

March 15, 2026

Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Tim McMillin

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)

John Hooper (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Brock Lindley (A.M.)

Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Jarvene Shackelford

Count and Usher

Michiel Criswell & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Tripp Yancey (03/18/26)

OUR RECORD

March 8, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 65

Sunday Morning Worship: 89

Sunday Evening Worship: 54

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

THE SILENCE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Mark Lindley

Much of the religious division of our day is not due to what the Bible says, but to what the Bible does *not* say. All who respect the teaching of the New Testament would agree that we should do what the Scriptures teach. But whether we should refrain from doing what the Scriptures do *not* teach is a point of controversy. Some say that if a religious practice is not condemned in the Scriptures, then we can engage in that practice with God's approval. According to this belief, Biblical silence gives us permission to do that which is not explicitly forbidden. That is, if God does not say "Thou shalt not . . .," then we can do it.

Nevertheless, the Scriptures indicate otherwise: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:17). Observe from this verse, that we are to "do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." To do something "in the name of Jesus" means to do it because Jesus has authorized it. In other words, we are to do only those things that Christ has authorized by His Word.

Further, we are warned about adding to or taking away from God's Word: "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you" (Deuteronomy 4:2; compare Revelation 22:18-19). According to the Bible, then, we are to do only what Christ has authorized, and we are to do those things without adding to or taking away from the Word.

This is a common sense principle. If a father asks his son to bring a hammer, does the father have to mention all the tools not to bring? Of course not. Does a recipe for chocolate cake have to list all the ingredients to use *and* all the ones not to use? Do you tell the pharmacist all the medicines you need *and* all the medicines you do not need? No. We understand that in these scenarios, we say what we mean and that is sufficient.

The same is true with regard to the Bible. When God says to do a thing, He does not have to say all the things He does not want us to do. It is our responsibility to read God's Word, to do what it says, and to do what it says without addition or subtraction.

SAVED OR DESTROYED?

James Pilgrim

“There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and destroy;...” (James 4:12). The same lawgiver who “became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him” (Hebrews 5:8, 9), will “destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:28) those who are “unprofitable” servants. (Matthew 25:30, 41-46).

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9). He saves us by His love (John 3:16), mercy (Romans 11:30-32), grace (Ephesians 2:8-10), blood (Colossians 1:14), and such like. This was done by sending Jesus (1 Timothy 3:16; Titus 2:11, 12), to die, redeeming (to buy back) shedding His blood for the remission (forgiveness) of our sins. (Ephesians 1:7). The shedding of the blood of the Christ, the anointed, the Messiah, also purchased the church. (Acts 20:28). The teaching of some that the church is not important is not only wrong, but is also so strange and foreign to God’s word. How could anything for which such a great and sacrificial price was paid be unnecessary??? The Lord showed the importance He placed upon it, adding the saved to it daily. (Acts 2:41, 47). Without your thinking being influenced, read the following scriptures, to see how God saves: Acts 2:14; Romans 10:17; John 6:29; James 2:24; Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 3:19; Matthew 10:32, 33; Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:20, 21. You have just read what God said, that is, hearken or hear the word of God to develop faith, leading you to repent of all sins, confessing your belief in God, the Father, and Son, and being baptized to be saved.

One must then remain faithful to the end. (Mark 13:13; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10). “God is love.” (1 John 4:8, 19). John, quoted Jesus, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” (John 14:15; Cf. 15:14). John, inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21), also said, “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.” (1 John 5:3). “Grievous, BARUS,...weighty...burdensome, grave: grievous, heavy, weightier.” (Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Page 423). Obey God “now.” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Many people like to preach and/or hear of the God of love. However, many also choose to preach and/or teach of God’s love, never, or rarely thinking about the god who not only saves, but will pour out His wrath on the sinful. God said to “seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.” (Revelation 16:1ff).

God will not save everyone. The sermon on the mount, preached by Jesus, shows this in more than one place. (Matthew 5-7). Jesus came as the “saviour” (Luke 2:11), “to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10). However, “He came unto his own, and his own received him not.” (John 1:11; Luke 19:14). Universalism (the idea that God will save everyone), therefore, is blatantly wrong. Also, the religious world which believes all religious people will be saved is wrong. Jesus said some will come to the judgment thinking that they are saved, but will be told that He, Jesus, never knew (recognized) them. (Matthew 7:21-23). Just before His cruel death on the cross, Jesus called the scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, and told why they were. In chapter 24, Jesus speaks of the destruction of the temple (Verses 1-34), then of the end of time (Verse 35-25:46). In Matthew 25:41, Jesus told some, “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.” Read 2 Corinthians 5:11. Whom am I persuading?

Matthew 25:46 concludes, showing that one lawgiver saving and destroying. Make sure you are one of those He saves.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

March 22nd – 25th

Speaker: Eddy Gilpin, Pulaski, VA

10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship

Fellowship Meal To Follow

***Egg Hunt After Meal ***

1:30 p.m. Sunday Evening

7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday Evening

**Evening Meals for Monday – Wednesday
at 6:00 p.m.**

Sign Up Sheet in foyer

START INVITING – Flyers in foyer

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

❖ **SICK SUNDAY:** Rickey Loveless, Bryana Hobson & family

❖ **SURGERY:** Danny Shackelford

❖ **REHAB:** 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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