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Announcements
Brad McAlister

Song Leader
Chris Moore

Scripture Reading
Brandon Dees

Opening Prayer
Terry Chapman (A.M.)
Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Mickey Chandler (A.M.)
Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Tim McMillin

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Brice Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (02/25/26)

OUR RECORD February 15, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 93
Sunday Morning Worship: 106
Sunday Evening Worship: 81
Wednesday Night 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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SOME BASIC FACTS ABOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH Mark Lindley

The term “church” is a term that has many different meanings today. Some may use the word “church” to refer to a building. For example, “I’ll meet you at the church,” which means I will meet you at the church “building.” Another may use the term to refer to a specific denomination. A person might say, “In my church, we believe in having women preachers.” The word church, in this sense, would obviously refer to one of the denominations which have women preachers (cf. I Timothy 2:8-13).

It would be helpful for all of us to go to the Bible and consider how the word church is used in the Scriptures.

1. Church refers to the universal body of believers who have obeyed the Gospel: “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). Jesus was not referring to brick, mortar, or wood. Rather, He was referring to the universal body of believers. Paul used “church” in this same sense when he penned: “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” (Ephesians 5:25). Christ loved the universal church, all believers everywhere.

2. Church refers to local congregations: “Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied” (Acts 9:31). Notice that the “churches” had rest. The reason was that Saul of Tarsus was no longer persecuting those congregations. The term “churches” here refers to the different congregations of the Lord’s one universal church. Paul also used the term in this way: “Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, Unto the church of God which is at Corinth (I Corinthians 1:1-2). Notice that the “church” to which Paul referred was the local congregation of believers which met in the city of Corinth.

However, the term church, in the Bible, never refers to a Protestant denomination. Look at pages in newspapers where the names of churches are listed. See if you can find in your Bible the list of denominational church names that you see in the newspaper. You will not find them.

The reason denominations are not mentioned in the Bible is that protestant denominations were started by men long after Jesus built His church in the first century (see Acts 2:1-47). Any church which started after Acts chapter 2 is too late to be the church of Christ. “Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16). The Lord loves you and so do we!

YE OBSERVE DAYS

James Pilgrim

“Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)...unto the churches of Galatia:” (Galatians 1:1, 2), wrote, “Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.” (Verse 10). He also said “I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.” (Verse 11). The New Testament from 26 Translations, page 854, quotes from The Twentieth Century New Testament, “You make me fear that the labour which I have spent on you may have been wasted.” Many today also observe days, months, times, and years, some of which one can find authority (scriptures) telling us to do so. Take a look at some of these, asking where the scriptures tell us to do so.

Many meet “upon the first day of the week” to “worship God.” John 4:23, 24 tell us “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” We are told that some one million five hundred thousand may have assembled on Pentecost, the first day of the week (Leviticus 23:15, 16; Acts 2:1), to worship God, the day the church (kingdom) Jesus promised to build (Matthew 16:13-19; Mark 9:1) began. (Acts 2, especially verses 41, 47). From that day forward the church, the Kingdom, was spoken of as existent. (Acts 2:47; Colossians 1:13). One cannot be “added to” or “translated...into” something which does not exist. “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him...unto his servant John...to the seven churches which are in Asia...” (Revelation 1:1-4), was “in the Spirit on the Lord’s day...” (Verse 10). John, though exiled, was faithfully doing what God upon the first day of the week called upon all saved by the blood of Jesus to do.

The Lord’s Supper was instituted to be observed in the kingdom (Matthew 26:26-30), which was done upon the first day of the week in Jerusalem (Acts 2:1, 42; Leviticus 23:15, 16), and at Troas. (Acts 20:6, 7). We, therefore, have authority to partake of the Lord’s supper weekly.

Concerning the collection of the saints, Paul (1 Corinthians 1:1), gave the churches of God at Corinth (Verse 2) the same order he had given the churches of Galatia (1 Corinthians 16:1), “Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” (Verse 2). Thus, authority to meet and give upon the first day of the week. There is no authority for bakes, rummage sales, etc.!!

Some affirm that one should worship on the 7th day of the week. However, the Old Testament has been abolished (2 Corinthians 3, especially, verse 13). One today is not under the Old Testament laws. (Colossians 2:14-16). All today are under the New Testament, and will be judged thereby. (Hebrews 8:6-13). Where is the authority to worship on the Sabbath? Also, Jesus was born and raised from the dead, but where did God speak of a day or date to worship His birth? Resurrection? Yet, some celebrate days, dates, times, and years, as did they.

Jesus was raised from the dead and declared to be the Son of God “upon the first day of the week.”(Mark 16:2; Romans 1:4). The church began on Pentecost, “the first day of the week.”

All are told to do certain things, and on which days. Leave it there, and you will follow a way that is right and cannot be wrong. You will make it as sure as you can.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIBLE BOWL
Wednesday, March 4th
Adults vs L2Ls

GOSPEL MEETING

March 22nd – 25th

Speaker: Eddie Gilpin

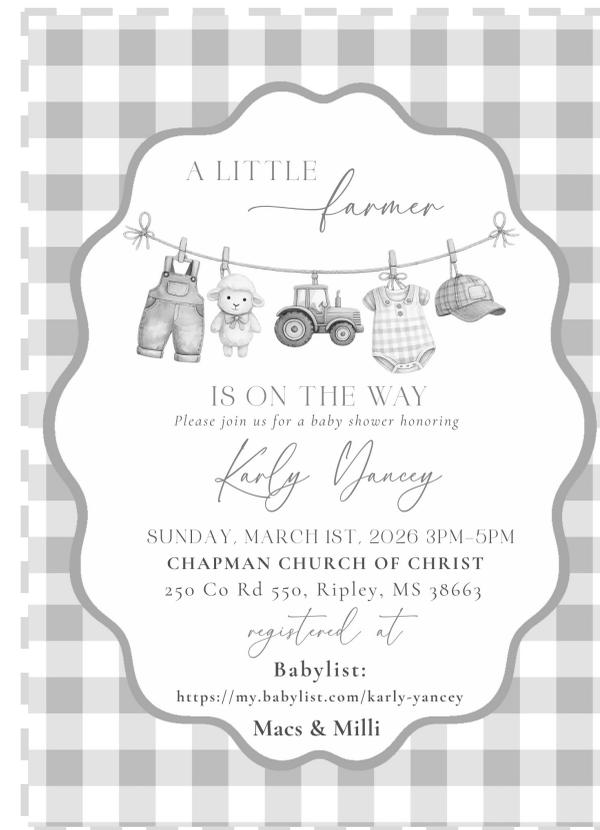
10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship

Fellowship Meal To Follow

1:30 p.m. Sunday Evening

7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday Evening



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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Brother Jimmy Vandygriff.

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

❖ **HOSPITAL:** Nunnally Smith

❖ **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Marsha Criswell- send her a card: Union Health Care Center, 111 Bratton Road, New Albany, MS 38652

❖ **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 Pannell’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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