

**December 25, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Rickey Cissom

Opening Prayer

Tommy Wade (A.M.) Chris Moore (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Tom Wade (A.M.) John Hopper (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

Logan Yancey (12/28/2016)

OUR RECORD

December 18, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 93

Sunday Morning Worship: 100

Sunday Evening Worship: 93

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 108

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

WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU? Mark Lindley

Soon it will be Christmas day. To children, it seems that day will never come. They dream about their time off from school, the presents they hope to receive, and seeing family they may seldom see during the rest of the year. These are things that make Christmas special for children, but what about those of us who are older? What makes Christmas special to us?

To some, a "merry" Christmas is a time of drinking alcoholic beverages, going from party to party. Some feel lonely during the holidays, and drinking may numb their pain, temporarily. Others may drink simply because they enjoy the feelings of intoxication they get.

However, spending the holidays with a drink in your hand is not the best way to enjoy Christmas. The Bible warns: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1). Some will not even remember Christmas because they will be too drunk to remember. Some will do things during the holidays under the influence of alcohol that they would never do while sober. They may start fights, say or do inappropriate things with those of the opposite sex, get arrested, or act in other irresponsible ways. Those who seek to have a "merry" Christmas by making a purchase at the liquor store will likely regret making that choice.

To others, Christmas is a holy day, a time for reflecting on the birth of Christ. Some may attend a worship service of a church during Christmas holidays. Christmas and Easter may be the only times of the year when they attend, but they want to show that they are remembering "the reason for the season." The truth is that no one knows when Jesus was born.

While it is a good thing that people remember the Lord at any time of the year, it should be understood that the Bible does not teach Christians to celebrate the birth of Christ; neither does it teach that Christians should celebrate the resurrection of Christ at Easter. What the Bible "does" teach is that Christians are to assemble "on the first day of the week" (Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 16:1-2). Each week has a first day, Sunday. This is time that has been designated by God for His people to worship and to remember the death of His Son (I Corinthians 11:23-26). Will you attend services the week after Christmas? The week after that?

Christmas is a wonderful time for spending time with family, exchanging gifts, watching football, hunting, and enjoying a break from work. Let's enjoy it...Merry Christmas!

How to Live for Christ By Robert H. Martin

* Do good to all people no matter what they do to you (Galatians 6:10). Christ is our example of doing good (Acts 10:38). We must follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21).

* Bless and love your enemies (Matthew 5:44). Christ was hated, mocked, spat upon, beaten...yet He prayed, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34). When we do this, we have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5).

* Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick (Matthew 25:34-36). Christ went about helping the downhearted (Matthew 9:35). By us doing this (especially to the brethren), it is the same as us doing it to Christ (Matthew 25:40).

* Count others better than yourself (Philippians 2:3). This is truly being Christ-like. When we do this, we are serving as Christ did selflessly (John 13:4-5).

* Put the kingdom (church) first in all things (Matthew 6:33). Jesus died for the church (Acts 20:28); we need to live for it. Put Christ's body above all earthly things.

This is Christianity. Do these things with all your might (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Be steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

What Would It Take???

By Bill Brandstatter

I have noticed in the really cold weather that there are some people who do not wear coats. I saw one man a few days ago in shirt sleeves when the weather was in the thirties. I noticed a man recently that was wearing shorts outside when I had a coat and hat on. That same man later, when it got really cold, finally wore a coat. I am asking myself, "What would it take for those folks to wear warm clothes?" Let's ask that question regarding our spiritual lives.

What would it take for some people to obey Christ? There are many good individuals who know the truth about salvation. They understand Jesus' statement in Mark 16:16: "He that believes and is baptized will be saved;" yet for some reason procrastination sets in and they wait. I know of one man who obeyed the Lord just 10 days before he died. I thought about all the years he could have enjoyed living the Christian life. I thought of all the promises to Christians that could have been his; yet he almost waited too late.

What would it take for some people to start attending worship again? Some who are reading this article have not been in worship services in a long time. What has kept you away? What would it take to get you to come back? The church is made up of people who are not perfect; but who need one another. The term "fellowship" is a very important word in the Bible. It is first used in Acts 2:42 where the early church "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and in fellowship." When a person misses the assembly he/she is adversely affecting their own fellowship and the fellowship of the church.

What would it take for some people to be reconciled? There are many people that have been at odds with others for years. This is found in many areas of life. Reconciliation brings peace and tranquility. God wants us to be reconciled to Him and to each other. (2 Cor. 5:19-20)

What would it take for me? Everyone must answer that question. Whatever it takes, I should be willing to sacrifice to be pleasing to God & to make heaven my home. (Matt. 16:24)



CHAPMAN DECEMBER 25TH SERVICES:

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10:00-10:20AM

Sunday Morning Service: 10:30AM

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony Morrison, Keith Newby & Family, Dawn Stroupe, Everett Hurt

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

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Josephine Chapman, Connie Davis (Foot)

•**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*).