

**October 20, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Chance Criswell

Opening Prayer

Reed Shackelford (A.M.)

Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Gene Yancey (A.M.)

David Smith (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

Mason McAlister (10/23/19)

OUR RECORD

October 13, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 126

Sunday Morning Worship: 141

Sunday Evening Worship: 110

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 87

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,523

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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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**SIX DAYS WITH
ROBERT R. TAYLOR, JR.
By: James Pilgrim**

A blessing and privilege was recently enjoyed by one who enjoyed six days with the studious and knowledgeable Robert R. Taylor, Jr. Brother Taylor is now eighty-eight years old. His body requires him to use a walker. However, his mind continues to be sharp. He just finished preaching in a series of gospel meetings (October 6-9, 2019), his seventeenth, at the West Concord Church of Christ, near Hueytown, Alabama. The six-day meeting was a study of the book of Acts. These six sermons were delivered by him, sitting in a chair, without a note or Bible. Each lesson was thirty to forty minutes in length. The study divided the book into two parts, Acts 1-12 and 13-28.

Peter's life and work were seen as brother Taylor preached the gospel, showing how Peter and others helped to begin and expand the kingdom of God, the church. Chapter by chapter this grand old preacher of the word developed the promise of the coming kingdom, the beginning of it, and its rapid growth.

Thus, the kingdom was seen in infancy, development and growth through the life and work of Peter and others. (Acts 1-12). What an excellent study. All present, Christians and non-Christians, were given an abundant amount of information, sufficient to lead one to obey the gospel, be faithful, or to be restored.

One of the elders asked his chauffer if he would be available and able to bring brother Taylor back in October of 2020, for his eighteenth meeting. The answer was, "Yes, if the Lord will." What a great blessing to have been present to hear these prolific lessons delivered by "the walking Bible", as some call him.

Brother Taylor's chauffer was blessed to have enjoyed his company and rewarded by his wisdom as they travelled to the motel where they lived during the meeting. Further blessings were enjoyed daily while they were there. It was a pleasure to be with brother Taylor. The writer's family has been blessed by the Taylor family through the years, as have so many.

He has written volumes, lectured, preached in gospel meetings, done much teaching and visiting, and more over the years. His late beloved wife, Irene, was a "help mete" in every sense of the word many years. She was also a writer and speaker at ladies functions, in addition to aiding brother Taylor in his work.

The Taylors worked in Ripley, Mississippi, before moving to Ripley, Tennessee. While in Ripley, Mississippi, the busy Robert sat with the writer's father-in-law's family as he underwent open heart surgery, which took eight hours back then. The Taylors were chiefly responsible for the surgery patient being restored.

A number of things were observed during the West Concord meeting. Brother Taylor was friendly to everyone, speaking to total strangers, having his picture made with those at the meeting, and more. His gratitude was expressed to all who helped him, either at the motel or church building. Brother Taylor showed what it meant to be a Christian. When back at home, he offered his chauffeur a much more than generous check for what he had done. Thankfulness was expressed, but the check was declined. The chauffeur had received so much more in the knowledge and wisdom he received.

Six days with Robert R. Taylor, Jr. was time well used. The chauffeur came away with a greater knowledge and appreciation of the Bible, the book of Acts, and more. All would do well to use this beloved preacher as long as he is comfortable to do this work. You would also do yourself a great service to order a set of his books.

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

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

Speaker: Adam Miller

Ladies: Please bring finger foods,
desserts and canned sodas

**CHAPMAN'S TRUNK-R-
TREAT/HOTDOG ROAST/HAYRIDE**
Saturday, October 26th at 6PM

**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
Ladies Bible Class**

Thursday, November 7 at 6:30PM

Speaker: Berta Kennedy

"Whatever Is Praiseworthy"

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Loretta Criswell,
Stephanie McAlister

•**HOSPITAL:** Keith Newby

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Vivian Hill

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

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** 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,
Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita
Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-
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