

**December 4, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

John Hopper

Opening Prayer

Blair Chapman (A.M.) Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Ricky Cissom (A.M.) Chance Criswell (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Terry Chapman (Presiding),

Andy Reese, J C Newby, Bobby Bridges

Count and Usher

Bryan Davis, Casey Harris

Prepare Communion

Brandi Reese and Karen Yancey

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Johnny Cissom (12/07/2016)

OUR RECORD

November 27, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 120

Sunday Morning Worship: 138

Sunday Evening Worship: 112

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 129

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

“GET YOUR ABORTIONS NOW!” Mark Lindley

I could not believe what the lady said! I was watching some of the Trump protestors after the election. One lady who appeared to be on the verge of tears passionately advised her fellow protestors: “Go get your abortions now!”

It is no surprise to those who are familiar with Hillary Clinton's positions that she is supportive of late-term abortion.

The lady who encouraged others to “get their abortions now” was apparently shocked and saddened that Trump won the election. Evidently she felt that Trump poses a threat to current abortion policies and wanted women to be sure they took advantage of the opportunity to get their abortions “now.”

What a tragedy that anyone would encourage others to have innocent babies murdered! Those who support abortion object, saying that a woman should have the right to choose what she does with her own body. But what about the rights of the innocent baby involved? Does the baby have no rights?

Many respond, “It is not actually a baby; it is only a fetus.” I suppose it sounds less barbaric to kill a “fetus” instead of a baby. For those who believe the Bible, however, that which is within the womb of a pregnant woman is a “baby.” Before Jesus was born, while He was still within Mary's womb, Mary was carrying a “child” (Matthew 1:18). Notice that the Bible does not refer to the unborn child as a “fetus” or a blob of tissue.

In addition, when Elisabeth, the mother of John the Baptist was pregnant, Mary came to visit Elisabeth. According to scripture, when Elisabeth heard Mary's voice the “babe leaped in her womb” (Luke 1:41). Consider this question: If Elisabeth had gone to an abortion clinic and had an abortion, what would the abortion doctor have killed? According to the Bible, the doctor would have killed a “babe”! John the Baptist would have never lived if Elisabeth had gotten an abortion.

Further, what if Mary, Jesus' mother, had chosen to have an abortion? According to the Bible, the “child,” Jesus would not have been born.

Several months ago, my wife and I took into our home a precious, little, baby girl. She was only six weeks old at the time. How grateful we are that she was not aborted!

There are times when a couple produces a child they do not want. However, that couple only compounds their mistake by choosing to have an abortion. Innocent babies have rights too!

Our Families are Broken
Brad Harrub

Our church families are broken. And as I travel across the nation, what I see rather than efforts to heal and repair, are efforts to conceal and minimize. My interactions with Christian families and elders often peels back layers to reveal:

Discipline, compassion, time, listening, directing: The family needs this.

- We have children using drugs and alcohol.
- We have young people that have already mentally left the church.
- We have youth who are growing up with a dulled conscience.
- We have sons and daughters who are embracing a secular worldview.
- We have children who are committing idolatry through their materialism.
- We have young people committing fornication.
- We have youth bullying or using profane language.
- We have sons and daughters being arrested.
- We have grandchildren addicted to pornography.
- We have children who are worldly.
- We have young people who have no problem lying to their parents.
- We have sons and daughters experimenting with homosexuality.
- We have children who do not sing during worship and look bored.
- We have young people who are on their phones during Bible class and worship.

I could go on, but I think you get the picture. Sadly, these issues do not even include what is going on between the parents. Divorce, materialism, lying, and adultery are rampant—yes, even in the church. I'll say it again: our families are broken.

Yes, these things are going on. But the question that I'm struggling with is: "What are we actually doing about it?" The honest answer is not much. Sure we have activities, VBS, retreats, and even some service projects. But the reality is we aren't addressing the core of the problem—we are not rearing up children with a heart for the Lord. And add to this we have totally forgotten God's command for church discipline.

My observation is that we are trying to "love" our children into the right behavior. As a result we have children that rule the house and have no fear of their parents. (And by default have little to no fear of the Lord.) Yes, we are to love our children—but a part of that love should be to love their souls enough to discipline them. "Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell" (Proverbs 23:13-14 Open in Logos Bible Software (if available)).

Friends, wake up—there are souls at stake here! The souls of our children, grandchildren, and members in our church families.

It's time we stop tip-toeing around and start dealing with some of these issues. It's time the church get into repair business instead of the "program" business. It's time we start addressing the heart. How ironic is it to see young people in a worship assembly wearing youth retreat t-shirts and yet they look bored and refuse to sing. Maybe it's time we stop worrying so much about the design of the t-shirt and instead focus on what's under the shirt—their heart!

It's time we have family forums and Bible classes to help train parents how to raise children using Scripture. It's time we humble ourselves and admit our families are not perfect. It's time we roll up our sleeves and invest the time necessary to repair homes. It's time we teach our children to blush again and weep over sin. It's time we hold fathers responsible to be spiritual leaders. It's time we acknowledge it is the parent's responsibility to train up his or her own children in the Lord. The church should not be a welfare state where parents drop off their children to activities, and expect someone else to make their children faithful.

And finally, it's time elders start addressing these issues among their flock. Yes, the preacher can address some of these issues from the pulpit, but it is not his job to fix it. It's past time we employ church discipline—even to our young people. (If they are old enough to be "accountable," make the decision to follow Christ, and be baptized, then they are old enough to be disciplined when their behavior brings reproach on the church.) If a parent gets upset because members or elders talk to their baptized children then maybe the parents should ask themselves soberly: Are they more concerned about their reputation than they are the child's soul?

If someone in your congregation was in the intensive care unit (ICU) how would you respond? Every congregation I visit has families that, spiritually speaking, are in ICU. Yet, we continue to conceal and minimize. It's time we treat and heal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4, 2016
Chapman Singing:
 Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home
 at 2 PM
 &
Visitation Group:
 Will NOT meet.

Pine Vale Christmas Child
 Girl - 10 years old
December 10th
Pine Vale Holiday Party
 Foote Street Church of Christ at 11 AM
 Bring a dish.(Potluck Luncheon)
 Please make plans to attend
 this special event for Pine Vale.
 If you plan on going please let
 Karen Yancey know by this Sunday.
They need to know how many tables to prepare.

December 11, 2015
HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER
After Evening Services

Bring finger foods.
Will be a "special guest" for the kids!

PROGRAMS OF WORK
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Dawn Stroupe, Juan Stroupe, Susan Yancey, Brad McAlister, Amy Chapman, Robin Newby, Rickey Cissom

•**HOSPICE:** Grady Chandler (Mickey's Father)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Trevor Shinall, Dawn Jackson's Nephew- 8 yrs. Old (leukemia) Cards may be sent to 507 Cumberland Place, Oxford, MS 38655.

Sandra Hopper, Courtney Cissom, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Wayne Crabb, Lester Wommack, Grady Chandler, Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**SHUT-INS: Resthaven:** Oleta Phillips (*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*).