

November 23, 2014
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Johnny Cissom

Scripture Reading

Logan Yancey

Opening Prayer

Larry Wood (A.M.) Jarvene Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.) Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Rickey Loveless (Presiding),

Bobby Bridges, David Smith, Jack Harris

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom & Eric Melton

Prepare Communion

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Jodie Criswell (11/26/14)

OUR RECORD

November 16, 2014

Sunday Bible Study: 106

Sunday Morning Worship: 121

Sunday Evening Worship: 91

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 104

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Contribution this week: \$3,852

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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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HOW TO HAVE GOOD DAYS

Mark Lindley

There are plenty of books on the market which reveal the "secrets" to having a good life. Many of the ideas presented in such books are beneficial, and will improve one's quality of life. It is interesting that when one finds a "secret" that works, it is almost certain that the helpful hint discovered has been in the Bible all along.

The apostle Peter wrote a statement that is specifically designed to help one have good days: "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it" (1 Peter 3:10-11). Following this inspired exhortation will certainly improve one's life and lead to "good days."

Here are the ideas which lead to good days: (1) In order to have good days, one must "refrain his tongue from evil." In order to avoid using one's tongue for evil, one must not slander others, gossip, or spread falsehood. Using the tongue for these purposes will surely cause one problems. The one who uses his tongue to tear down others is often responsible for breaking up friendships, causing hurt feelings, and stirring up trouble and strife. Surely, one who is responsible for such things will not have good days. Using the tongue for evil should cause one to feel guilt, regret, and shame. However, the one who uses his tongue to build up others will have a clean conscience, feel good about his conduct and have good days. (2) In order to have good days, one must "eschew evil and do good." Doing things which are evil never makes life better. Satan is a liar (John 8:44), and he presents temptation in a very deceptive way, causing people to believe that sin holds the key to a more satisfying life. However, partaking of "forbidden fruit" is the way to heartache and brokenness. On the other hand, doing good leads to an enhanced self-esteem, makes the world a better place, and has the approval of God. (3) In order to have good days, "seek peace and ensue it." Those who make peace do not delight in causing strife and division. The peace-maker creates a better life for himself. He will have fewer enemies and more friends. Who likes to hang around with one who delights in causing trouble and strife? Jesus said that peace makers "shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

These simple principles applied to life will certainly lead to good days. The greatest Book ever written to improve one's life is the Bible. Believe and obey it to have good days!

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God Made Life Interesting

Beans grow up a pole from left to right, while the morning glory grows up a pole from right to left. Seeds may be dropped into the ground upside down or sideways, and yet the plants come up to the surface. One grain of corn will produce a stalk on which there may be two ears, with perhaps 742 grains on each ear. A light crop of wheat will produce approximately thirty grains on each stalk, a good crop of wheat will produce approximately sixty grains on each stalk. There will always be an even number of grains.

The ordinary watermelon will have ten stripes on it. Larger ones may have twelve to sixteen stripes, but always an even number.

Water will travel from the roots of a tree to the top-most leaf of a tree 265 feet high and no one understands how.

Every form of life in the vegetable and animal kingdom has a predetermined set of characteristics, a master plan perfect in every detail...God's plan. The dandelion will grow above its surroundings whether the grass be two inches, ten inches or twenty inches, for it must get up into the sunlight.

The potato bug hatches in fourteen days, the hen in twenty-one days, the duck in twenty-eight days, the eagle egg in thirty-five days, the parrot egg in forty-two days and the snake egg in forty-nine days. Notice that each one hatches in a multiple of seven days.

God has a perfect plan for my life and yours which supplies all our needs...HIS WORD (2 Peter 1:3)...and by His grace we receive strength to rise above all our circumstances (Romans 8:31).

How wonderful to witness His majesty in the changing seasons!

“And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good” Genesis 1:31

-Author Unknown

Giving Thanks by: Charlie Thomason

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

How can we improve our attitude of gratitude? I recently heard Bob Russell give this illustration: "I could change your attitude from ungrateful to extremely grateful in just 24 hours without ever really changing your circumstances. Here's how I'd do it."

"First," says Russell, "I'd have a lawyer call you and say you were being sued for everything you have. Then I'd have your doctor call and say that he had been reviewing your X-rays from your last visit, and you have a terminal illness. I'd have a friend call and tell you that four of your closest friends had passed away within a few days time. Then I'd have a preacher whom you highly respect call and tell you that the Bible is a hoax and that there is absolutely no hope of eternal life."

"Then," Russell adds, "24 hours later I would call you and tell you that none of those things were true. And after the shock wore off (and after you punched me out!) you would be ecstatic about your current circumstances."

When life seems difficult, we still have so much we should be grateful for.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY:

November 30th

Fellowship meal (soups & sandwiches) after morning services.

Food sign up list in foyer.

Evening Services at 1:30 p.m conducted by Chapman young men.

SCAVENGER HUNT

November 30th - after evening services

All adults and kids are encouraged to participate. Teams will be made on your own. Each team must have at least two adults and two kids. Each team can decide a name, theme, color and show team spirit as little or as much as you like.

There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer. Please bring canned drinks and desserts.

Pinevale Christmas Child

Girl - 18 years old

If you would like to help, please see Karen Yancey.

December 13th - Pinevale Holiday Party

Foote Street Church of Christ at 11 AM

Please sign list in the foyer if you plan to go. They need to know how many tables to prepare.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

The Bible Broadcast

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Erik and Cassandra Longoria, Barbara Criswell, Everett Hurt, Ola Wade

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Tony Morrison (Heart Surgery/Tupelo), Jimmy Redwine (Betty Melton's Brother/Biloxi)

•**REHAB:** Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman/ Tupelo). Bonnie Chapman (TCH), Gerald Walden (TCH)

•**HAVING TEST:** J C Newby, Christopher Pruitt

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Audrey Box, Wayne Vandygriff (Back Surgery), Juan Stroupe (Knee Replacement Surgery)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Lance Mauney (Brother of Mildred Shackelford), Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Glen Moore (Joel's Brother), Courtney Cissom (heart), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. •**CANCER:** Eva Crawford, Elaine Mauney, David Barkley (Kelly Brewer's Uncle), Yater Shinall (Dawn Jackson's Father), Brenda Wallace, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Beth Kuykendall, William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Rhonda Shannon, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: Oleta Phillips (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Lorene Willis, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Billie Floyd (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663)

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