

April 13, 2025

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.)

Luke Hobson (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Rickey Loveless (A.M.)

Tim McMillin (P.M.)

Lord’ s Table

Jarvene Shackelford

Count and Usher

Brice Lindley & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (04/16/25)

OUR RECORD

April 6, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 89

Sunday Morning Worship: 110

Sunday Evening Worship: 82

Wednesday Night Bible Study: NA

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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

“PROVE ALL THINGS” Mark Lindley

The words above are recorded in I Thessalonians 5:21: “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” The word *prove* means “to test, examine, prove, scrutinize, to see whether a thing is genuine or not” (Thayer’s Greek Lexicon). In matters of doctrine, then, God has placed the obligation upon all Christians to prove their beliefs and practices. This verse sets forth two vital points:

First, the command to “prove all things” implies that there is a standard by which things can be proved. The standard is God’s Word.

Observe Acts 17:11: “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” Note that the people “searched the scriptures.” Why? The answer is stated in the verse: to see “whether those things were so.” They realized that religious doctrines and practices should not be “verified” by family tradition, opinions, what “the preacher said,” or feelings, but by God’s Word, the Scriptures.

Second, the command to “prove all things” implies that doctrines can be proved to be right or wrong. There is the popular notion today that two people may hold conflicting, opposing views; yet, both views are correct. “After all,” some say, “you have your interpretation and I have mine.” Though the notion that “everyone has the right to his own interpretation” is popular, it will not stand in light of what the Bible teaches. The command to “prove all things” suggests that in matters of doctrine, one may “prove” a doctrine to be right or wrong. Therefore, Truth is not determined by one’s personal, subjective interpretation. One’s interpretation of a verse (or verses) may be wrong.

Friend, when it comes to religious beliefs and practices, can you “prove” yours by the Bible? Since the apostle Paul instructed Christians to “prove all things,” we cannot afford to do otherwise. Don’t rely on what fallible men may say. Prove all things by God’s Word.

WHY I AM A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

James Pilgrim

People do what they do for many and different reasons. This writer has been told by a number of people that they go to a certain church because parents attend there, it is close, friendly, were invited, like the preacher, its size, prestigious members, or other reasons. Very few say that they attend because it teaches and practices “sound doctrine.” (1 Timothy 1:10; 2 Timothy 1:13; Titus 1:9, 13; 2:1, 2, 8).

What should one look for, and why should one become a member of a church. First, one ought to look for a church that wears the name of the builder. (Matthew 16:13-19; Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 12:13, 27), and uses Bible names and/or designations, such as, “church of God” (1 Corinthians 1:2), “house of God” (1 Timothy 3:15), “sheepfold” (John 10:1), “bride of Christ” (Romans 7:4), and others. Second, one should seek to locate a church which is Biblical in organization. (Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 3:8-13; Acts 20:17-31; Hebrews 13:7, 17).

A third doctrine one should seek when looking for a church is its final authority in matters of religion. This is all important. The final decision should always be the all inspired word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). Sadly, some churches are governed by manuals, disciplines, catechism, and such like. When asked which one would be chosen when given the choice between the Bible and the rules of man, surprisingly, the work of a man was chosen. For example, this writer pointed to Mark 16:16, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” and to a manual,

“Baptism was once the door into the church, but now it is different”, and asked, “Which is right?” To his surprise, the lady pointed to her church manual. Beloved, Jesus is the Son of God (John 1:1-3), and He has been given “all power... in heaven and in earth.” (Matthew 28:18).

Fourth, seek the church which preaches the gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16), the seed of the kingdom (Matthew 1:3, 19; Luke 8:11). Make sure the preacher is preaching the word of God.

Fifth, Ask is Acts 2:42 and Romans 15:9 is the guide to worship, Apostles’ doctrine/ Preaching the word, fellowship/contribution, breaking bread/Lord’s Supper, prayer, and singing, unaccompanied by mechanical instruments of music. (Cf. Colossians 3:16; Luke 18:1; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2).

Sixth, ask what the role of women is. 1 Timothy 2:9-12 is the Biblical answer.

Seventh, seek to understand if the mission of the church is to entertain or save souls. We need to love one another (Hebrews 13:1), and seek one another’s fellowship, but saving the lost is what the Lord’s body is about.

Other things should be considered, but one should start here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING BRING April 13, 2025

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

The Value Of A Smile

A smile is nature's best antidote for discouragement. It brings rest to the weary, sunshine to those who are sad, and hope to those who are hopeless and defeated.

A smile is so valuable that it can't be bought, begged, borrowed, or taken away against our will. You have to be willing to give a smile away before it can do anyone else any good.

So if someone is too tired or grumpy to flash you a smile, let him have one of yours anyway. Nobody needs a smile as much as the person who has none to give.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bobbye Nunnally (Robin Chapman’s Mother).

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

❖EXPECTING MOTHERS

❖HOSPITAL: Mike Stroupe, Juan Stroupe

❖SURGERY RECOVERY: Michelle Smith, Luke Franks

❖TEST: Steve Waldon

❖EXTENDED ILLNESS: 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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