

**December 11, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Kevin Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Jodie Criswell (A.M.) Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.) Jack Harris (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

Brock Lindley(12/14/2016)

OUR RECORD

December 4, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 112

Sunday Morning Worship:129

Sunday Evening Worship: 107

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 93

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,465

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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

The Sin of Lying Kevin Cauley

Of all the sins that man may commit, lying is perhaps the most destructive. Lies, per se, aren't all that harmful; they're just words, but their consequences are destructive. When people base their decisions on lies, they make bad choices which ends up destroying their and other's lives. Moreover, lies conceal the truth, which may lead to injustice for both the guilty and innocent.

The sin of lying contradicts the very character of God. The Bible teaches that God cannot lie (Titus 1:2, Hebrews 6:18); it is against His very nature to advance that which is false. However, Jesus says that Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44). Hence, to lie is to choose not to be like God and to imitate the character of Satan and Proverbs 6:19 says lying is among the things that God hates. It is no wonder that one of the ten commandments is, Thou shalt not bear false witness (Exodus 20:16).

The Bible acknowledges different categories of lies, but never once teaches that any lie is less significantly damning than another. The little white lie is equally condemning as perjury, though, the consequences may not be entirely the same. John writes in Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. John certainly didn't discriminate on what kind of liars would be lost; he simply said, all liars.

Christians must be people who speak truth. Ephesians 4:25 says, Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak ye truth each one with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. The context of Ephesians four tells us that speaking truth is part of what it means to be a new creation in Christ; it is at the heart of being a Christian. Colossians 3:9 parallels Ephesians; Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.

For the Christian who is striving to follow Jesus' teaching, it is a simple matter of observing Jesus' teaching on this subject. In Matthew 5:37 Jesus said, But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. James echoes Jesus comments in James 5:12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. The Jewish people had turned oath taking into another way of lying. Such was forbidden by Jesus and by implication, lying as well.

Sometimes it is hard to tell the truth. People don't always want to hear it because it exposes the darkness in their lives and people love darkness better than light (John 3:19). As Christians, however, we are obliged to tell the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) and we speak truth because we do love (1 Corinthians 13:6). Let us do so and be people who love truth regardless the consequences of speaking it and let us never be involved in the sin of lying.

Those Words are Missing in My Bible Dan Jenkins

I once heard of a Christian having a Bible study with a friend about what one must do to be saved. He opened his Bible and urged the friend to read several passages which clearly revealed God's plan of salvation. The friend's reply was, "There are none of these verses in my Bible." She went and got her Bible, and she was exactly right. She had literally cut out every one of the verses from her own Bible and thrown away those which she did not like.

Are their Word's from God missing in your life?

As strange as it might seem, this was not the first time this ever happened. Less than 20 years before Jerusalem was destroyed and taken into Babylon, Jeremiah was pleading for all men, even the king, to change and return to God. A copy of the book of Jeremiah was brought to King Jehoiakim and read in his presence. "And it happened when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that the king cut it with the scribe's knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire" (Jer. 36:23). His view was that if you do not like what God says just cut it out of the Bible.

Human nature does not change that much. While no one is actually cutting verses out of the Bible, their actions show that their hearts are so much like Jehoiakim.

There are several ways to "cut verses out of the Bible."

There are some who, knowing that God would not approve of what they are doing, simply just never read the Bible. When encouraged by others to come to worship, they are adamant in the way they respond. They just cut God out of their lives.

There are also those who read the Bible trying to find verses which justify what they have decided is right. The Bible talks of those who read the Bible and then twist it to suit their own ideas (2 Pet. 3:16). While they do not literally have the scribe's knife in their hands, they have one in their hearts.

Do you want to know His will for your life? Come to His word and "...hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matt. 5:6). Remember His promise, "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13). Jesus said it this way, "If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine" (John 7:17).

Our hearts must be so different than the heart of Jehoiakim. Paul speaks of that person who, with an open heart, comes to the Bible and reads about Jesus. As he looks at the image of Jesus, he is changed into that very same image by the Holy Spirit of God (2 Cor. 3:18). Do you want God to change you? Then open your Bible and honestly seek Him, but make sure you do not have a scribe's pen in your hand!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pine Vale Christmas Child

Girl - 10 years old

December 10th

Pine Vale Holiday Party

Foot Street Church of Christ at 11 AM

Bring a dish.(Potluck Luncheon)

Please make plans to attend this special event.

December 11, 2015

HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER

After Evening Services

Bring finger foods.

Will be a "special guest" for the kids!

CHAPMAN DECEMBER 25TH SERVICES:

Sunday Bible Class: 10:00-10:20AM

Sunday Morning Service: 10:30AM

No Sunday Evening Service

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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The Bible Broadcast

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM

• WKZU radio 104.9 FM

Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

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We are pleased to announce placing membership with us:

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Dawn Stroupe, Juan Stroupe, Mickey Chandler, Candice Hopper & Twins, Brande Shackelford

•**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.

•**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*).