

July 19, 2026

Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer

Larry Wood (A.M.)

Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Andy Reese (A.M.)

Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade

Count and Usher

Michiel Criswell & Brandon Dees

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (07/22/26)

OUR RECORD

July, 12, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 87

Sunday Morning Worship: 102

Sunday Evening Worship: 77

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 71

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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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RACISM, PREJUDICE, AND THE BIBLE **Mark Lindley**

Most Americans are somewhat familiar with the Declaration of Independence. Perhaps, the lines we remember best are the following: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

In view of recent, tragic killings in our nation—all the killings—one might wonder if some have forgotten that “all are created equal.” We need to be reminded. God’s Word teaches that we all have common origins. The first man was Adam (I Corinthians 15:45); the first woman was named Eve because she would be the “mother of all living” (Genesis 3:20).

All people have descended from the first man and woman. Paul stated that God made of “one blood” all nations of men to dwell on the earth (Acts 17:26). That we are all of “one blood” indicates that we have common origins.

It was not until the time of Genesis chapter 11 that different languages and nationalities developed (Genesis 11:1-9). God caused the people of that day to be scattered upon the earth, and He confused their language. However, it was never God’s intention for men to begin discriminating against one another. Rather, God commanded His people to love their neighbors as themselves (Leviticus 19:18).

Not only does the Bible teach that we have common origins, but also that we have a common fall. Scripture reveals that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Red, yellow, black or white, all have sinned and need the forgiveness of God. The Bible makes it clear that God loves all and sent His Son to die for all (John 3:16). Therefore, there is equal opportunity for all to be saved. Paul wrote: “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus...There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:26-28). This text shows what is taught throughout the Bible: that God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34-35). Since God does not show partiality, neither should we.

Racism and prejudice are ugly and sinful before God. James set the record straight when he wrote, “But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors” (James 2:9). Yes, prejudice is a “sin!”

Let us resolve to love and respect all people everywhere, recognizing that each has been created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Further, God’s people everywhere should pray for our country that we might turn to God before it is too late.

BIBLE PREACHERS: APOSTLES
James Pilgrim

Peter and John, apostles (Matthew 10:1-5), were “put in hold” because they “taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (Acts 4:2, 3), a doctrine the Sadducees did not believe. (Mark 12:18). A bright moment to be found in the story of these people is in verse 4. Luke (Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1) wrote, “Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of men which believed was about five thousand.” (Verse 4). If one adds women and children, the number might go from 5,000 up to over 10,000, perhaps, based upon Chapmans numbers, in the area of 15,000.

The leaders questioned Peter and John, asking, “By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?” (Verses 5-7). “Peter filled with the Holy Ghost” answered their examination by telling them that the good deed of making the impotent man whole was done by the resurrected Jesus of Nazareth whom they crucified, whom God raised from the dead (implying a burial). He continued, telling them that Jesus was the stone of which the Psalmist prophesied, telling them that they were the builders. (Psalm 118:22). The Holy Spirit then led Peter (Matthew 10:20) to tell them, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12). Those trying them “saw the boldness of Peter and John.” Preachers are to preach boldly, “openly, frankly, i.e. without concealment...without ambiguity...” (Thayer’s Greek English Lexicon, Page 491). The hearers knew that Peter and John had been with Jesus. (Verse13). The questioners “could say nothing against it.” (Verse14). We need to be so “set for the defence of the gospel” (Philippians 1:17) that no perverter of the gospel (Galatians 1:6-9) can answer or deny it. (Acts 4:16), but will have to admit what is right. (Verse 16).

These admitted the truth, but used threats, not truth, to attempt to stop Peter and John from teaching truth. (Verse 16, 17, 21).

Those trying Peter and John threatened them and told them “not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.” (Verses 17, 18). These apostles told them to judge whether they should obey them or God, stating that they could do no less than what they had seen and heard. (Verse 20). Finding nothing to justify punishment, Peter and John were threatened and let go, “because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.” (Verse 21).

The first recorded thing Peter and John did was report to their own company all that had been said (Verse 23), which prompted this response to God, “Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against his holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together. For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.” (Verses 24-30; Psalm 2. What a strong and bold prayer of faith!!! We should learn by it. We also see what Biblical preaching is like, “They spake the word of God with boldness.” (Verse 31). The threatenings did not keep them from doing God’s will. (Verses 32-37).

All who seek to speak where the Bible speaks should imitate these Christians in this matter. If not, why not?

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADS TO LEADERS MEETING
August 2
After Evening Service

CHAPMAN YOUTH NIGHT
August 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Speaker: Ty Rhymes

CHAPMAN KID’S LUNCH
August 23rd
After morning service

AREA UPCOMING EVENTS

RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ladies Day
Saturday, August 8 at 9:00 AM
Speker: Kara Farr
Registration starts at 8:30 AM

NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Area-Wide Youth Event
Saturday, August 8 from 10 -2
&
Area-Wide Young Adult Event
Sunday, August 22 from 5 – 8 PM

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:
Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Leland Davis (infant son of Brent & Jessie Davis).

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

❖**SICK SUNDAY:** Parker McAlister, Kirsten Fitzgerald

❖**HOSPITAL:** Roger Mauney, Dixie White

❖**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), Harold Hankins, 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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