

January 12, 2025

**Announcements**

Danny Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Logan Yancey

**Scripture Reading**

Bo Chapman

**Opening Prayer**

Bobby Bridges ( A.M.)  
Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

John Hopper (A.M.)  
Luke Hobson(P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Keith Newby

**Count and Usher**

Rickey Loveless & Jimmy Vandygriff

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Ross Shackelford (01/15/25)

**OUR RECORD**

January 5, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 72  
Sunday Morning Worship: 87  
Sunday Evening Worship: 71  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 71

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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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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## REASONS TO READ THE BIBLE EACH DAY OF THE NEW YEAR Mark Lindley

There is no way to know all the challenges, trials, triumphs, and sorrows the New Year will bring. However, one thing is certain: you will have a better year if you read the Bible each day. The following are reasons to read the Bible each day:

1. **Read the Bible to increase your faith.** “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).
2. **Read the Bible to increase in knowledge.** “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen” (II Peter 3:18).

3. **Read the Bible to be wise unto salvation.** “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (II Timothy 3:15).

4. **Read the Bible to know how to live right.** “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105).

5. **Read the Bible because you will be blessed (truly happy) if you do.** “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand” (Revelation 1:3).

6. **Read the Bible that you might know truth from error.** “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” (Acts 17:11).

7. **Read the Bible because it is commanded.** “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (II Timothy 2:15).

All of these Scriptures reveal the need to read the Bible. When making your list of resolutions for the New Year, resolve to read the Bible each day. You will be glad you did.

## What Will You Leave Behind? by David Padfield

During every funeral, I remind the audience that funeral sermons are for the living, not the dead. Words spoken in the hour of death can encourage the living to remain faithful to the Lord. After the first martyr gave his life for the Lord, Luke tells us that "devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him" (Acts 8:2).

Acts 9:36 tells us of Dorcas, a woman "full of good works and charitable deeds." While at Joppa, she grew sick and died. The disciples washed her and placed her in an upper room. When Peter entered the room "all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them" (Acts 9:39). This godly woman was remembered what she left behind. Revelation 14:13 says our works will follow us. When you die, what will you leave behind?

"We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Tim. 6:7). Why do so many people get all wrapped up with "possessions?" Jesus asked, "What is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26).

What would you gain if you had the whole world? Whatever it is, it will not endure after the Judgment is passed (2 Peter 3:10).

What would you give in exchange for your soul? Whatever it may be, this is one transaction you will eternally regret. Judas sold his soul for 30 pieces of silver (Matt. 26:14-16) -- some Christians will sell out for far less. Some will sell their soul for a few more minutes sleep on Sunday morning, or another hour of TV on Sunday night. Gospel preachers have been known to exchange their hope of eternal glory for the praise of men (2 Tim. 4:3).

When you die, all that your spouse will have left of you are memories and pictures. Don't wait till your spouse dies to express your love. Flowers at the graveside might make you feel better, but your spouse could only have enjoyed them in life.

Among the many laws in the Pentateuch, Deuteronomy 24:5 is one of the most quaint. It says, "When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife, whom he has taken." God intended for the home to be pleasant for both parties.

The Psalmist tells us our "children are a heritage from the Lord" (Psa. 127:3). How are you treating your "gift" from God?

You probably purchased life insurance so your spouse can meet the financial needs of your children in the event of your death -- this is to be commended. In 1986 Christa McAuliffe died aboard the space shuttle Challenger. Some of her friends had purchased a \$1 million life insurance policy for her children. But that money could not dry a single tear from her children's eyes.

I am saddened by parents who get all wrapped up in material things so they can give their children "the best of everything." My sons often drag me outside to play baseball (I hate baseball), but, I know they would rather spend 30 minutes with me than have a new bicycle.

What will your friends think when they read your obituary? Will they be surprised to find out you were a Christian? Will the reputation of the Lord's church be harmed? Your death will affect them, for "none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself" (Rom. 14:7).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# GRIEF SEMINAR

### JANUARY 18-19, 2025

GUEST SPEAKER: JEFF JENKINS

#### Saturday, January 18th

2:00 PM - Session 1: "Some Things I Wish Everybody Knew About Grief" - Part 1

3:00 PM - Session 2: "Some Things I Wish Everybody Knew About Grief" - Part 2

#### Sunday, January 19th

10:00 AM - Bible Class: "You Are Not Alone"

10:45 AM - Worship: "A Glimpse into Glory"

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:30 PM - Worship: "God Can & God Will"

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Larry Brewer (Jeff's Father).

*Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.*

**HOME SICK:** Many still sick at home.

**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Doss Brewer, Robin Chapman, Roger McAlister (Brad's Father)

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS: Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Joe Clark

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