

**November 19, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Britt Lindley

Opening Prayer

John Hopper (A.M.) Jeff Staggs (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.) Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Joel Moore (Presiding),

Brock Lindley, Keith Newby, Danny Shackelford

Count and Usher

Michiel Criswell & Rickey Loveless

Prepare Communion

Connie & Bryana Davis

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (11/22/17)

OUR RECORD

November 12, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 117

Sunday Morning Worship: 131

Sunday Evening Worship: 115

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 99

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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).



THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

WORRY, WORRY, WORRY James Pilgrim

People have always been prone to worry. Jephthah came home following successful battles and was met by his only daughter who came out with timbrels and dances. He rent his clothes and told her, "Thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me." (Judg. 11:30-40, esp. v. 35). David said, "Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me." (Ps. 3:1). Roget's Thesaurus lists synonyms of worry as "anxiety, apprehension, nervousness, disturbed, troubled, fret, fuss, etc. Some have worried more than others. Not a few have even been disturbed to the point that they had to have professional help. Some have even had to be admitted to institutions of care. Sadly, suicide has been chosen as a means of relief or a way out by many.

Concern is legitimate. There are many things that we do not need to pass off lightly. However, fretting about them will never correct a single thing. One could sit down and worry about any matter for an hour, hours or even days, weeks, months or years. Nothing would have changed at the end of the time of worry. Why then waste time in such needless and worthless activity?

Let us take a brief look at some legitimate concerns people have today. First, the weather seems to be reported more today than before. The news media may focus on weather patterns that may impact us. At times they remain on air for hours. There is no doubt that many lives have been saved because we had sufficient warnings to enable us to make proper preparations. Some may worry that they will be hurt or killed. There may even be concern over loss of one's house or investment property being damaged or destroyed. One might be nervous over friends, neighbors or others. There may be questions over being able to go to work or school.

The economy may be on the minds of others. Will I, my spouse, children, friends lose our jobs? Will my investments be rendered worthless? What about my house, cars, etc.?

Health may be an apprehension for some. Will I contract a disease that will be life threatening or at the least disabling? Will I be handicapped? Who will take care of me if I can no longer care for myself?

Crime is rampant in our world. ISIS groups are senselessly killing people. The slightest wrong word may incite and provoke others to murder. Property is being stolen daily. Will I be shot or stabbed? Will I be seriously hurt, maybe even for life? Will I be beaten? Will I be killed?

Many relationships fail today. Some wring their hands wondering if their friends will forsake them. Others ponder whether or not they may find true love, get married or other related things. So many marriages end in divorce for almost any cause one may imagine. This realization may open the door for the question of stability in marriage. Bullying by friends and/or acquaintances has caused many to take their own lives.

One would not think religion would ever be a cause for worry. However, religion is sometimes the thing that concerns more people than any of the others. Will my family and friends forsake me if I obey the gospel? Will they love me if I follow Jesus faithfully?

These and so many more things bring about worry. Yet, in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said, "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" (Matt. 6:26). The Lord then brought the fowls of the air, our stature, the lilies and grass of the field to our attention. (Matt. 6:25ff). He said that He takes care of each of these and that we should not worry. He cares for these and He will care for us. The conclusion to these thoughts is stated in Matthew 6:34, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Peter was inspired to write, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Pet. 5:7). Jesus said, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:20). The Hebrew writer penned these words, "be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say,

The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man may do unto me." (Heb. 13:5, 6). David wrote, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." (Ps. 37:25). Spiritually or physically, these words are appropriate.

Paul wrote about his ministry in 2 Corinthians 8, speaking of the positives and negatives of the work he was doing. He said, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair." (V. 8). Neither should we be whatever the situation.

"But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled." (1 Pet. 3:14). These words are equal to those uttered by Jesus as recorded in Matthew 5:10-12. They have reference to persecution due to living for Jesus. However, the child of God should never allow anything at any time to diminish faith in God. We should live in such a way that we will inherit eternal life if we die momentarily or after longevity of life. Cf. Matthew 25:34-40, 46. Remember, Christian, "We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (2 Cor. 5:1). Also, "to be absent from the body," is "to be present with the Lord." (V. 8). Be alert and do what you can to stay safe, prosper, have friends and live a long life. Do not worry. "Watch" and "be ye also ready" to meet the Lord. (Matt. 24:42, 44). May it be said of us, "Great is thy faith." (Matt. 15:28).

UPCOMING EVENTS

**REMINDER:
SUNDAY EVENING TIME – 2:00 PM**

Thanks to all who helped with the Holiday Baskets. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is so greatly appreciated. We prepared and delivered over 40 baskets this year!

LADS TO LEADERS KICK OFF Sunday, November 19th

After morning services in fellowship hall.
Bring finger foods/desserts

Pine Vale Christmas Child

Girl - 14 years old

December 9th - Pine Vale Holiday Party

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

If you would like to help on her wish list,
please see Karen Yancey.
Please make plans to attend this special
event for Pine Vale.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Junior Derrick, Mary Brady

•**HOSPITAL:** Sailor Fitzgerald (Corinth), Cortney Cissom (Coming home soon!) Bobby White (Tupelo), Kyle Hollis (Burn Center, Texas)

•**SURGERY:** Ray Henderson

•**TEST:** Sadie Fitzgerald

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Cortney Cissom, Tony & Jane Morrison, Juanita Mauney, 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:** Ray Henderson, 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*).