

April 26, 2026

Announcements
Randell Koon

Song Leader
Chris Moore

Scripture Reading
Dale Vandygriff

Opening Prayer
Gene Yancey (A.M.)
Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Mickey Chandler (A.M.)
Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Terry Chapman

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Tavin Fitzgerald

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Ross Shackelford (04/29/26)

OUR RECORD

April 19, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 81
Sunday Morning Worship: 95
Sunday Evening Worship: 68
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 77

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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

“YOU HAVE YOUR INTERPRETATION, AND I HAVE MINE”

Mark Lindley

It is a popular idea that everyone has a right to one's own interpretation of the Bible. When there is a disagreement about some Biblical passage, one might say, “Well, it says one thing to you; it says just the opposite to me, and we are both right.” In other words, “You have your interpretation, and I have mine.”

It is funny that we do not reason that way when it comes to other areas of life. If a highway patrolman is about to issue a ticket for speeding, it will do no good to say, “Well, officer, you should not give me a ticket because you have your interpretation of the speed limit and I have mine.” We all understand that the speed limit is based upon *what the law says*, and it is not subject to different interpretations. Yet, when it comes to the law of God's Word, there are those who believe that it is subject to various interpretations, all of which are right.

If all interpretations of the Bible are equal, how can we explain the following? Paul wrote to Timothy and instructed him to “charge some that they *teach no other doctrine*” (I Timothy 1:3). There would be no reason for Paul's warning, if one interpretation of the Scriptures is as good as another. In addition, if all interpretations of the Scriptures are equal, why did Peter write that there are some who “wrest” (literally, “pervert”) the Scriptures to their own destruction (II Peter 3:16)? It would be impossible for one to be guilty of “perverting” the Scriptures if one can interpret the Scriptures any way he chooses.

If one man maintains that the earth is flat, while another argues that the earth is round, both men cannot be right. The men do not merely have a difference of opinion or interpretation. The same is true with the Bible. If one man says, “Babies are born in sin,” and another says, “Babies are born sinless,” both men cannot be right. In such cases, merely saying, “Well, you have your interpretation and I have mine,” does not solve the difficulty. When there is such a prominent contradiction between views, someone has to be wrong.

Friend, God has given us a Book that we *can* understand (Ephesians 3:4). Let us never attempt to resolve differences by simply saying, “Well, we all have our interpretation.” Rather, let us examine passages and try to understand the meaning God intended. Also, as we understand God's Word, if we see that a view we hold is not true to the Bible, let us have the humility of heart to change our beliefs so that they are aligned with God's Word.

THINKING OF HEAVEN---NO. 3

James Pilgrim

This is the third and last article on THINKING OF HEAVEN. However, hopefully, it will not be your last time to think about this great hope. (Titus 1:2; 2 Corinthians 5:1). Some other things over which one may rejoice to think about are listed in the rest of this article.

In heaven, there will be those of "like precious faith", about those to whom Peter wrote in 2 Peter 1:1. Is it any wonder that the inspired apostle Paul (2 Peter 1:20, 21) told the Corinthians, "Now I beseech you, brethren, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10); and taught the Ephesians that there is "one faith." There are thousands of ideas held by thousands today, rather than following God's call for unity. Notice that this writer did not say, many faiths, because "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

(Romans 10:17). For one to say, "I believe," one must read it in the word of God. Otherwise, one can only say, I think, I feel, or such like. In heaven, there will be total unity. Denominationalism will be unknown. There will not be diverse doctrines known or taught. Lay your bulletin aside, and think about this, rejoicing.

In heaven, there will be people you brought to the Lord. (Hebrews 5:11-14; 2 Timothy 2:24). You will not hear anyone say, "You Never Mentioned Him to Me." While no one can teach and save every one, one can and must teach others, hopefully, many. Perhaps some will become Christians by seeing the good example you set before them. (1 Peter 3:1ff). Again, lay the bulletin aside, and think of those you taught and are in heaven because of you.

In heaven, there will be those who gave diligence to show themselves approved unto God, studying, and rightly dividing the word of truth, making sure they understood the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15), so they might obey and be sanctified (Purified, set apart, saved) by it. (John 17: 17; 1 Peter 1:22; Acts 15:9). With your bulletin before you dwell on the thrill you enjoy in studying "the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8) and God. (Romans 11:33). Studying the word of God, rightly dividing it, and obeying it will result in your salvation. What joy!!!!!!!

In heaven, there will be those who put "the kingdom of God and His righteousness" "first." (Matthew 6:33). God and the church was their priority. Many things on earth may have been pleasurable, and some may have been right, but choosing the things of God which leads one to heaven were of greater importance. When there was a choice to be made, the Christian's eyes were on heaven, and the decision was easy. Lay this article aside, and think of the joys you now have, and will have because you made the kingdom of God and his righteousness your priority.

In heaven, there will be those who were faithful to attend the services, "not forsaking" them. (Hebrews 10:25). Temptations may have been before them, they may have been tired, they may not have always felt well, and such like, but they came to study, learning more about spiritual matters. You will know that you are in heaven because you were faithful in your attendance as well as other things. Every service you attended will bring pleasure. Fellowship with other Christians should not be missed. Again, lay your bulletin aside, and rejoice in what you have learned from teachers and preachers of the word (2 Timothy 4:2), the gospel of Christ. (Romans 1:16).

Redeem (buy back) the time (Ephesians 5:16) if you need to. Give of your time, money, and talents to help save souls.

Use more time daily **THINKING OF HEAVEN.** After all, this is where you want to go, isn't it!!!!!! There are so many more things over which we may rejoice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NARCAN TRAINING CLASS

MAY 3, 2026

Learn how to perform life-saving technique. Evening Service will be at 1:30 pm. *No meal.* Class after Evening Service (2:30 pm) and will be 30 to 40 minutes.

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.*

CHAPMAN YOUTH

May 24, 2026

OUT OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION
After Evening Service
Booneville Park

FIFTH SUNDAY

May 31, 2026

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

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Monday, June 1st - 6:30 PM

At South Main Events
102 South Main Street, Ripley
Refreshments will be provided.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father).

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

❖ **SICK SUNDAY:** Mickey Chandler, Larry Wood, Karen Yancey, Stephanie McAlister, Mary Ann Hurt, Pat Wade, Charlotte Lindley (Mark's Mother)

❖ **HOSPITAL:** Susan Yancey Stephens (Tupelo)

❖ **SURGERY RECOVERY:** King McCarver

❖ **REHAB:** 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:** Dennis Hopper, (John's Father), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), Dewayne Morgan, Teresa Rhea, 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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