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Announcements
Brad McAlister

Song Leader
Keith Newby

Scripture Reading
Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer
Randell Koon (A.M.)
David Smith (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Mason McAlister (A.M.)
Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Jarvene Shackelford

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Brice Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Ross Shackelford (02/18/26)

OUR RECORD February 8, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 97
Sunday Morning Worship: 110
Sunday Evening Worship: 93
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 82

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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

“YOU HAVE YOUR INTERPRETATION, AND I HAVE MINE” Mark Lindley

It is a popular idea that everyone has a right to one's own interpretation of the Bible. When there is a disagreement about some Biblical passage, one might say, “Well, it says one thing to you; it says just the opposite to me, and we are both right.” In other words, “You have your interpretation, and I have mine.”

It is funny that we do not reason that way when it comes to other areas of life. If a highway patrolman is about to issue a ticket for speeding, it will do no good to say, “Well, officer, you should not give me a ticket because you have your interpretation of the speed limit and I have mine.” We all understand that the speed limit is based upon *what the law says*, and it is not subject to different interpretations.

Yet, when it comes to the law of God's Word, there are those who believe that it is subject to various interpretations, all of which are right.

If all interpretations of the Bible are equal, how can we explain the following? Paul wrote to Timothy and instructed him to “charge some that they *teach no other doctrine*” (I Timothy 1:3). There would be no reason for Paul's warning, if one interpretation of the Scriptures is as good as another. In addition, if all interpretations of the Scriptures are equal, why did Peter write that there are some who “wrest” (literally, “pervert”) the Scriptures to their own destruction (II Peter 3:16)? It would be impossible for one to be guilty of “perverting” the Scriptures if one can interpret the Scriptures any way he chooses.

If one man maintains that the earth is flat, while another argues that the earth is round, both men cannot be right. The men do not merely have a difference of opinion or interpretation. The same is true with the Bible. If one man says, “Babies are born in sin,” and another says, “Babies are born sinless,” both men cannot be right. In such cases, merely saying, “Well, you have your interpretation and I have mine,” does not solve the difficulty. When there is such a prominent contradiction between views, someone has to be wrong.

Friend, God has given us a Book that we *can* understand (Ephesians 3:4). Let us never attempt to resolve differences by simply saying, “Well, we all have our interpretation.” Rather, let us examine passages and try to understand the meaning God intended. Also, as we understand God's Word, if we see that a view we hold is not true to the Bible, let us have the humility of heart to change our beliefs so that they are aligned with God's Word.

VIEWS OF THE ELDERS AND PREACHER
James Pilgrim

This writer preached and labored with churches for over fifty (50) years, beginning at Tiplersville, Mississippi. He retired from located full-time preaching, but thanks to God, to the goodness of the elders of the Chapman Church, the preacher, and the members, he has been blessed to continue to work for the Lord in various ways, including writing, visiting, speaking at a number of churches (Romans 16:16), and more. Approaching the time when he will “soon be cut off, and...fly away (Psalm 90:10; Hebrews 9:27), he hopes to continue awhile to be able to motivate good brethren to faithfully serve the Lord.

First, “Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation,” manner of life. (Hebrews 13:7). “Obey them...and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls,....” (Verse 17). “Elders...Feed the flock of God...taking the oversight...not be constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being Lord’s over God’s heritage, but ensamples to the flock.” (1 Peter 5:1-3). We need to follow them as they lead and direct us “in paths of righteousness.” (Psalm 23:3; 5:8). One like Diotrefes must not be an elder. (3 John 9-11). Most elderships feed the church via the preacher. Elders and Preachers feed the Chapman flock.

Second, we should be so grateful for those who “preach the word” at the invitation of our elders. We should be thankful for men who are willing to use so much time to study the word of truth, rightly dividing it (2 Timothy 2:15), and preaching the good tidings (Isaiah 61:1), the gospel (Romans 1:16), that God bids. (Jonah 3:1, 2).

Jesus told His apostles (Matthew 10:1, 2), “What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.” (Matthew 10:27). In the great commission, Jesus told them, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19). Paul told Timothy, his “own son in the faith” (1 Timothy 1:1, 2), “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands” (1 Timothy 1:6), “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” (2 Timothy 4:2). This was to be done even if people did not live or teach the truth. (Verses 3, 4; 1 Timothy 1:10). The gospel, the good news, does not change (Galatians 1:6-9). People are to change. That is what repentance is all about. (Acts 2:38; 3:19).

Brother Lindley preaches the word of God. (Mark 16:15, 16). We should be happy to hear all of his sermons and Bible class lessons. We ought to rejoice when he tells us what God wants us to do, whether it is to love as we ought (1 Corinthians 13:4-8), think as God commands (Philippians 4:8), be filled with the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25), or whatever God says, realizing that living the Christian life is necessary to receiving salvation. (Ephesians 2:8-10).

We ought to also be happy when he preaches the word of God about things we must not do, such as, the works of the flesh, realizing that doing such things will keep us from hearing Jesus say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” (Matthew 25:21-46). Never be unhappy when Mark warns against sinful things, such as Galatians 5:19-21; 1 John 2:15-17; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Romans 1:18-32; Revelation 21:8, or others.

Prayer: Thank you, good Lord, for our elders and their families, and for those who served before. Thank you for our faithful preacher, and his family. Thank you for our deacons and their families. Thank you also for each member. Help us to love thee supremely. In Jesus name. Amen. Memorize John 14:15; 15:14.

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 Imogene Harding and Edward Franklin.

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

- ❖ **SICK AT HOME:** Debbie Chapman
- ❖ **HOSPITAL:** Nunnally Smith, George Doss
- ❖ **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Marsha Criswell, Bobby Bridges
- ❖ **EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Jerry South, Kathy Ratliff (Stroke), Juan Stroupe, Caleb McAlister, 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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