

April 19, 2026

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

John Hopper

**Scripture Reading**

Dale Vandygriff

**Opening Prayer**

Kevin Shackelford ( A.M.)

Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

J C Newby (A.M.)

Logan Yancey (P.M.)

**Lord' s Table**

Tommy Wade

**Count and Usher**

Rickey Loveless & Tavin Fitzgerald

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brock Lindley (04/22/26)

**OUR RECORD**

April 12, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 93

Sunday Morning Worship: 110

Sunday Evening Worship: 93

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 84

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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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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## BAPTISM, WORKS, AND SALVATION Mark Lindley

What does the Bible teach about baptism, works, and salvation? All who study the Bible will immediately agree that salvation from sin is not “by works.” Many verses of the New Testament reveal this Biblical fact: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). Paul wrote to Titus: “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost” (Titus 3:5). Paul also wrote concerning salvation: “Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began” (II Timothy 1:9).

Notice that each of these verses has something in common. Each verse states that salvation does not originate by works. Salvation is not “of works,” “by works,” nor is it “according to our works.” Any honest student of the Bible would readily agree with this doctrine.

However, doctrinal problems arise when people begin interpreting verses, such as the ones just mentioned. Many interpret “not of works” to mean “not by baptism.” Their argument is as follows: 1) Salvation is not by works; (2) Baptism is a work; (3) Therefore, salvation is not by baptism.

There are many problems with this argument, but the main problem is that the Bible states that salvation is not of works—it does “not” state that salvation is “not of baptism.” The idea that “works” refers to baptism is a pre-conceived idea, invented by those who do not believe baptism is for the remission of sins. Therefore, anytime they see “works” in the Bible, they immediately interpret the word “works” to refer to baptism.

Did you know that no scripture of the Bible refers to baptism as a work? That is worth repeating: no verse of the Bible refers to baptism as a “work”! Those who teach that baptism is a “work” need to realize that “baptism” is an act of obedience, and obedience to the Gospel is required (Hebrews 5:8-9; II Thessalonians 1:6-9). Those who want to throw out “all works” fail to recognize that when they teach that sinners must believe, repent, confess Jesus as Lord, “accept Jesus,” say the “Sinner’s Prayer,” “receive Jesus as personal Savior,” etcetera, they do the thing they attempt to condemn. That is, they teach that sinners must “do” something to be saved! They teach this long list of things sinners must do, but then label baptism as a “work.”

Why not just accept that there is one additional act of obedience that is necessary for salvation? Why not just admit that works of obedience are necessary (James 2:24)? Why not just admit that the Bible teaches that baptism is a simple act of obedience required of God? Please read with an open heart Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21; Mark 16:15-16.

Yes, the Bible teaches that salvation is not by works. However, baptism is never identified in Scripture as a work! Baptism is an act of obedience and obedience is required of God.

## THINKING OF HEAVEN---NO. 2

James Pilgrim

What a wonderful thought. It can be a reality. Heaven is real. It is not just "pie in the sky," as some would have us believe. Heaven actually exists. It is where God dwells. (Matthew 6:9, "Our Father which art in heaven."). Think about that place for a few moments.

Life does not cease to exist at death. The body dies and sleeps (John 11:11, 14; Hebrews 9:27), because the spirit has returned to God who gave it (James 2:26; Ecclesiastes 12:7; 3:20, 21). Both the rich man and Lazarus the beggar died. However both were very much alive. (Luke 16:19-31). Alive also were Abraham and others, "they." (Luke 16:26). All of these were either in Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:22), paradise (Luke 23:43), a place of comfort (Luke 16:23), or a flame of torments. (Luke 16:23, 24). Where will your spirit go at death? Lay your bulletin aside, and take a few minutes to reflect upon your life. (John 5:28, 29). If you died right now, where would you go???

Prior to being in heaven, think of the joy of standing before the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 4:1), "the righteous judge" (2 Timothy 4:8), and hearing the words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34), and "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Matthew 25:21, 23). You will know that you did not earn this reward (Luke 6:23; 17:10), but without doing the will of God, you would not have received it. (Matthew 25:31-46; 2 John 8, 9). Take time to reflect on your deeds, your faithfulness to do the Lord's will.

In heaven there will be no more heartaches. "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." (Revelation 21:1-4). Think about all of the evil things that we experience here. This will all cease when heaven becomes a reality. All of those who caused so much pain will be "in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8). Lay your bulletin down, and rejoice over the things you are living to experience, feeling sorrowful over those who lived in such way as to miss heaven, and to be so punished. What can you do to keep this from happening to anyone? Again, can one be saved who does not do so????? (2 Corinthians 5:11; Mark 16:15).

In heaven, angels "sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest." (Revelation 15:3, 4). Some of God's people lack in singing ability. Likely, this writer is at the top of this list. However, think of how beautiful this song and the perfect rendition of it will be.

Heaven is eternal. (2 Corinthians 5:1). This is a difficult fact to comprehend, but it is real. We only see ends to things. We bury the dead, wear out vehicles, furniture, and much more. It is difficult for us to imagine something that never ends. However, this is true of heaven. It will enable one to live eternally. (Titus 1:2, "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."). Some things have to be taken by faith. (Hebrews 11:1). Lay your bulletin aside, and dwell on never dying after the great resurrection. (John 5:28, 29; 11:1-46, especially verses 23, 25; 2 Peter 1:11).

We began by saying, "What a wonderful thought. It can be a reality." Do not miss this "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (2 Corinthians 5:1ff).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LADS TO LEADERS MEETING

**April 19, 2026**

After Morning Service upfront in auditorium.

### 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.*

### FIFTH SUNDAY

**May 31, 2026**

10 AM: Bible Study

10:45 AM: AM Worship

12 Noon: Fellowship Meal

1:30 PM: Evening Service

## PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Brother James Horton.

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

❖ **SICK SUNDAY:** Pat Shackelford

❖ **SURGERY RECOVERY:** King McCarver

❖ **REHAB:** Charlotte Lindley, Marsha Criswell (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

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