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Announcements
Danny Shackelford

Song Leader
Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading
Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer
Rickey Cissom (A.M.)
David Smith (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
J C Newby (A.M.)
Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Tommy Wade

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Brandon Dees

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Ross Shackelford (01/21/26)

OUR RECORD January 11, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 89
Sunday Morning Worship: 108
Sunday Evening Worship: 89
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 75

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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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“OUR FATHERS WORSHIPPED IN THIS MOUNTAIN” Mark Lindley

The title of this article is based upon a statement a Samaritan woman made to Jesus. When Jesus spoke to the woman about her previous “five husbands,” she quickly changed the topic of conversation to the proper place of worship. She said to Jesus: “Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship” (John 4:20).

The mountain, of which this woman spoke, was Mount Gerizim. We are told that a temple had been built on this mountain where the Samaritans worshipped. Their temple was built to rival the Jewish temple which was built on Mount Moriah, a hill of Jerusalem.

The Samaritan woman argued that the “fathers” of the Samaritans worshipped on Mount Gerizim. She also acknowledged that the Jews had long held Jerusalem as the proper place to worship. Thus, there was a disagreement between the Samaritans and the Jews about the proper place to worship.

Though Jesus taught the lady that the time would come when the “place” of worship would be irrelevant (John 4:21), there had been a time when Jerusalem was the place, prescribed by God, where His people were to worship (I Kings 8:29; 11:36; Exodus 20:24). This shows that the “fathers” of the Samaritans had been wrong. God had not commanded His people to worship on Mount Gerizim, but in Jerusalem. Even though the Samaritan fathers may have been sincere, they were sincerely misguided concerning the place where men were to worship God.

The lesson to glean from this is that we should not accept religious beliefs and practices simply because our “fathers” believed or practiced them. Just as the Samaritan fathers had been wrong about the proper place of worship, parents, grandparents and other family members can be wrong about religious beliefs and practices today. The only safe guide in religious matters, is not what the “fathers” have said, but what God “the” Father says in His Word, the Bible. “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).

HOW THE APOSTLES DIED

James Pilgrim

We have only two (2) God-inspired (2 Timothy 3:16, 17) records of how two of the apostles Died. God told us that **Judas Iscariot** hung himself, suicide (Matthew 27:5), and went “to his own place.” (Acts 1:25). “Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed **James the brother of John** with the sword.” (Acts 12:1, 2). This was Herod I. He also planned to kill Peter, but an angel of the Lord led Peter out of the prison to safety, greatly displeasing Herod I. (Acts 12:3-23).

The rest of the apostles, along with numerous members of the church, Christians (Acts 12:1; 11:26), also died a martyr’s death. (Eg. Revelation 2:13; Acts 7:54-8:1). These were among the number whom Jesus (Revelation 1:1) said, “hast not denied my faith.” (Revelation 2:13). What a great and impounding lesson this is for us, especially when one reads of what tradition says they endured. As brother Lindley pointed out Wednesday night, in his excellent teaching on the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32), in his comments on the growth of the church. This growth coupled with what they were willing to endure is an inspiration to us to continue to work whatever the consequences may be. Read on, and grow an even greater faith.

Tradition says the apostle **Peter**, when he was to be crucified in Rome requested that it be upside down, feeling unworthy to die like Jesus. **Andrew**, perhaps for the same reason, asked to be crucified on an **X** cross. **John** is the only one said to have died of old age. However, it is said that he was boiled in oil and escaped. He also felt the loneliness of being banished to Patmos, and was undergoing tribulation. (Revelation 1:9).

One, however, who reads the book, especially chapter 1, sees a man at peace. (Revelation 1:1ff: revealing the words of Jesus Christ; the word blessed; loved us; washed us from our sins in his own blood; made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen; behold, he cometh with clouds; every eye shall see him; and much more in this chapter and in the book.

Philip is said to have been crucified or stoned. Either of which would have caused excruciating pain. It is said that **Thomas** was slain with spears. **Matthew** is said to have been killed with a sword, normally by beheading. **Bartholomew** likely was killed with the most painful death, by flaying (skinned alive), maybe in Persia, India, or the province of Georgia.

James the less is said to have been thrown from a pinnacle (extremely top corner) of the temple, did not die, was beaten, lived, and was finally killed with a club to the head. Tradition says **Simon the Canaanite** was painfully sawn in half, at the same time **Thaddaeus** was killed, and Possibly in the same way in Persia. **Matthias**, who was selected to take the place of Judas Iscariot, is also to have been killed by being stoned or beheaded. Finally, Tradition says Paul was beheaded in Rome at the command of Nero.

These, except for Judas Iscariot, need to be taught with the faithful in Hebrews 11. Think of the faith these men had to preach and teach the word of God. Without their faith the gospel and church would not have been “preached to every creature under heaven.” (Colossians 1:23). We now have that responsibility so that the present and future generations may have and hear it. Prayer: Our Father which is in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Forgive our sins of omission and Commission. Help us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, understanding that evangelism is a part of our Christian life. May we never shirk our labors, but do Thy work, even though martyrdom may be ours to endure. In the name of our blessed Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

What Prayer Does By Edd Sterchi

Prayer amplifies our feelings,
certifies our relationship,
clarifies our desires,
dignifies our Christianity.
Prayer exemplifies our commitment,
fortifies our faith,
identifies our needs,
intensifies our emotions.
Prayer justifies our belief,
magnifies our hopes,
notifies our Father,
nullifies our fears.
Prayer pacifies our worries,
ratifies our conviction,
sanctifies our lives,
satisfies our longings.
Prayer signifies our thanksgiving,
solidifies our duty,
testifies our adoration,
verifies our security.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Winston & Mallory Smith on the arrival of their twin girls born on January 9th.

Nunnally Reid & Nora Ruth

Proud grandparents are Terry & Robin Chapman.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bobby Mays and Kimberly Holmes.

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

❖**HOME SICK:** Janet Rickles, Doss Brewer, Dala Vandygriff, Bobbye Chapman, Dorris Williford, Juan Stroupe

❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Kathy Ratliff (Stroke), Juan Stroupe, Caleb McAlister, Pam Mathis, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖**CANCER:** Dewayne Morgan, Teresa Rhea, Kye Elliott (Sharon Pannel’s Nephew), Rosie Marie Greer (Jane Morrison’s Sister), Belinda Lucy (Jane Morrison’s Niece), Marilyn Harrell, Vince Jordan, Jane Childs, Kelly Foster, Paula Curtis, Maverick Speck (3 yr. old), Cindy Moffitt, Kenny James, Chris Grisham, Benny Wallis, Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton

❖**SHUT-INS:** *Home:* Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

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