

May 31, 2026

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Dale Vandygriff

Song Leader

Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading

Tim McMillin

Opening Prayer

Michiel Criswell (A.M.)

Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

John Hopper (A.M.)

Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Bryan Davis

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Brandon Dees

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (06/03/26)

OUR RECORD

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Sunday Bible Study: 86

Sunday Morning Worship: 103

Sunday Evening Worship: 86

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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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THINKING SOBERLY ABOUT OURSELVES Mark Lindley

The Bible warns that we should not think too highly of ourselves. Paul wrote, “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith” (Romans 12:3). It is certainly proper for the Christian to have confidence and healthy self-esteem. In fact, Jesus said we are to love our neighbors “as ourselves” (Matthew 22:39). This verse teaches that we are not only to love our neighbors, but also ourselves. So, loving ourselves is approved of God. A prideful attitude, however, is a detestable sin that will cause us to fall. “Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18).

There are various reasons one may become prideful. One may think too highly of himself because of his academic accomplishments at a prestigious university. Another may have an arrogant spirit because he has riches and a mansion on the hill. Someone else may be puffed up with pride because of a prestigious career. A young person who is a star athlete may feel superior to others because of accomplishments in sports. One can even become prideful because he feels that he is morally superior to others. Remember the self-righteous Pharisee of Luke 18 who thanked God that he was not as sinful as the lowly publican? He thought he was morally superior to others, but his high moral standards did not justify him before God. His problem was pride.

The one who “thinks soberly” will realize that weak, fallible human beings have no reason to be filled with pride. It makes no sense to be prideful because all that we have—our talents, earthly goods, money, intellect, athletic ability, etc.—have been bestowed upon us by the hand of a loving Creator. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights” (James 1:17). Since God gave us all that we have, we have no right to boast or brag about our earthly possessions or our accomplishments. In other words, we are what we are because of God’s goodness. Scripture says, “But by the grace of God I am what I am” (I Corinthians 15:10). “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up” (James 4:10).

**BIBLE PREACHERS: John the Baptist
James Pilgrim**

The Holy Ghost moved the apostle Paul (2 Peter 1:20, 21; Romans 1:1) to write, "and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14). He then said, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." (Verse 15). "If the Lord will" (James 4:15), we shall take a look at some Bible Preachers over the next few weeks, beginning with "John the Baptist." (Matthew 3:1). John was an immerser. (John 3:23; Romans 6:3, 4; Colossians 2:12).

The first thing we need to know about John the Baptist is that John was not a member of the Baptist denomination. As Paul D. Murphy might have said, "Beyond the shade of a shadow of a flicker of a doubt we know this," because the Baptist Church did not begin until hundreds of years after John the Baptist was dead. Some say the Baptist Church started between 16019 and 1612. Others say 1611. Either time is far too late. Also, John taught a different doctrine. For example, John believed in the soon to come "kingdom of heaven," saying it was "at hand" (Matthew 3:2), not far down the road, and it was not. (Colossians 1:13). John also believed in the necessity of immersion (Matthew 3:5-7, 11), contrary to the teachings of the Baptist Church, which believes that one must be baptized to get into the Baptist Church, but not to go to heaven. (Cf. John 3:1-5, 23). According to that doctrine, it is easier to go to heaven than to enter the Baptist Church.

A look at John. John was born to an old and faithful couple, Zacharias and Elizabeth. (Luke 1:5, 6, 13, 18). John was a preacher. (Matthew 3:1). He preached in "the wilderness of Judaea." (Matthew 3:1). He was not a glamorous dresser, with "his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins." (Verse 5).

"His meat was locusts and wild honey." (Ibid). John was simply a plain man, but he would "go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins." (Luke 7:27; 1:76b-79). John preached the word of God. (Luke 3:2, "the word of God came unto John."). He preached "the baptism of Repentance for the remission of sins." (Verse 3; John 3:23; Matthew 3:7). The baptism John preached, like Peter's on Pentecost, included repentance. (Cf. Acts 2:38; Matthew 3:8). John the Immerser buried Jesus in water. (Matthew 3:13-17), although not for the remission of sins, since Jesus "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." (1 Peter 2:22). Why? "To fulfill all righteousness." (Matthew 3:15; Psalm 119:172). The immerser was beheaded in prison for telling Herod the tetrarch the truth about his sinfully wrong marriage to Herodias, his brother Phillip's wife (Mark 6:14-28; Matthew 14:1-12). John was not a compromiser. Neither was he afraid to tell people the truth, no matter how powerful they were.

Jesus paid John a tremendously great compliment, saying, "Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." (Luke 7:14, 28).

The greatness of the humble John can be seen by listening to those who came to him. He could have received the praise of the people, maybe even passing himself off as the Christ, but "he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ." (John 1:20). John also denied being Elias (Elijah). When pressed about who he was, John told them that he was the fulfillment of Esaias (Isaiah's) prophecy. (John 1:19-28; Isaiah 40:3). Read John 1:29-37. The baptism of John ceased, being replaced by the baptism of Jesus. (Acts 19:1-7; Ephesians 4:1-6). One who received the baptism (immersion) of John after the baptism of Jesus became effective, must be baptized for the right reason. (Acts 19:1-7).

UPCOMING EVENTS

**FIFTH SUNDAY
May 31, 2026**

10 AM: Bible Study
10:45 AM: AM Worship
12 Noon: Fellowship Meal
1:30 PM: Young Men

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS
Monday, June 1st 6:30 PM**

At South Main Events
102 South Main Street, Ripley

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 14-17**

**UPON THIS ROCK
The Life of Peter**

**Lesson 1 – FROM FISHERMAN TO FOLLOWER
Lesson 2 – FROM FOLLOWER TO FAITHFUL
Lesson 3 – FROM FALTERING TO FORGIVEN
Lesson 4 – FROM FORTIFIED TO FEARLESS
Lesson 5 – FROM EVER –FAITHFUL TO FOCUSED**

**10 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship
2 PM Evening Service
(VBS after Evening Service)
Mon-Wed 6 PM to 7:30 PM**

Prize for the boy & girl who bring the most visitors!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

❖ **SICK SUNDAY:** Brandon Dees

❖ **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 **Tipah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

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