

**November 17, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Palmer Jones

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Danny Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.)

J C Newby (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Larry Wood (A.M.)

Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Terry Chapman (Presiding),
David Palmer, David Smith, Tripp Yancey

Count and Usher

Brock Lindley & Kevin Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Connie Davis & Candace Hopper

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Tripp Yancey (11/20/19)

OUR RECORD

November 10, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 94

Sunday Morning Worship: 126

Sunday Evening Worship: 94

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 90

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,519

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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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Being Grateful By David R. Ferguson

Being a grateful individual leads to one being more like Jesus. It is the vehicle for making us a better person. It involves focusing one's mind on the positive, and not the negative. The mind of the high-virtue Christian is a disciplined mind, a pure and godly mind. Paul wrote, "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy meditate on these things." (Philippians 4:8 NKJV)

David understood this, for he sought to repay the kindness of his friend, Jonathan, by protecting Jonathan's son. Even though this flew in the face of all conventional political wisdom at that time that would have called for David to kill all the heirs of his rival, Saul, to protect his claim to the throne. David answered to a higher calling, God, and chose instead to do what was righteous. David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" (2 Samuel 9:1 NKJV) Jonathan had a lame son named Mephibosheth who still lived, and when he was brought trembling before David, the king declared: "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually." (2 Samuel 9:7 NKJV) This was an act of gratitude resulting from the great and enduring friendship between Jonathan and David.

One writer described gratitude as a vaccine, an antitoxin, and an antiseptic. A vaccine is a preventative, an antitoxin kills poison, and an antiseptic is a cleansing agent. A grateful person is a healthy soul. Staying grateful keeps your soul from poison. Additionally, it keeps removing wrong attitudes from your life as well.

Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, saying about Jesus, "...Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:6-8 NKJV) Paul is saying that Jesus left the glory of heaven to come to the earth to live humbly as a servant and then die horribly in order that you and I might live. So how do you express your gratitude? Let us start by giving thanks to God from a penitent heart for sending His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to die for our sins.

May the Lord bless you and your family!

Do Everything With Thanksgiving By Gerald Cowan

Gratitude is one of chief virtues and ingratitude is one of the most serious deficiencies. Could ingratitude ever be called a sin? Our present lesson draws upon some of Paul's thoughts in his letter to Colossae.

Paul knew how to be grateful for faithful Christians in a church he had not established or worked with (Col. 1:1-11). Though he preferred to serve where other Christians had not gone, he appreciated and was concerned for the church everywhere (Rom. 15:20, 2 Cor. 11:28, Phil. 1:18). He was grateful for the Christians in Colossae because of their faith, their love for all the saints, their hope of heaven, and the fruit the gospel was bearing in their lives. He prayed that they would be filled with the knowledge of God's word, walk worthily of the Lord in everything, be fruitful in every good work, grow and be strengthened by God, be patient and joyful, and give thanks to God the Father all things.

The Colossians shared with all Christians everywhere (1:12-14 and 2:7). The Father makes all acceptable and suitable to share the inheritance of the saints in light. He has changed our relationship with Himself and with the world we live in. In His Christ we have redemption and forgiveness of sins. We can walk in and with Christ in the way taught by His apostles, rooted and grounded and complete in Him – buried baptism and raised up to a new life in Him (2:13-14).

Christians are admonished to be thankful in everything (3:9-17, 4:2), because of the changes in themselves as redeemed persons. Thanksgiving should be evident in the interaction of members of His body, the church.

With so much to be thankful for, it is disturbing that many do not display proper gratitude. Christians in our country have more to be thankful for than most in the world, not only in the material and social things, but especially in the spiritual. But we spend a lot of time in the complaint department – there seems to be no end to our ingratitude. We have so much to be thankful for – we should spend more time counting our blessings and thanking our God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pine Vale Christmas Child

Girl - 16 years old

December 7th - Pine Vale Holiday Party

West Church of Christ at 11 AM
Bring a dish.(Potluck Luncheon)

Please give money to Karen if you would like to help with her gifts. Make plans to attend this special event for Pine Vale. If you plan to come to Party – please sign list in foyer. Will need to know number attending party for seating arrangements.

CHAPMAN HOLIDAY BASKETS

December 8th– after Evening Service

If you wish to help on purchasing items for baskets - please give money to Karen.

List of Names doing baskets for - posted in foyer - please review - want to make sure we don't miss anyone.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Glad to have Keith Newby back with us.
- REHAB:** Debbie Chapman (Diversicare)
- SURGERY RECOVERY:** 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-Omotesa
- SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: **Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman, Earnestine Murphy** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).