

April 12, 2026

Announcements
Randell Koon

Song Leader
Keith Newby

Scripture Reading
Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer
Brad McAlister (A.M.)
Ross Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Rickey Loveless (A.M.)
Tim McMillin (P.M.)

Lord' s Table
Jarvene Shackelford

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Tavin Fitzgerald

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (04/15/26)

OUR RECORD

April 5, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 88
Sunday Morning Worship: 102
Sunday Evening Worship: 72
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 88

BULLETIN BY E-MAIL

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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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Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

PREACHER: Mark Lindley

“I HATED LIFE” Mark Lindley

Who would make such a statement? Life is a precious blessing from God that is to be treasured and enjoyed (John 10:10; I Timothy 6:17; James 4:14). Why, then, would one hate life?

It might surprise you that the one who made this statement was extremely wealthy, famous, and powerful. Yet, in spite of his riches and fame, he was a miserable man. The man was Solomon, one of the kings of God’s people of the Old Testament. Notice his statement: “Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit” (Ecclesiastes 2:17).

Many people today live paycheck to paycheck, and we might have a tendency to think that a million dollars would solve our problems and make us happy. However, Solomon had millions in silver and gold (I Kings 10:14, 27). Was he happy? Those who genuinely want to serve the Lord, work to control themselves. We deny ourselves sinful pleasures that we might live clean, moral lives. Nevertheless, we might imagine that if we could just party and live without moral restraints—“eat, drink, and be merry”—we would be happy. On the other hand, we read in Scripture that Solomon had all the wine and women his heart desired (Ecclesiastes 2:3; I Kings 11:3). Was he happy? “If only we had better clothes, a nicer house, and fancy cars and trucks, we would be happy,” a married couple might say. Yet, Solomon owned houses, vineyards, orchards, cattle, and any other material thing he desired (Ecclesiastes 2:4-10). Was he happy? The answer is, no. Solomon had and experienced many things which people believe would make them happy. Happiness, however, cannot be found in riches, fame, sensual pleasure, or in material possessions. The man who sets his heart on these things may well end up saying along with Solomon, “I hate life.” Then how can we be happy and fulfilled? Here is Solomon’s answer: “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

THINKING OF HEAVEN

James Pilgrim

There are but two places where one will finally go after this life. Jesus said, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." (Matthew 25:46). He described the everlasting punishment as "everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." (Verse 41). There are other descriptions of eternal hell. For example, "the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8). 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 adds, it is a place of "vengeance punishment...destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power,....". You can read of other things that would cause you not want to go to hell. However, this brief study is designed to motivate you to think of and go to heaven.

When Jesus returns, it will be to be "glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe....." (2 Thessalonians 1:10). Read verses 11 and 12. Lay your bulletin down, and dwell on verses 10-12 for a few moments.

In heaven, the saved will be in the presence of the God of love (1 John 4:8, 19), who "so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16; 1 Timothy 3:16). Lay your bulletin aside again, and think about these things.

In heaven, the church will be in the presence of Jesus the Christ (The Messiah) who left heaven, making Himself of no reputation, becoming a servant, being made in the likeness of man, and died willingly on the cross to purchase the church (Acts 20:28), and add to it (Acts 2:41, 47) all who would obey Him and be saved. (Philippians 2:6-12; Hebrews 5:8, 9; Luke 2:11; John 20:30, 34; 1 Timothy 1:13-15). Lay you bulletin aside, and think on these things.

In heaven, the obedient will be in the presence of God the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3, 4), who "moved upon the face of the waters" at creation (Genesis 1:1, 2), who moved the writers of the inspired word of God (2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17), and the apostles as they went forth at Jesus' command. (Matthew 10:5, 18-20; John 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-16). Again, lay your bulletin down and dwell on the Holy Spirit and the joy you will have in seeing and being with Him.

In heaven, the redeemed will enjoy the presence of the angels who announced the birth of Jesus the Savior to the Shepherds, telling them how He would be dressed, and that He would be in a manger. (Luke 2:9). The angels then left to go to heaven. (Luke 2:15). Angels have played a great role in God's scheme of redemption, explaining Mary's pregnancy to Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25), delivering Jesus from King Herod (Matthew 2:1, 12-23), ministering to Jesus after His temptation by the devil (Matthew 4:1-11), and much more. Lay your bulletin down, and reflect upon the thrill to be had when seeing the holy angels. (Matthew 25:31).

In heaven, those saved by God's grace (Ephesians 2:8-10), when they heard His word (Acts 2:14, "hearken to my words."), believed it (Mark 16:16), repented of any and all sins (Acts 17:30, 31), Confessed with all the heart that Jesus is the Son of God (Acts 8:36-37), and were buried in baptism, immersed (Romans 6:1-7), for the remission of sins, to wash away sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16), and to be added to the body of Christ (Acts 2:41, 47; 1 Corinthians 12:13, 27), the church (Ephesians 1:22, 23), will be united with the saved of all ages, men and women like Abraham and Sarah (Hebrews 11:8-19), Zacharias and Elizabeth (Luke 1:5, 6), Paul (2 Timothy 4:6-8), Phebe (Romans 16:1, 2), and the like. The Lord willing, more on these next week.

As a song asks, "Won't it be wonderful there?" If you are not a Christian, obey the gospel, and be faithful, or repent. (Hebrews 5:8, 9; 1 Corinthians 15:58).

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 Yancey III

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

CONGRATULATIONS

*To Logan & Karly Yancey on the birth of their son, **Shane Allen**. He was born on April 3, 2026. Weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz., and 19 ½ ins. long. Proud grandparents are Allen & Karen Yancey. Overjoyed great grandparents are Larry Wood & Wanda Yancey.*

*To Garrett & Natalie Pilgrim on the birth of their daughter, **Autumn Suzanne**. She was born on April 3, 2026. Weighing 6 lbs., 13 ½ oz., and 19 ins. long. Joyous great grandparents are James & Sammie Pilgrim.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

❖**SURGERY RECOVERY:** King McCarver
❖**HOSPITAL:** Stevie Hatfield (Wayne Vandygriff's Nephew)

❖**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)

❖**SHUT-INS: Home:** Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael **Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

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.

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