible, no matter what man says. Peter and the other apostles said; "We ought to obey God rather than man" (Acts 5:29). So when society says something is okay, we should see what God has to say. When society makes something legal, we need to check what the great lawgiver has in mind. When society promotes disobedience and rebellion, we need to look at what is written in God's Word. God wants all men to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4). We can only do that if we know what it means to obey the laws which God has given.

Let us learn from the Scriptures and obey from the heart. (Rom. 6:17).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pine Vale Children's Home Fall Food Drive:

Items requested:
**Gallon Ziplock Bags, Parmesan Cheese
Cream of Chicken or Mushroom Soup**
*Please place items in the kitchen by classrooms.
Will be picked up October 28th.*

Chapman Area Wide Youth Night Sunday, October 20th - 6:00 PM

Speaker: Adam Miller

Chapman Area Wide Ladies Bible Class Thursday, November 7 at 6:30PM Speaker: Berta Kennedy "Whatever Is Praiseworthy"

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•**TEST:** Jo Chapman, Loretta Criswell

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Bradley Childs,
Ashley Dees Wilson, Pat Waide, Joanie
Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina
Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell,
Tony Morrison, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Keith Hall, Hermie Henry
(Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson,
Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith,
Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny
Yancey, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves,
Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby,
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