

**October 22, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Eli Carter

Opening Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.) Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Brad McAlister (A.M.) Ross Shackelford (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

Larry Wood (10/25/17)

OUR RECORD

October 15, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 119

Sunday Morning Worship: 137

Sunday Evening Worship: 122

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 112

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,139

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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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WINNING THE CHRISTIAN RACE Mark Lindley

All Christians are running a race. The race is a spiritual contest in which Christians are to display that they are true, spiritual champions. The principles that will help the Christian win the race are recorded in Hebrews 12:1-4: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."

This text teaches that in order to win the race, Christians should look at the "great cloud of witnesses." The "witnesses" under consideration are those great men and women of faith who are mentioned in Hebrews chapter 11. These witnesses lived their lives by faith, trusting God in the midst of adversity and many challenges. The "witness" they leave behind is the witness that a life of faith is worth any sacrifice one may have to pay.

The lives of the witnesses—Abraham, Noah, Moses, Sarah, David—encourage Christians today to hold on to faith. A life of faith will lead to God's blessing!

Second, this text teaches that to win the Christian race, Christians must lay aside anything that would hinder. The text states that we should "lay aside every weight" and "sin." A "weight" in the context would be anything that might hinder us from running a successful race. It might be the weight of an acquaintance who influences us to do wrong; the weight of loving material possessions; the weight of a profession which leaves no time for God and spiritual things.

Christians must also lay aside every sin that would easily beset us. Trying to become a spiritual champion while being burdened with sin will cause one to burn out and quit the race. Sin discourages us, drains our spiritual strength, causes us to feel unworthy, and will hinder one from running a successful Christian race.

Are you running the Christian race? One enrolls in the race by becoming a Christian (Mark 16:15-16). The race is a marathon, not a sprint, and will require a lot of endurance. Are you a patient runner who has endurance, or have you dropped out of the race?

If you have not entered the race, do so today! If you have gotten weary, look to the example of Jesus and be inspired! He ran His race for us. We should finish our course for Him!

"NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT" by Dalton Key

George Bernard Shaw once cynically quipped that Christianity might be a good thing if anyone ever really gave it a try. Thomas Ybarra defined a Christian as "a man who feels repentance on a Sunday for what he did on Saturday and is going to do on Monday." And Caleb C. Colton observed, "Men will wrangle for religion; write for it; fight for it; anything but live for it." As disconcerting as the foregoing statements may appear to us, we must admit their painful grain of truth. Too many of us who claim to be Christians have just enough religion to make us feel guilty for wrongdoing, but not enough to keep us from actually doing wrong; and not nearly enough to motivate us in following the example of Christ who "went about doing good." (Acts 10:38.)

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him (Acts 10:38).

James had a few things to say about real religion in the New Testament book bearing his name: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves . . . Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world . . . If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, 'Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled'; notwithstanding you give them not those things which are needful to the body; what does it profit? Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead being alone . . ." (1:22,27;2:15-17.) Christianity is not a spectator sport. It is not a hobby, to be picked up or left off when convenient. Nor is it a game to be played or a play to be acted. Christianity is a life to be lived. Jesus clearly set the standard for discipleship centuries ago: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. (Luke 9:23.) Anything else, anything less, is too little.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER:
SUNDAY EVENING TIME - 2:00PM

Thanks to everyone who helped in the fall food drive for Pine Vale Children's Home. Greatly appreciate your help!

CHAPMAN'S TRUNK-R-TREAT/HOTDOG ROAST/HAYRIDE

Saturday, October 28th at 6PM

5th Sunday - October 29th
Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by Chapman young men.

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.

HACKLEBURG CHURCH OF CHRIST Ladies Day

Saturday, November 4th – 9 to 1PM
Will leave from church building at 7:30AM.
More information is available in foyer.
If you are interested in going – please see
Kathy Moore or Karen Yancey.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Pam Jackson** (Sister of Susan Yancey & Patti Hall) and **Ronnie Phillip Wood**.

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

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Connie Koon, Rhonda Newby, Curtis Mauney

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

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Cortney Cissom, Tony Morrison, 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, 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 Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).