

April 6, 2025

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading

Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer

Bobby Bridges (A.M.)

Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Bo Chapman (A.M.)

Mickey Chandler (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Keith Newby

Count and Usher

Brice Lindley & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Tripp Yancey (04/09/25)

OUR RECORD

March 30, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 81

Sunday Morning Worship: 105

Sunday Evening Worship: 72

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 94

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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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“TOO BUSY”

Mark Lindley

To be busy means to be “engaged in activity” or “full of action.” The opposite of being busy is being idle. The Scriptures condemn idleness: “Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger” (Proverbs 19:15). In one of Jesus’ parables the question is raised, “Why stand ye here all the day idle?” (Matthew 20:6). It is good, therefore, to be busy.

However, it is possible to be so busy that one has no time for God. When encouraged to read the Bible daily, visit the sick, faithfully attend worship services, or to be active in the work of the church, we sometimes will respond: “I would like to, but I can’t. I’m just too busy.”

The irony of such a statement is that we are *not too busy* to do the things we want to do. We make time for ballgames, going out to eat, school activities, social functions, fishing and hunting, golfing, shopping, visiting with friends, etc. This indicates that the real problem is not a lack of time, but a lack of spiritual priorities. We must prioritize our lives so that we *make* time for God; otherwise, we will never have the time.

The Lord demands first place in our lives: “Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). Instead of living for self, always doing the things we want to do, we must deny self in order to serve Christ.

One day, if the Lord doesn’t come first, we will all have time to die (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2). We will also have time to be judged by God, and to go to Heaven or Hell (II Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 25:46). In order to be ready for these events, we must find time—now, in this life—for God.

Thanks be to God that Jesus was not “too busy” to die on the cross for our sins. Surely in view of His tremendous sacrifice, we should make time for serving Him. “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

I CAN'T VS I HAVE

James Pilgrim

Some people feel that they cannot be saved. They say that they cannot live up to the strict commands the Lord has set. Luke 17:10 says, "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty." Jesus affirmed that one **CAN** do **ALL** commanded of us. He also said doing all is our **DUTY**. That is how we are saved by grace. (Ephesians 2:8-10). God's part and man's part **BOTH** are shown as one. Salvation is not by grace alone. Neither is salvation by man's part alone. Both are declared to be necessary by the one who extended His grace and saves us when we accept His grace, as is shown in our obedience. (Hebrews 5:8, 9).

Paul did not think that salvation was beyond his reach. Notice, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, with emphasis by this writer. Paul said, "**I HAVE** fought a good fight." (Verse 7). He added, "**I HAVE** finished my course." (Verse 7). He then said, "**I HAVE** kept the faith." (Verse 7). Paul underscored it all, saying, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing." (Verse 8; Ephesians 2:8, 9). Paul had lived as the Lord had commanded, and he **would be** the recipient of the Lord's promise. The inspired apostle Paul (2 Peter 1:20, 21) called upon every one to "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." (2 Corinthians 11:1). All who do so will be saved.

Each reader can come to the end of life "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Titus 1:2), knowing that eternal life awaits you. Hear the sweet word of God and believe that Jesus is the Son of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 8:37); repent of all sins (Acts 17:30, 31; 3:19); confess the deity of Christ (Matthew 10:32, 33; Acts 8:37); and be immersed (buried) in water baptism (Romans 6:1-7; Acts 8:37-39) to wash away all sins (Galatians 3:26, 27; Romans 22:16; Acts 2:38), and to be added to the church, which is the body of Christ (Acts 2:41, 47; Ephesians 1:22, 23; 1 Corinthians 12:13). John said those added to the church are to "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Revelation 2:10). Doing God's will saves us by His grace. (Ephesians 2:8-10; Luke 17:10).

Beloved, remain in the doctrine of Christ, keeping the doctrine of Christ without hypocrisy, and do not be turned aside. (1 Timothy 1:3-11). Remember, Paul said, "**I CAN** (Emphasis mine-JP) do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13), and, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21; Cf. 2 Corinthians 5:1-10). Read Matthew 25.

Imitate Paul who said, "**I HAVE**" rather than I can't.

Sundays @ 10 AM • 10:45 AM • 2 PM

Wednesdays @ 7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING BRING

April 13, 2025

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

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conducting the evening
service last Sunday. Each
one of them is to be
commended.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

❖ EXPECTING MOTHERS

❖ HOME SICK: Pat Shackelford, Robin Criswell

❖ HOSPITAL: Wilma Wood (TCH), Mike Stroupe

❖ SURGERY RECOVERY: Mickey Chandler, Dawn Jackson, Michelle Smith, Luke Franks

❖ TEST: Steve Waldon

❖ EXTENDED ILLNESS: Bobbye Nunnally, Caleb McAlister, Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Steve Waldon, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖ CANCER: Cindy Moffitt, Nadine Hurt, 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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