

July 7, 2024

Announcements  
David Smith

Song Leader  
Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading  
Rickey Cissom

Opening Prayer  
Luke Hobson (A.M.)  
Tim McMillin (P.M.)

Closing Prayer  
Bobby Bridges (A.M.)  
Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table  
Terry Chapman

Count and Usher  
Michiel Criswell & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader  
Keith Newby (07/10/24)

### OUR RECORD

June 30, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 86  
Sunday Morning Worship: 108  
Sunday Evening Worship: 73  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 100

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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

## THE UNIMPORTANT CHURCH MEMBER

**Mark Lindley**

Have you ever met a member of the church who was unimportant? You know the type—the one who says, “My presence in worship services is really not important. After all, I’m not a preacher, Bible class teacher, or a song leader.” Or someone might say, “I’m just a one-talent man. The service I render to the church is not very significant.”

Are people who say such things right? Are some members of the church unimportant? Paul wrote concerning those who think they are unimportant: “Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary” (I Corinthians 12:22). Evidently, some church members in Corinth felt that they were not as important as others who had certain spiritual gifts (I Corinthians 12:31). Those who had the gift of tongues were thought to be special (I Corinthians 14). Paul told them that just as each member of one’s physical body is important, each member of the church (the Lord’s spiritual body) is important as well.

Though the spiritual gifts of I Corinthians 12 are no longer in the church today, the principle taught by Paul is applicable. There is a place of service for every member of the church, regardless of one’s ability or age. But you might ask, “What can I do?” The following are just some of the things you can do: mail cards to the sick, invite others to services, attend all the services, welcome visitors with a warm smile, visit the ill and those who are shut-in, help distribute tracts, cook meals for those who are ill, call and encourage those who are unfaithful, comfort the bereaved and a host of other things.

Whatever service you offer the church, remember that your work is important. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that **your labour is not in vain** in the Lord” (I Corinthians 15:58). There are no unimportant church members!

## What Kind of Church is This?

By Bryan McAlister

We often say, “It’s time to go to church” or “How was church today?” in some way indicating church was an activity in which we participated. Literally the word “church” comes from the word, “ekklesia.” In a general sense, this word means “an assembly” and is used to indicate such in Acts 19:32 and 39. In a specific sense, the word means “called out.” There is no doubt, those who called themselves Christians in the 1st century, knew they were members of the church, the assembly of God’s people, and that they had been called out from their sins, into the sanctity of their Savior Jesus Christ. As to how it is used in the Bible, there are over one hundred descriptive passages where the church is addressed.

First of all, Jesus Christ is the builder of the church (Matthew 16:18), based upon the fact He is the Son of God. Incidentally, the term church and kingdom are used by Jesus Christ in Matthew 16:18-19 interchangeably, indicating they are one in the same. His church, His kingdom is now established, and we need not wait for it any longer. He is the purchaser of the church, paid for by the price of His shed blood (Acts 20:28). The church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23).

The church being the body of Christ, it is important to note there is but one body of the Lord Jesus, and thus one church, and one identity comprising the one body of our Lord Jesus (Ephesians 4:4).

The Bible speaks of “churches” in the plural (Acts 9:31; Romans 16:16), but only in a geographic sense, not in the sense that would imply or suggest God approves of multiple systems of belief toward His revealed Word. Those who were saved were added to the church, the body of obedient believers (Acts 2:47).

Therefore the church is the body of the saved, and one cannot be saved and yet not be a member of the church of our Lord. The church refers to men and women (Acts 8:3).

The church can have an emotional response to disturbing news, as was the case in Acts 5:11, when word of Ananias and Sapphira’s death spread, “great fear came upon the church.” The church is the house of God (I Timothy 3:15). The church was established to declare “the manifold wisdom of God” (Eph 3:10).

The church has a responsibility to assemble (Hebrews 10:25), observe the Lord’s Supper on the first day of the week (I Corinthians 11:18; 23), pray (Acts 4:24), sing (Ephesians 5:19), give of their means (I Corinthians 16:1-2), and teach so others may understand (I Corinthians 14:5). The church is autonomous, or governed locally, independent from any national or world headquarters, for Christ is the head of the church (Ephesians 5:23). The church has a responsibility to remain distinct and not blend or bend the teachings of Jesus with any doctrine or creed of man (Acts 15:1-21). The church should be united under the teachings and standards of Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 1:10); be kind to one another showing forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32); extend help to those in need, especially those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10). The church is not a sect (Acts 24:5) or a denomination or dividing of Jesus and His teachings (I Corinthians 1:13). The church is the precious gift and creation of our Lord, and has always been His plan by which His truth would be made known, His gospel revealed, and His creation saved through Him. This church desires to serve the Lord and serve you. Our prayer is for the opportunity to do both in love.

## Worship in Song

By Vernon Curry

As a preacher I often sit and look around at the people who are singing. We are singing songs of praise to the God of the universe. We stand in awe at the power and majesty of God. We know this is the same God who created the universe and who will bring it to an end. This is the same God who raised Jesus from the dead and we are so happy that He did. We believe He is able to raise us from the dead also.

We sing praise to God. We also are singing the praises OF God. We want everyone to know how we feel about Him and how we love and adore Him. Without God we would be nothing and without God we would surely perish. Oh, we love God!

We may not sing on key. We may not even know what “on key” is. We may not know where “on key” is. That isn’t why we are singing. We are singing praises to/of our God. We are not looking for the praise of men in how good we sing. We are not looking for the praise of men in how beautiful our voice is.

We are praising God, OUR God.

Then sometimes I see someone who isn’t singing.

Let me ask you a question: How do you feel about your God? This is your God. Right? You love and adore Him. Right?

Then sometimes I hear someone say they can’t sing. Let me tell you a story about turkey hunting. Calling turkeys in the spring is an “art”. Some towns have contests for the best turkey callers. A friend of mine enjoys turkey hunting. He has a good calling ability. There is a certain way people are taught to call.

Anyway, this friend was hunting one spring and heard someone calling. He said it was the worst job of calling he had ever heard. He thought it would surely improve, but it did not. So when he could stand it no longer he began to slip up on this caller to see who it was. He finally got pretty close and then he saw...a turkey hen calling for a gobbler. He then realized that the ”art” of calling may not be what man thinks it is!

God made everyone’s voice. It may not sound good to me. It may not sound good to the person who has it. It may be beautiful to the Creator. Never deprive God of hearing His creature praise Him. Sing!

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

***IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sandra Smith (Jeff Brewer’s Mother), Eva Crawford (Sandy Newby & Romia Palmer’s Sister).*

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Sharon Pannell, Sailor Fitzgerald, Angela Bridges, Karen Yancey, Amy Chapman

**TEST:** Cameron Jumper

**HOSPITAL:** Sarina Tigrett - Parents: Kane & Anna (LeBonhuer- heart. 6 months old)

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:)** Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John’s Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley’s Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman’s Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS: Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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