

**October 15, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Ross Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Danny Shackelford (A.M.) Tom Wade (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Jeff Stagg s (A.M.) David Smith(P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade (Presiding),

John Hopper, Palmer Jones, Ricky Cissom

Count and Usher

Chase Chapman & Devin McVey

Prepare Communion

Angela Bridges & Dala Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Chris Moore (10/18/17)

OUR RECORD

October 8, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 120

Sunday Morning Worship:134

Sunday Evening Worship: 124

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 120

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,550

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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

The Need for Personal Study By Robert E. Guinn

Why has attendance been greatly stressed among God's people in the past? We cannot ignore that the attendance changes between different Bible classes and worship services on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Are elders and spiritual leaders just being "nit-picky," or is there a deeper issue that concerns our fellow Christians when they see our lack of participation?

We have approximately 168 hours in a week. If we attend ALL of the regular congregational worship services and studies, we have made a four hour investment in our spiritual development. That is roughly 2.4% of our week's time that we dedicate to God. What about Christians that are a part of congregations that only meet once or twice a week?

Then that percentage theoretically will go down. If we invest nothing else into our spiritual lives, these numbers look sad compared to the amount of time we spend on entertainment and other non-spiritual things.

It seems that, even though attendance has been the measure of faithfulness in the past, congregational worship and study should be viewed as the mountain top of what we are consistently investing in our personal spiritual development. We know that faith is built upon our access to, meditation on, and devotion toward God's word (Romans 10:17). The great salvation provided through Jesus Christ should provoke us to want an intimate relationship with the Creator, desiring to seek His ways over ours. As the Psalmist said: "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you," (Psalm 119:11, ESV).

Why is personal study so important? Faith is described in the New Testament as the starting point of spiritual development and growth (2 Peter 1:5-10). Faith is also the Christian shield that protects us against the flaming arrows of the enemy (Ephesians 6). What happens when that shield is splintered, shattered, and/or broken? It needs to be repaired. Like a plant needing maintenance and care, so our faith needs to be watered, tended, and matured. Consider these five reasons we need to develop and grow our personal study of God's word:

1. Personal study enables us to have a better understanding of spiritual things (Psalm 119:99).
2. Personal study is connected to our salvation, and the salvation of others who witness our faith (1 Timothy 4:11-16).
3. Personal study can help us better protect our minds and hearts (Philippians 4:6 -9).
4. Personal study gives us experience to better handle God's word (2 Timothy 2:15).
5. Personal study better prepares us for fighting off temptation (Matt. 4; Luke 4).

The bottom line, however, is that no one can do this for us. We are responsible for our own spiritual growth and development. Are you satisfied with your current spiritual investments? I know I am not always satisfied with mine. Let's take and make personal study personal!

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time... Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is," (Ephesians 5:15-17, ESV).

Let Go Of The Past By Larry Pasley

The passenger tapped the cab driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the sidewalk, and stopped inches from a department store window.

For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mister, don't ever do that again. You scared me half to death!"

The passenger apologized and said he didn't realize that a little tap could scare him so much.

The driver replied, "You're right. I'm sorry. Really, it's not your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

The cabbie allowed his past experiences to cause him to take his eye off of the road and his goal of getting his passenger to his destination.

Sometimes we allow our past to affect our present and future goals and destinations also. The apostle Paul told the Philippian brethren: *"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"* Philippians 3:12-14.

When we find our past affecting our lives in a negative way, we need to learn how to forget those things.

We especially need to forget those things which keep us from focusing on our goal of heaven.

When we have people in our lives who are causing us to take our eyes off of our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.

When our guilt from former sins, which have been forgiven, cause us to take our eyes off of our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.

When temptations to sin lead us astray from our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.

We need not to allow anything in our past to take our focus off of heaven.

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory" Colossians 3:1-4.

Beating Worry By David Bragg

Time has a way of improving the conditions of daily lives. What posed as hardship for my grandparents are today's luxuries. Surrounded with gadgets and gizmos to make life easy, why can't they invent something, anything that will remove worry from our lives?

Volumes have been written to abate the damage worry causes. Man may find more things to worry about, but Jesus alone holds the secret to beat worry. Jesus said that to neutralize stress one must keep clear, spiritual priorities (Mat. 6:33). The Christian is entitled to place his trust in God. Unlike the rest of creation, God gives the faithful disciple the benefits of His protection (v. 26). Let God have priority over any and every problem and one can live without being crushed by worry.

Worry, and the stress it spawns, can be reduced by living one day at a time (Mat. 6:34). Jesus teaches that God is well aware of our needs. Dream big about tomorrow but don't steal its heartaches. These are literally the times that try men's souls. Jesus alone can bring contentment to the stressed out world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**REMINDER:
SUNDAY EVENING TIME - 2:00PM**

**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 **October 23rd.***

CHAPMAN FISH FRY
Thursday, October 12th at 5 PM
Ladies please bring desserts.

**CHAPMAN'S TRUNK-R-TREAT/
HOTDOG ROAST/HAYRIDE**
Saturday, October 28th at 6PM

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS
If you haven't signed up,
please do so.
Details are in the foyer.
October 29th and 30th
Any questions, please see Karen.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Ronald Dwayne Flurry** (Son-in-law of Margie & Everett Hurt), **John Reaves** and **Jacob Brown**

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

•**HOSPITAL:** Cortney Cissom (Heart, ICU Baptist East Memphis), James Cash (Heart, ICU-Baptist Desota), Abdol Rasool Nejat (ICU Baptist East Memphis)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Rhonda Newby, Curtis Mauney, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Lesley Chapman

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

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Cortney Cissom, 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:** Bobby White, Phillip Wood (Hospice), David Moffitt, 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**