

October 17, 2021

Announcements
Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader
Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading
Bo Chapman

Opening Prayer
Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.)
Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Larry Wood (A.M.)
Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Michiel Criswell

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (10/20/21)

OUR RECORD

October 10, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 89
Sunday Morning Worship: 98
Sunday Evening Worship: 81
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 80

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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, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

October 17th

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Afternoon Service
(No meal after AM Services - due to COVID)

WHERE ARE THOSE WHO WILL WORK? Mark Lindley

It is a great blessing to live in the United States of America. This county is often touted the "land of opportunity." Our borders are often breached by those who want a chance to live where there is freedom, and the opportunity to seek employment in an open market. The freedoms enjoyed here and opportunities for work make this country very appealing to those who do not enjoy such privileges. Countless individuals of other nations would love to come to America to work.

However, there is an ever-increasing number of Americans who choose not to work. Employers have a difficult time finding those who will work. Businesses often close early because there are no workers. Signs advertising higher starting pay and increased salaries are often ignored by those who choose not to work. All of these things are alarming. America did not become the greatest country of the world by idleness.

Further, these things are alarming to Christians because idleness is against Biblical principles. God demands all who can to work. "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat" (II Thessalonians 3:10). "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Ephesians 4:28). It is not God's will that able-bodied people wait for a hand-out from the government. God requires people to work!

But there are those who offer excuses for not working. Solomon anticipated excuses which might be offered: "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing" (Proverbs 20:4). "The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets" (Proverbs 22:13). Whether it is "too cold," the fear of "a lion in the street," or some other flimsy excuse, the lazy, indolent man always seems to have justification for not working.

Where are those today like Paul? The apostle Paul was one who "labored night and day," not only in preaching the gospel, but also in making tents (1 Thessalonians 2:9; Acts 18:3). Where are those today like Jesus? Jesus worked. He was referred to as "the carpenter" (Mark 6:3). It is likely he learned this trade from his father, Joseph. Jesus was constantly working in teaching, preaching, serving, healing, and helping (Luke 2:49; John 4:34; 9:4). He stands as an example for us today.

Scripture declares that the one who will not "provide for his own" has denied the faith and is "worse than an infidel" (1 Timothy 5:8). An infidel is one who does not believe. The Scriptures offer no hope for the unbeliever. However, one who will not work to provide for his own is "worse" than an unbeliever. Many of our day will not work, and are, therefore, worse than an unbeliever! Very sad and tragic!

May God continue to show patience and favor toward our great country! May those who live here rise up and promote the God-given responsibility and honor of working!

"I Am" Able to Help You By Edd Sterchi

Each of the "I am" statements of Jesus in the book of John displays an important aspect of how He can meet our true needs.

* When Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35), He stated that He can sustain our souls forevermore. He is that which nourishes and satisfies.

* When Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12), He was saying that He provides enlightenment and guidance in a place of uncertainty and peril. He will always be a beacon of truth.

* When Jesus said, "I am the door" (John 10:7), He was disclosing that He is the passageway to heaven. He is also the portal to a better life on earth.

* When Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11), He was articulating that He will take care of His own. He can provide support, spiritual health, and safety.

* When Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25), He was declaring that He can raise us from the dead. He can give us a new life upon the earth and a resurrected life in heaven for eternity.

* When Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), He was revealing that the only way to be reconciled to the Father in heaven is through Him. He is THE way.

* When Jesus said, "I am the true vine" (John 15:1), He was divulging that connection to Him is the formula for spiritual success. He guarantees growth if we remain with Him.

Our greatest needs are a relationship with God and a home in heaven forevermore. Jesus can meet those needs – and more! He is able to help us. In fact, He is the only one who can help us in this regard. Jesus says, "I am" able to help you. Have you received His help?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pine Vale Children's Home

Fifth Sunday Contribution- All of **October 31, 2021** Contribution will be given to Pine Vale Children's Home to honor **Brother Eural and Sister Ola Wade** for their love, dedication and work for Pine Vale which they started in 1970.

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Remember count your
blessings, pray for our lost ones,
the sick, the world and the
broken-hearted.

REHAB: Michelle Bellew

SURGERY RECOVERY: Amy Staggs

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Junior Derrick,
Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, Johnny
Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate
Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

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Billy McBryde, Marie Brumley, Keith Hall,
Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother),
Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith,
Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs,
Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-
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