

February 23, 2025

Announcements

Brad McAlister

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer

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

Closing Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)
Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tim McMillin

Count and Usher

Rickey Cissom & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (02/26/25)

OUR RECORD

February 16, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 85
Sunday Morning Worship: 95
Sunday Evening Worship: 77
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 79

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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

IT SAYS "THEM" NOT "HIM"

Mark Lindley

Nothing is taught more plainly in Scripture than that Jesus is the Head of His church (Colossians 1:18). Jesus is the Universal Ruler and Supreme Master of all who compose the body of Christ, the church.

But, by God's design, mature men are to oversee the work of *local* congregations. The Bible says, "Obey **them** that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you" (Hebrews 13:17).

Who are those who "rule" and "watch"? Someone may answer, "The pastor, of course." But notice carefully the wording of this verse. It says to obey "them," not "him." No, this verse does not refer to "the pastor."

God's Word teaches that qualified men (not just one man) are to "oversee" the work of local churches (I Timothy 3:1-7; Acts 20:28). They are to "feed the flock" (I Peter 5:1-2). These men are called "elders" (Acts 14:23; 20:17). In Scripture, elders are identified as "pastors" (Ephesians 4:11). Though "pastors" are mentioned, "the pastor" is never mentioned in the Bible.

Reading these passages and others, one might begin to wonder where it is taught in the Bible that one man—"a pastor"—is to rule a congregation. The truth is such cannot be found in the pages of God's Word. The pastor system is totally foreign to the teaching of the Bible.

In Philippians 1:1 it is written: "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons." Observe from this verse that in the Philippian church there were "bishops." The term *bishops* is another word for elders (compare Titus 1:5 with Titus 1:7). Any church today, therefore, that desires to be like the New Testament church should, when men are qualified, appoint elders to oversee the work of that congregation. Also, since the pastor system is not biblical, it should be abandoned.

Sundays @ 10 AM • 10:45 AM • 2 PM

Wednesdays @ 7 PM

HE MIGHTILY CONVINCED THE JEWS

James Pilgrim

“A certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the Spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.” (Acts 18:24-26). We learn much from these verses, and the next two.

First, he was a Jew. Second, he was a man. Third, he was a native of Alexandria. Fourth, he was eloquent (Greek, “LOGIOS, fluent, i.e. an orator”, Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Page 303), and mighty (Greek, “DUNATOS, powerful or capable,” also translated, “power, strong.” Strong’s, Page 681) in the scriptures. He had been instructed (Greek, “KATECHEO, to sound down into the ears...to indoctrinate...to apprise of,” also translated, “inform, instruct, teach.” Strong’s, Page 517). Cf. Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 8:30-39. Apollos had been converted and was now on fire for this new way, as is evident by his being fervent (Greek, “ZEO, to be hot (boil, of liquids; or glow, of solids), i.e. (fig.) be fervent Earnest):” (Strong’s, Page 345). Romans 12:11. He spake and taught diligently (Greek, “AKRIBOO “exactly”, also translated, “circumspectly. diligently, perfect(ly), Strong’s, Page 266) the things of the Lord. **HOWEVER,** Apollos’ knowledge was **IMPERFECT.** He knew only the baptism of John. He like the twelve (12) men of Acts 19:1-7, had to be taught “the way of God more perfectly.” (Greek, “AKRIBESTERON, more exactly”, Strong’s, Page 784). (Acts 18:26).

Brethren who are wrong need to be corrected in love. (Ephesians 4:12-16). The repentant are to be encouraged and recommended. (Acts 18:27, 28). Brethren who refuse to repent should be marked or noted. (Romans 16:17). Note carefully the language in Romans 16, how some are to be saluted as opposed to others who are to be marked.

We learn much from this story about Apollos. He was on fire for the Lord in keeping with

Romans 12:11. Each of us ought to imitate Apollos, as Paul said, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11:1). We also need to remember to study so that we will teach and obey the truth. Apollos, as talented as he was, missed the truth about baptism. (Acts 18:24-28). Apollos received the loving corrective instruction given to him by Aquila and Priscilla. (Acts 18:26-28). Apollos was not offended. He continued his fervent, mighty knowledgeable sermons on “the way of God” (Acts 18:26), with exactness, helping them in Achaia who had believed through grace (Acts 18:27), and “mightily convinced the Jews and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.” (Acts 18:28). We need to teach others, convincing them. We need to do so with the scriptures. We also need to help people to become believers in Jesus the Christ.

Beloved, labor to bring the lost to Jesus. Invite the lost to our worship services. Look for them, and make them feel at home. Get the lost to enroll in a home Bible study. Praise them when they do, and offer any assistance needed, yours or one of us. Seek to get the lost to enroll in a home Bible study. Also, praise them for so doing, and offer to help where and when needed, yours or one of us.

Last, and very important! 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 5:11-14.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN’S BREAKFAST
Saturday, February 22nd - 8 AM
Fellowship Hall

LADIES BIBLE CLASS
Monday, March 3rd - 6:30 PM
At South Main Events
102 South Main Street, Ripley
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March 23rd-26th
Speaker: BJ Clarke

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

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