

March 29, 2026

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Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader
Larry Wood

Scripture Reading
Rickey Cissom

Opening Prayer
Tommy Wade (A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Bryan Davis (A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Rickey Loveless

Count and Usher
Michiel Criswell & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brice Lindley (04/01/26)

OUR RECORD
March 22, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 110
Sunday Morning Worship: 131
Sunday Evening Worship: 103
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 83

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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

“THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN TO ME”
Mark Lindley

I suppose I was a bit gullible in thinking it would never happen to me. I had heard of fishermen falling out of boats and had witnessed it, but I never thought it would happen to me. Why? Well, it would never happen to me because I was always “careful” when fishing from a boat, and “paid attention” to what I was doing.

Ten years ago, Brock, and I were fishing on beautiful Pickwick Lake. We had not been fishing very long when I noticed that the back of our boat was about to make contact with a green, lake buoy (there are many of these in the lake). I leaned over the edge of the boat to push against the buoy so that the boat would not bump against it.

I suppose I leaned over too much, lost my balance, and, you guessed it—down into the frigid water I went! I went all the way under the water, and then popped back up like a cork. It must have been a sight for my son to see. The cold water nearly took my breath away, but between gasps for air I managed to tell him to “pull me out.” He grabbed my arms and snatched me from the water, quickly pulling me over the side of the boat. No harm was done. I just had to wear wet clothes the rest of the afternoon.

I told this story to make a point: we never know what a day will bring! “Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth” (Proverbs 27:1). James wrote, “Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that” (James 4:13-15).

It is for this reason that we should always be ready for death; ready to meet God; ready for judgment. It seems that everyone “plans” to make their lives right with God “someday.” Many have plans to “get started back to church” sometime. Many have plans to give up a sinful way of life. Many intend to give up drinking and adultery. Many have plans to obey the Gospel and to get involved in the work of the church. But planning it is not the same as doing it.

Notice this warning from Scripture: “To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts” (Hebrews 3:7-8). The only day we have is today, and “today is the day of salvation” (II Corinthians 6:2). Don’t put off making your life right with God.

For 47 years, I never fell out of a fishing boat. Things that we never dream will happen often do. Be ready!

FALSE THINGS

James Pilgrim

One cannot believe everything one hears. The writer's paternal grandparent used to say, "Don't believe anything you hear, and only half of what you see." That may be taking, "Take heed what you hear" (Mark 4:24), further than we ought. Jesus told His apostles, "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). The apostles did that on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-40, esp. verses 4, 6, 7, 11), in the temple (Acts 3:12-4:4), before rulers, elders, scribes, Annas the high priest, John, Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest (Acts 4:5-12), and others. (Acts 4 thru Acts 28). Romans thru Revelation should be added to this list. Every Christian ought to be doing the same. (2 Timothy 2:24; Hebrews 5:11-14).

ALERT!!! There are some of whom we need to be careful. In the Old Testament (2 Corinthians 3:14), God warns against wicked and unrighteous witnesses who raise false reports. (Exodus 23:1). God also speaks of FALSE ways. (Psalm 119:104, 128). There are false tongues. (Psalm 120:3). One may need to be careful of false lips. (Proverbs 17:4). There are even false gifts. (Proverbs 25:14). Jeremiah 14:14 warns against false visions. Jeremiah also cautioned Israel against false dreams. (Jeremiah 23:32). Jeremiah also speaks of false burdens and causes of banishment. (Lamentations 2:14). Amos 8: 5 warns one of false balances, which means some used balances falsely or improperly. Zechariah 8:17 speaks of false oaths. Of these and more be careful! Cf. Romans 15:4, "Things...written aforetime were written for our learning...."

The New Testament (Hebrews 9:15, 16, 17, 18, 20), warns one of false prophets (Matthew 7:15; 24:11), false witnesses (Matthew 15:19; 26:59, 60; Cf. also Proverbs 6:19), false blasphemies (Matthew 15:19), false Christ's (Matthew 15:24), false apostles (2 Corinthians 11: 13), false brethren (Galatians 2:4), false accusers (2 Timothy 3:3; 1 Peter 3:16), false teachers (2 Peter 2:1), and more. Be careful of these!!!

The forgoing is disturbing, yet helpful in that it makes us aware of the things against which we wrestle. Paul, inspired of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Timothy 3:16, 16) wrote, "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). It is going to take everything we may have to defeat the enemy before us. Paul wrote, "my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (Ephesians 6:11, 13). "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the reparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." (Ephesians 6:14-18). It will take all of this to win this spiritual battle against these false things, and so much more, but ONE CAN WIN! (Ephesians 6:10, 11). WRESTLE! FIGHT!ENDURE! (1 Corinthians 9:25-27; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Mark 13:13).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Booneville Church of Christ

Ladies' Day

Run to the Great I AM

Featuring Debbie Dupuy

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9:00am-12:30pm

Doors will open at 8:30 and breakfast foods will be available. We will serve brunch during break in place of lunch.

FIFTH SUNDAY

March 29TH

LADIES POTLUCK LUNCH

Girls L2Ls – Song Leading, Speech & Scripture Reading

Evening Service 2:00 PM

Young Men Service &

Boys L2Ls – Song Leading, Speech & Scripture Reading

Mantachie Church of Christ

GOSPEL MEETING

March 29 – April 1

Speaker: Barry Kennedy

Middleton Church of Christ

LADIES DAY

April 11 at 9 AM

Speaker: Erin Jones

Oak Ridge Church of Christ

GOSPEL MEETING

April 12-15, 2026

Speaker: Adam Miller

Ripley Church of Christ

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, April 18, 2026

10 AM – 1 PM

Flyers for above events are on table by Teachers Supply Room.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

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

❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Juan Stroupe, Kathy Ratliff (Stroke), Jerry South, Caleb McAlister, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖**CANCER:** George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), 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,, 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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