

March 16, 2025

Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Tim McMillin

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)

John Hopper (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Brad McAlister (A.M.)

Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade

Count and Usher

Michiel Criswell & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Tripp Yancey (03/19/25)

OUR RECORD

March 9, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 80

Sunday Morning Worship: 101

Sunday Evening Worship: 77

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 88

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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

EVIL COMPANIONS

Mark Lindley

The Apostle Paul's words are as true today as ever: "Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals" (I Corinthians 15:33, ASV). There is no doubt about it: our close companions exert a strong influence on us. If we choose corrupt companions, we will likely become like them. Paul issues this warning: "be not deceived." If we think we are strong enough to have evil companions without being influenced, we are only deceiving ourselves. The following illustration shows how others can change us.

A man had a fine canary whose song was unusually beautiful. During the summer, it seemed a shame to keep the bird inside the house all the time. So the owner placed the cage in a nearby tree for the bird to enjoy the sunshine and the fresh air.

Many sparrows frequented the tree and were attracted to the cage. At first the canary was frightened, but soon enjoyed his companions. But gradually and almost imperceptibly he lost the sweetness of his song. By the end of the summer his "singing" was little more than the twitter of the sparrows. Spending his summer in the wrong environment caused the canary to lose his finest song.

If your close companions drink beer, abuse drugs, tell filthy jokes, use profanity, gamble, commit fornication or lie, you will likely "lose your song." Don't make the mistake that many others have made. No matter how strong you may be, you can be influenced by your peers. Take to heart the following advice: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us ... Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path" (Proverbs 1:10-15). Choose your companions carefully!

Who are *your* close companions?

JESUS IS THE ANSWER TO WORLD PEACE

James Pilgrim

Leaders of nations have met, and continue to do so, trying to find solutions to the problems existent between nations. They realize that we could be on the verge of a world war (Number 3), which could be catastrophic. Leaders have sought solutions for decades. They continue to come up empty. There is a simple solution. Follow the teachings of the Christ, who is “The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6). His word, “the gospel of peace” (Romans 10:15), brings peace when followed. Otherwise, there is division. (John 7:40-44; 9:13-41; chapter 10, especially, verse 19).

Let us see the path to world peace. First, read and study (2 Timothy 2:15) last week’s lesson on love. Second, will those who follow the teachings of the New Testament, “without dissimulation,” that is, without hypocrisy, sincerely; “Abhor that which is evil,” detest evil; “cleave to that which is good,” to glue or stick to; “Be kindly affectioned to one another with brotherly love,” “in honour preferring one another,” valuable, esteem; “Distributing to the necessity of the saints; given to hospitality,” helping in need; “Bless them which persecute you,” speak well of, thank or invoke a benediction on; “Recompense to no man evil for evil;” “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”; “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather, give place unto wrath...Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”

“Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.” “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:9-21). Perhaps leaders should follow these things, and should teach their citizens to do the same. If every one followed the teachings of Jesus, all wars would cease. However, as long as people reject the teachings of Jesus, there will be divisions and fightings.

Third, the sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7) would curtail the “wars and rumors of war” frequently heard, years ago and even now.

Fourth, from whence does God say wars come? Answer, “of your lusts that war in your members.” (James 4:1-3). Study the wars that have taken place. Are they not because some leader(s) desired to have more territory, minerals of another country, power, and such like. The rejection of Jesus and His teachings has not only meant death in an eternal lake of fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Revelation 21:8), but also much physical pain, death and many heartaches in the present day.

Fifth, “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” (Ephesians 6:12). Our war is with the devil and his angels.

Solving the world’s problems is so simple. The writer can see that, and he has had just an average IQ. Why can’t leaders of countries get it? Surely they have an IQ equally as high.

Sundays @ 10 AM • 10:45 AM • 2 PM

Wednesdays @ 7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

March 23rd-26th

Speaker: BJ Clarke

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

FIFTH SUNDAY

March 30, 2025

NO MEAL

Evening Service 2 PM – Young Men

CHAPMAN YOUTH

March 30, 2025

After Evening Service

At Joanie Kate’s House

401 CR 604

Bring a kite!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Baby Brunch

HONORING ANNIE’S MOM,

KATHERINE FARESE LINDLEY

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

10:30AM – 12:30 PM

102 SOUTH MAIN STREET, RIPLEY, MS

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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: Sammie Pilgrim, Debbie Chapman

HOSPITAL: Bobbye Nunnally (TCH), Wilma Wood (TCH), Joy Simmons (TCH), Juan Stroupe (Tupelo), Juanita Micheal (TCH)

UPCOMING SURGERY: Jimmy Williford

SURGERY RECOVERY: Dawn Jackson

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Caleb McAlister, Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: 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, Austin Wentz.

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