

October 18, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Tommy Wade

Sunday Song Leader
Tripp Yancey

Wednesday Song Leader
Ross Shackelford (10/21/20)

Scripture Reading
Chance Criswell

Opening Prayer
Michiel Criswell (AM)
Mickey Chandler (PM)

Closing Prayer
James Pilgrim (AM)
Rickey Loveless (PM)

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Devin McVey

Communion
Randell Koon

Pick Up Communion when entering

OUR RECORD

October 11, 2020

Sunday Bible Study:

Sunday Morning Worship: 97

Sunday Evening Worship: 89

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 67

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,970

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Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

PREACHER: Mark Lindley

GOD IS UNCHANGING Mark Lindley

This world is full of changes. Yet, the God who created this world does not change. The Bible teaches that God is an eternal, timeless, changeless being. Consider the following passages: "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19); "For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6); "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

From these passages, we learn the following about God's nature: 1) God is not a man and, therefore, does not change as people often do; 2) God will always keep His promises; 3) God does not lie. Therefore, what God has said will always be true.

In view of these thoughts, there are two important points to consider. First, since God does not change, then sinners who have not obeyed the Gospel should think about God's unchanging hatred of sin. God loves sinners so much that he sent his son to die on the cross that sinners might have forgiveness. On the other hand, God hates sin! God's hatred of sin will not change, and God's requirements for salvation will not change. God requires that sinners believe in Christ (John 8:24); repent of sins (Acts 17:30); confess faith in Christ (Romans 10:10); and, be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 22:16). God's requirements for salvation will remain unchanged. On the Day of Judgment, those who have never obeyed the gospel will face God's unchanging hatred of sin. Since God's nature will not change, sinners should change and obey Christ.

Second, for those who are faithful Christians, God's unchanging nature is comforting. Since God does not change, then every promise he has made will be kept. God promises to be with his children in times of trial and temptation (Hebrews 13:5-6); forgive his people when we confess our sins (I John 1:9); and, give eternal life to those who are faithful (I John 2:25).

On one hand, God's unchanging requirements for forgiveness should prompt all to obey the gospel. On the other hand, God's unchanging promises offer security, hope, and assurance to all those who obey the gospel, live for Christ, and anticipate a heavenly home.

A Direct Influence By Ron Thomas

If from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks, and one can be known by the quality of the fruit produced, then it is reasonable to conclude that both the words spoken and the deeds done are indicative of the person's heart. People are able to see this and *judge*. People of maturity can understand this, but people full of sin (or self) are quick to point out that one—especially one guilty of sinful behavior. It is interesting that these are the same people who look upon the Lord and faithfully proclaim they would NEVER deny Him, but their lives have denial written all over them. The deeds we do, the words we speak, and the thoughts we think reflect correctly on (or against) the Lord's influence on our lives.

Pine Vale Children's Home 2020 Fall Food Drive

Due to COVID-19 – We will be doing monetary donations.
Donation Box is in the foyer.

Assumptions: Some Do's and Don'ts By Lance Cordle

You can safely assume:

- That God loves you (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).
- That the price of your sins was paid by Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- That your past sins were washed away— forgiven—at your baptism (Acts 22:16; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).
- That you can be faithful to God (Revelation 2:10).
- That, during your faithful walk with God, your sins are being cleansed by the blood of Jesus (1 John 1:7).
- That the kingdom of God will never be destroyed (Daniel 2:44; Matthew 16:18).
- That Satan will ultimately be punished, since he has already been defeated (Luke 10:18; John 12:31; Revelation 20:10).
- That heaven and your experience there will be greater than anything you can imagine (Romans 8:18; Revelation 21:4).

On the other hand, you should never assume:

- That God cannot/will not forgive you (Romans 5:8; Hebrews 8:12).
- That you know exactly what someone is thinking (1 Corinthians 2:11).
- That you know the motive behind an act of someone toward you or someone else (Matthew 7:1; John 7:24).
- That you know everything (Romans 11:33).
- That you will never fall from grace (1 Corinthians 10:12; Galatians 5:4).
- That all your companions and loved ones will be faithful just because of their association with you (Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
- That you will be saved just because you come from a strong family or attend a faithful church (Philippians 2:12, 13).
- That you will win before you even fight the battle, or run the race (1 Kings 20:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24).
- That something is right because you have always thought it was (Acts 26:9; 1 Timothy 1:12, 13).

CHAPMAN SERVICES BACK TO REGULAR TIMES :

Sunday Services

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am

Sunday Evening Service

Evening Worship 2:00 pm

Weekdays

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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for our lost ones, the sick, the world and
the broken-hearted.*

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Romia Palmer #115
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Jones' Mother), Debbie Chapman

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Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese,
Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

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Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson,
Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty
Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita
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•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie
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