

January 25, 2026

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Danny Shackelford

Song Leader
Keith Newby

Scripture Reading
Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer
Randell Koon (A.M.)
Larry Wood (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Gene Yancey (A.M.)
Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Terry Chapman

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Brandon Dees

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brice Lindley (01/28/26)

OUR RECORD

January 18, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 84
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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 BIG QUESTIONS OF LIFE

Mark Lindley

For ages man has pondered the big questions of life. Questions such as, where did I come from? Why am I here? And where am I going? These are the questions some of the greatest minds of the ages have attempted to answer.

I am persuaded that we are as eager today as ever to know the answers to these questions. We want to know the answers that we might live with a sense of purpose and direction, instead of aimlessly wandering through life.

Science has offered theories concerning the origin of man, but the prevailing theory, Darwinian evolution, is not to my mind, believable. No one has ever observed a non-human give birth to a human, nor can an experiment be conducted to prove that our distant cousins were apes. The “missing link” is still missing.

“True” science has made amazing advances in medicine, technology, cosmology, but science cannot tell us the origin of life and man. Of course there are theories, but scientific theories regarding these matters are ever-changing and remain theories.

Even if science could tell us our true origin, it still could not answer the questions of “why” we are here or “where” we are going. For answers to these questions, we must turn to a different source.

For those who believe in the inspiration of the Bible, these questions have been answered. God created man in His own image (Genesis 1:26-27). Our purpose is to bring glory and honor to God by fearing Him and keeping His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). We are all destined for the grave, the resurrection, judgment, and heaven or hell (Hebrews 9:27; Acts 17:30-31; John 5:28-29). Having an understanding of these things radically changes our perspective on life. Instead of being highly-evolved blobs of matter-in-motion, we are created “a little lower than the angels” (Psalm 8:3-5). Rather than dying as a beast of the field and ceasing to exist at death, we can anticipate that when this life is over, we will “fly away” as our spirits return unto to God who created them (Psalm 90:10; Ecclesiastes 12:7). Rather than facing death with fear and dread, Christians can view death as a happy departure to be with the Lord and the saved of all ages (Psalm 23:4; Philippians 1:21-23)!

Thanks be to God for giving us His Word which answers the great questions of life! The real question is this: Will we believe and obey it?

WERE THERE OTHER APOSTLES?

James Pilgrim

Paul and Barnabas were sent out on a mission by the church at Antioch, being so instructed by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 13:1). This first missionary journey is described in Acts 13:1-14:28, with them returning to Antioch. (14:26-28). “And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being cripple from his mother’s womb, who never had walked. The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving him that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.” (Acts 14:8-10). “And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. And they called Barnabas Jupiter; and Paul Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.” (Acts 14:8-12). The priest of Jupiter initiated a worship of Barnabas and Paul, which “when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God....” (Acts 14:14-18).

Notice that Barnabas and Paul were both called “apostles.” Apostles comes from the same Greek word, APOSTOLOS, meaning, “a delegate; spec. an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ [“apostle”] (with miraculous powers):--apostle, messenger, he that is sent.” (Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Page 652).

One of the qualifications of an apostle is having “compained with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.” (Acts 1:21, 22). A second qualification is for praying people to set the names of the qualified before the Lord for Him (Jesus) to choose (Acts 1:23, 24), as He did with the original apostles. (Matthew 4:19, 21). No one may be a self-appointed apostle. Barnabas showed that Paul had a right to be an apostle because he (Paul) “had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him....” (Acts 9:23-31, esp. verse 27). Acts 9:1-18 is another record of Saul (Paul) seeing Jesus, esp. verse 5). Paul was “called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God,....” (1 Corinthians 1:1; Cf. Romans 1:1). Paul affirmed his right to be an apostle, saying, “Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?....” (1 Corinthians 9:2). He was obviously given an exception to the rules, (1) “men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us” (Acts 1:21), and (2) “Beginning from the baptism of John until that same day that he was taken up from us.” (Acts 1:22). Paul was a witness of Jesus’ resurrection, having seen Jesus after His resurrection. (Acts 9:1ff; Acts 22:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 15:4, 7, 8).

Neither Barnabas nor any other were given the credibility Paul received as an apostle. It is true, however that Barnabas and others were messengers. Based upon these facts, it is this writer’s opinion that Barnabas, and others like him, were apostles only in the sense that they were sent out, but were not a part of the twelve. Whether or not there were other apostles, it does not change one’s need to be saved by the grace of God when we do His will. (Ephesians 2:8-10).

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIBLE BOWL

February 25th

Adults vs L2Ls

March 22nd

L2Ls Boys

speeches & song leading

LADIES LUNCH

March 29th

Potluck

L2Ls Girls

speeches & song leading

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Eloise Hurt.

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

❖**HOME SICK:** Myra Palmer, Robin Chapman, Danny Shackelford, Brandon & Morgan Dees, Jimmy & Doris Williford

❖**HOSPITAL:** Nunnally & Nora Smith, Stevie Hatfield

❖**SURGERY:** Bobby Bridges

❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Jerry South, 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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