

December 15 2019 ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer

James Pilgrim (A.M.)

Larry Wood (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Jeff Roberson (A.M.)

Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Bryan Davis(Presiding),

Ricky Loveless, Mason McAlister, Palmer Jones

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Terry Chapman

Prepare Communion

Jill and Hannah Loveless

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (12/18/19)

OUR RECORD

December 8, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 109

Sunday Morning Worship: 129

Sunday Evening Worship: 106

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 98

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,757

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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

YOU NEED PATIENCE

Mark Lindley

Patience is a virtue that every Christian needs. Faithful followers of Christ will be blessed, but with the blessings will come many challenges and trials. This was true of first-century Christians and it still holds true today.

One of the most outstanding passages about patience is Hebrews 10:36: "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." These words were addressed to early Christians who were being persecuted (cf. Hebrews 10:32-34). Some first-century disciples were put in prison; some suffered the loss of property and possessions; others were put to death.

Eternal life would be their reward for being faithful to Christ, but great patience would be required. Jesus once cautioned his disciples: "In your patience possess ye your souls" (Luke 21:19).

"Patience" means "endurance," or "to be steadfast." The Christian life is not a quick sprint to the finish line, but a tough, demanding marathon. Those running the Christian race cannot coast to the finish line, but will have to exert great effort and patience to make the distance.

Christians in our country are not suffering physical persecution that the apostles and other early disciples experienced. However, patience is needed just as much today as ever. Christians of all nations, classes, ages, and circumstances need patience.

The elderly need patience, due to failing health and loneliness. Middle-aged couples need patience to cope with financial stress and to meet the challenges of rearing children. Young people need patience in fighting temptations, and in making decisions about college and a career.

With each season of life, come unique challenges, difficulties, and trials. Those who have the patience to meet the challenges can anticipate the glorious promise of eternal life! Notice the last part of Hebrews 10:36: "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." After Christians have "done the will of God," then we will "receive the promise!" The promise of eternal life in heaven should motivate all to develop and maintain patience. "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life" (1 John 2:25).

“IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE”
by Dennis Gulledge

This statement in Acts 20:35 is one of the most interesting verses in the New Testament. It is difficult for people to learn the truth that “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” The word “give” denotes the deep self-denial for which Paul was known (Vs. 24). It advocates a counter-worldly attitude (Vss. 33-34). This verse is not about Christmas gifts or contributions on Sunday. It is a statement of Jesus not found in Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. How then did Paul [not one of the original twelve] know that Jesus said it? “All truth” was revealed to him as an apostle (Jn. 16:13).

If life is empty of meaning for you here is the solution. If we ever learn the principle found here life will become full of purpose. Whenever you help someone you always leave with a sense of satisfaction you don’t get any other way. Life at its best involves more than “going to church”; it involves sacrifice and service (Jas. 1:27). There are people all around us who need what we have to give. It may be a visit, a prayer, a note, a card or a call. Giving is much more than the transfer of money and things.

Why is it “more blessed to give than to receive”? Two reasons might be noted. First, there are spiritual benefits to be derived from giving. Liberality in giving makes us more like God (Jn. 3:16; Acts 17:25; Jas. 1:5, 17; 1 Tim. 6:17).

It makes us less like the covetous people of this world (Lk. 12:15; Col. 3:5). It enables us to abound in one of the greatest of graces (2 Cor. 8:7). It lends acceptance to our prayers (Lk. 10:1-4).

The Lord’s work requires adequate giving for the support of evangelism, but we live on lower levels if we are obsessed with meeting budgets, padding accounts and raising funds. Paul said to the Corinthians, “I seek not yours, but you” (2 Cor. 12:14). The needs of the Lord’s work are many, but added to that is the spiritual life of the person who gives (Phil. 4:17).

Second, there are material benefits in giving. It can be demonstrated that many of God’s blessings flow into the lives of his own in this life. George Pepperdine once said that all he had left was what he had given away (1 Tim. 6:7). Jesus said that the apostles who made extreme sacrifices for his sake and the gospel’s shall receive “a hundredfold now in this time...and in the age to come, eternal life” (Mk. 10:29-30). Again, the Lord taught “Give and it shall be given unto you” (Lk. 6:38). An analysis of this statement reveals: *The principle of returns* – “Give and it shall be given unto you”; *The proportion of returns* – “Good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over” and *The place of returns* – “Shall men give into your bosom.”

We remember people not for what they receive, but for what they give (2 Cor. 8:3-5). Even those who receive are to give (Matt. 10:8). We honor the Lord for what he gave (1 Tim. 2:5-6; Tit. 2:14). So much did the Lord love the church that he gave himself for it (Acts 20:28).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanks to everyone who helped with the CHAPMAN HOLIDAY BASKETS.

We made and delivered 45 baskets!

CHAPMAN WEDNESDAY NIGHT Guest Speakers

“Onward and Upward with Christ”

12/11/19 – Josh McCrary

12/18/19 – Barry Kennedy

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Wednesday Night Services
Christmas and New Years will be on Monday – December 23rd & December 30th

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Josephine Chapman

•**RECOVERY:** Loretta Criswell, Debbie Chapman, Patti Hall

•**SURGERY:** Juan Stroupe, Mary Brady

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** George Doss, 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: **Christine Chapman, Earnestine Murphy** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).