

April 5, 2026

Announcements
Randell Koon

Song Leader
Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading
Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer
Bobby Bridges (A.M.)
Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Andy Reese (A.M.)
Tripp Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Bryan Davis

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Tavin Fitzgerald

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (04/08/26)

OUR RECORD March 29, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 78
Sunday Morning Worship: 102
Sunday Evening Worship: 83
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 97

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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

SPRING REMINDS US Mark Lindley

I am confident that spring is a favorite time of year for many of us. People just seem to be happier in spring. A bright sun, warmer temperatures, the twitter of the birds, and multicolored flowers all add to the cheerfulness of spring. How blessed we are to have the privilege of enjoying God's creation this time of year! Over the next several weeks, as the change of seasons continues to unfold around us, it would be beneficial for us to reflect on some ideas which spring presents to us. Consider the following:

Spring reminds us that God is faithful to His promises. God has promised that as long as the earth remains, "...seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22).

The change of seasons reveals that God is still in control of this universe, and that He will keep every promise He has made (cf. II Peter 1:4).

Spring reminds us that bright, happy days follow periods of gloom. Having endured a major ice storm, gray skies have turned to a deep blue, and plants which had been dormant have sprung to life again. Even so, in our lives there will be times of trial, heartache, and despair, times when we are deep in the valley. However, God knows the way out of dark valleys, and as we follow His will He will lead us up to the mountain peak of joy and peace. Just as winter gives way to spring, our darkest night can be turned to day with the Lord's help. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

Spring reminds us of the brevity of life. As buds unfold into radiant blooms of spring, we need to take the time to enjoy such beauty because it will soon be gone. Today's bloom will soon fade and wither away. Even so, our lives upon earth are frail and brief. Peter compared the short life of a flower to our lives: "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away" (I Peter 1:24). Since we are here on earth for only a brief time, we would do well to make the most of each moment. We should not allow ourselves to become so busy and stressed that we have no time for the simple joys of life. Hug your spouse; take your children fishing or to the ballgame; go for a walk and observe the beauty around you; visit someone who is elderly or sick and offer a word of encouragement. In other words, enjoy and use wisely this brief span of time which God has given us. Have a great spring!

TRUE WORSHIPPER

James Pilgrim

Jesus asked a woman of Samaria for a drink of water. (John 4:5-7). She, knowing that Jesus was a Jew, and knowing that “the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans”, was puzzled. (John 4:9). So, she asked Jesus why He would ask this of her. (Verse 9). This brought on a discussion of drinking water that would have to be quenched again and again, versus the water Jesus could give, which would result in one who would “never thirst; but...be in him a well of water springing up into eternal life.” (Verse 14). After a discussion on the woman’s marital state (Verses 16-19), the discussion turns back to worship. Jesus told the Samaritan woman, “But the hour cometh, and now is, when true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.” (John 4:23, 24). Question: Am I a true worshipper?

When I **SING**, am I only seeking to sing the notes correctly, or do I “sing with the spirit, and...understanding”, knowing what I sing? (1 Corinthians 14:12). Am I “in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing, and making melody in your heart to the Lord”? (Ephesians 5:19). Do I add to God’s word? For example, do I use mechanical instruments of music?

When the **WORD IS PREACHED** (2 Timothy 4:2; Acts 2:42, “the apostles doctrine”), is my mind centered on his teaching, or on some secular event, past or present? For example, am I on Facebook, or do have my Bible open, following his sermon? Am I talking, passing notes, playing with children, etc., or am I listening to and building myself up in God’s word?

When the **COLLECTION** is taken (Acts 2:42, “fellowship”; 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2), do give cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7), purposing in my heart to give according to my prosperity. (1 Corinthians 16:1, 2). Or, like Ananias and Sapphira, do I lie about what I give? Do I give sparingly, grudgingly, or of necessity? (2 Corinthians 9:6, 7).

The disciples, Christians (Acts 11:26) who made up the church of the first century came together (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), “upon the first day of the week...to break bread,....” (Acts 20:7). The first day of the week comes once weekly, or every week. They were to observe the **LORD’S SUPPER** “in remembrance of me”, remembering His sacrificial death and second coming. (1 Corinthians 11:24-26, 29). Each Christians should also “examine himself.” (Verse 28). Observing the Lord’s Supper incorrectly robs one of praise (Verse 17), and causes one to be spiritually weak, sick, and asleep. (1 Corinthians 11:30; 1 Corinthians 15:51, Same Greek word).

Jesus said, “Men ought always to pray, and not to faint;...” (Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18). In church services, there is the blessing of **PRAYER**. We have the opportunity of praying for those whose relatives or friends have died, are sick, or in need of our prayers in other ways. We have the opportunity of praying for world leaders, the lost, and more. (1 Timothy 2:1-4). It is a good time to pray for missionaries. (Acts 20:36-38). It is a great time to pray for those who are in positions of leadership, such as the elders, the preacher, the deacons, our Bible class teachers, and also all members. **AND SO MUCH MORE!!!**

Prayer: Lord, help me to be a true worshipper, disciplined, honoring Thee properly.

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

Psalm 31:2

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING BRING

April 12, 2026

10 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship
12 Noon Fellowship Meal
1:30 PM Evening Service

SENIOR DAY

May 17, 2026

After Evening Service - Fellowship Hall
Congratulations to our 2026 graduating
high school seniors:

Ella Reese Shackelford

Barry Eugene Yancy III

*Please make plans to join us in
wishing them well in her future
endeavors.*

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.*

❖ **EXPECTING MOTHER:** Karly Yancey

❖ **SURGERY RECOVERY:** King McCarver

❖ **REHAB:** Marsha Criswell- send her a card:
Union Health Care Center, 111 Bratton Road,
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❖ **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)

❖ **SHUT-INS: Home:** Janie Chapman, Juanita
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