

October 23, 2022

Announcements
Dale Vandygriff

Song Leader
Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading
Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer
Gene Yancey (A.M.)
Ross Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Kevin Shackelford (A.M.)
James Pilgrim (P.M.)

Lord's Table
J C Newby

Count and Usher
Rickey Cissom & Jimmy Vandgriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (10/26/22)

OUR RECORD

October 16, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 86
Sunday Morning Worship: 108
Sunday Evening Worship: 84
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 102

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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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GOD'S MIRROR Mark Lindley

Chances are good that you have looked at yourself in a mirror today. Usually, viewing our physical appearance is one of the first things we do after getting out of bed in the morning. We do this because we know there are some changes which need to be made. We need to brush our hair, put on make-up, shave, etc.

Though we want our physical appearance to be appealing, we should be more concerned about our spiritual attractiveness.

The Scriptures teach that God has a spiritual mirror which enables us to view ourselves spiritually. James wrote, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:22-25).

Just suppose that one looked at himself in the mirror, saw that corrections in his physical appearance needed to be made, and then walked away making no changes. If one did that, looking in the mirror would be useless. Why look to see if changes need to be made in one's physical appearance, if he is not willing to make those changes?

By the same logic, it does no good to look into "the perfect law of liberty" (God's Word), realize that changes need to be made spiritually, and then fail to make those changes. This is why it is stressed in the above passage that we are to be "doers" of the Word. Hearing only is not sufficient. Application of what is heard must be made; otherwise, as James wrote, we "deceive ourselves."

Let's all resolve to look often into God's Word to see what spiritual changes we need to make. Seeing the need for change, let's love the Lord and His Word enough to change for Him.

**She Invited A Friend!
By David Shannon**

This is the true story of a four-year old girl. Each Sunday morning and Wednesday night a little girl named Becky would skip out her front door and over to the next door with a tender knock. Becky's question was simply, "Can Denise come to church with us today?" Most of the time the answer was yes. The invitations continued. But one day something was different, Becky made her Sunday morning journey next door, but the answer was no! But the words that followed were music to the ears. "No" the father answered, "Denise will be going with us this morning. We will see you at church services, Miss Becky." The family visited, studies followed, and Denise's mother and father were baptized into Christ!

What is the magic, the mystery, the awe? There is none! Just an invitation given over and over! Some things we make too hard. Some of the easiest things in life we conjure up in difficult messes. Some want sophisticated mail-outs to do it for us! Some sadly enough don't care. Please understand, the benefits of mail-outs, programs, and other avenues are wonderful when used wisely. But nothing dismisses our personal responsibility to invite folks! Who? My neighbor, postman, doctor, mechanic, coach, teacher, friend, parent, child, uncle, aunt, co-worker, partner, boss, banker, and on and on!

Once Jesus freed a young man of some demons. As a result, the young man was dramatically changed. Obviously he was grateful. He wanted to go with Jesus, perhaps in an effort to repay Him. Jesus' answer spans the generations and applies to us also. He stood by the ship refusing to let the young man go along and said, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you" (Mark 5:19).

She was only four.
All she did was invite.
Heaven will be greater for it!

What About Witnessing???
By J. A. Thornton, Deceased

We hear much about "witnessing for Christ" in our present day. Even some of our brethren are taking to using it. The denominational world uses this expression to refer to "a special working of grace."

A dictionary definition is in order. Webster's Collegiate gives this: "Testimony, one who beholds or has personal knowledge of, to have direct cognizance of or to observe with one's own eyes."

The Greek word martus or martur is defined by Vine's Dictionary of New Testament Words as: "to aver what one has seen, heard, or knows" or "to observe."

Actual usage in the Bible is in Acts 1:8, 22; 5:32; 1 Peter 5:1. These are but a few. Each time the term is used in the sense of stating what one has actually seen or observed or has direct knowledge of.

Brethren who use the term do not use it in any of the above senses. I cannot bear witness of the death of Christ for I was not there. I cannot testify as to the work of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost because I did not observe it. I can pass on to others the testimony of Luke who wrote the Book of Acts. I can pass on to others the witness of the apostles but it is not my testimony. In other words there is a difference between reporting the testimony of a witness and bearing the witness. When I preach I am simply passing on to my hearers (at least I hope it is passed on) the testimony of those who were actual witnesses. We are taught to speak as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11). For this reason we should be extremely careful in using the expression "witnessing for Christ" lest we not be using it in the way the Bible uses the term "witness." Let us speak as the Bible speaks then we can be sure of the message we bear.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE**

Wedding

For

Montana Brown

&

Brock Lindley

SATURDAY ● OCTOBER 22, 2022
At half past four o'clock in the afternoon

Chapman Church of Christ

Reception to follow

**Pine Vale Children's Home
2022 Fall Food Drive**

**We will be doing
monetary donations.
Donation Box is in the foyer.**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Brother Jerry Owens.

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

HOSPITAL: Danny Shackelford

HOME FROM HOSPITAL : Theo Smith,
Debbie Chapman

SURGERY SOON: Cheryl Chapman,
David Smith, Pat Shackelford

•EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Joanie Kate, Thad Berryman

•CANCER: Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Lennox Kennamore (Leukemia), Jimmie Wayne Roberson, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury,

•SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204, Jimmy Berryman, *Resthaven:* Johnnie Carpenter

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