

January 26, 2025

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Rickey Cissom

Opening Prayer

Randell Koon (A.M.)

Larry Wood (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Gene Yancey (A.M.)

Parker McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Terry Chapman

Count and Usher

Rickey Loveless & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brice Lindley (01/29/25)

OUR RECORD

January 19, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 101

Sunday Morning Worship: 114

Sunday Evening Worship: 94

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 98

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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

THE FIRST VERSE OF THE BIBLE Mark Lindley

Have you ever considered the importance of believing Genesis 1:1? The verse reads, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." If one doesn't believe this verse, there is no basis for believing any other verse of the Bible. If God did not create the heaven and the earth as the first verse of the Bible teaches, then one could have no assurance that the rest of the Bible is true.

Some deny the teaching of Genesis 1:1 and choose to believe that the world came into existence by blind forces of nature; that is, some believe the world happened by chance.

Concerning the origin of the world, there are only two alternatives. Either it was created by God or it merely happened by chance. There is no middle ground.

But which alternative is more reasonable? Is it really possible that the world just happened by chance? Surely, one who examines the evidence and reasons properly would answer, no. If one is going to argue that the world happened by chance, he might as well argue that houses happen by chance. Do houses happen by accident? Consider an argument from Scripture: "For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God" (Hebrews 3:4). Every honest person must admit that houses are built by men. They do not come into existence by random forces of nature. There is intelligence, planning, and design behind the building of a house, and the same is true regarding the universe in which we live. We can know that the universe has a Maker, just as we can know that every house has a builder. Consider the words of Psalm 19:1: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." The sun, moon, and stars and all the complexities of the world compel the honest heart to believe in God.

Who will deny Genesis 1:1? Let the Bible answer: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."

It's Good for You By David A. Sargent

Forgiving others can be good for your health.

This conclusion was reached in a recent study completed by Harvard University. 4,598 subjects from five countries – Colombia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, South Africa, and Ukraine – who said they'd been hurt or offended by another person, were studied by international researchers of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in Boston, Massachusetts. In the study, subjects were asked to work through a "forgiveness workbook" that directed them in ways to forgive their offenders. The results found that those who completed the exercises in the self-directed workbook experienced reduced symptoms of anxiety and depression compared to those who were not given the workbooks. *

Refusing to forgive leads to bitterness and resentment. Holding a grudge has been likened to a person drinking poison expecting the offender to die.

Get rid of bitterness by forgiving others is what the Bible teaches us. "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32 NIV).

Forgiving others is not only good for our health; each of us also desperately needs forgiveness.

Through our sins, we are the offenders of our holy God. Our sins separate us from Him (Isaiah 59:1-2) and put us on the path of destruction (Romans 6:23).

But God loves us so much that He offers forgiveness to us. His offer came at a great price: the death of His Son, Jesus. God gave His Son to die on the cross for our sins so that we can receive His forgiveness and the gift of eternal life. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7 NKJV).

God will forgive and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Those who accept God's offer of forgiveness must be willing to extend forgiveness to others. Jesus said, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15 NKJV).

Some ask, "But how can I forgive my offender? He has hurt me!"

Our ability to forgive begins by realizing how badly each of us needs forgiveness from God. When we realize the immense debt that Jesus paid for our forgiveness, we are able to forgive others.

Accept God's forgiveness on His terms. Then extend forgiveness to others. It's good for your mental and physical health now, and it is necessary to have eternal life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Thanks to all that helped make our **GRIEF SEMINAR** a success. Thanks to everyone who invited and prepared food.
Great job!

RETURNED DISHES

There is a bunch of returned dishes in the kitchen by Teacher's Supply Room. Some have been there a long time. Ladies please pick up.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

HOME SICK: Brad McAlister

HOSPITAL: Joy Simmons (TCH/Rehab)

SURGERY RECOVERY: Rita Rutherford

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.

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

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