

August 16, 2026

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading

Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer

Tim McMillin (A.M.)

Brad McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)

Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

Lord’ s Table

Tommy Wade

Count and Usher

Tavin Fitzgerald & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brice Lindley (08/19/26)

OUR RECORD

August 9, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 83

Sunday Morning Worship: 97

Sunday Evening Worship: 163

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

JUDGING THE JUDGERS Mark Lindley

The biblical subject of judging is one that is often misunderstood and abused. When a Christian speaks out against sin, those who are guilty of that sin often begin to rant about being judgmental. They say, “You religious people are sinning by judging others,” or they might say, “Jesus said it is wrong to judge; you are judging me; so you are just as wrong as I am.”

Nevertheless, those who use the “it-is-wrong-to-judge” argument fail to realize that they are doing the thing they condemn. They take the position that all judging is sinful, but then they “judge” Christians by saying it is “wrong” for Christians to speak out against sin. They claim it is sinful to judge, but then they “judge” the “judgers.” The inconsistency of the position is obvious.

Do they make a valid point when they take the position that it is wrong to judge? That depends on the type of judging one is doing. It is true: Jesus said, “Judge not, that ye be not judged” (Matthew 7:1). The type of judging the Lord condemned is a harsh and hypocritical type of judging. Jesus explained what He meant by teaching that one should not try to pull a mote (a small twig or piece of straw) out of his brother’s eye, while there is a beam (a stick of timber) sticking out of his own eye (verses 3-5). This passage condemns the hypocrite. Yes, it is wrong to have a judgmental, fault-finding, and hypocritical attitude.

However, the same Jesus who condemned that type of judging is the one who taught us to “judge righteous judgment” (John 7:24). To judge righteous judgment is to judge what is right or wrong based upon what God has revealed in His Word (cf. Psalm 119:172). If a Christian says, “The Bible teaches that lying is a sin (Colossians 3:9),” it is actually God who has made the judgment. The Christian is basing his judgment on what God has said, and there is nothing wrong with making such judgments.

In fact, after Jesus made His popular statement, “Judge not, that ye be not judged,” He warned His disciples to “beware of false prophets” who would pretend to be “sheep” but who would actually be “wolves” in sheep’s clothing. Jesus then told His disciples how they would recognize false prophets: “Ye shall know them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:16). Don’t miss the point: Jesus taught His disciples to make certain judgments concerning false prophets. How could the disciples obey Jesus’ instruction to “beware of false prophets” if those disciples could not determine (judge) that some were false prophets? They could not. Clearly then, the Lord Himself taught the disciples to make certain judgments. Therefore, all judging is not sinful. If it is then Jesus taught His disciples to do that which is sinful.

Christians should not be intimidated when someone says it is wrong to judge. Rather, Christians must be sure that they are not guilty of judging others in a harsh, hypocritical way, and that their judgments are based upon what God has said in His Word.

BIBLE PREACHERS: PAUL
James Pilgrim

Following his baptism, Saul (Acts 9:18), “who is also called Paul” (Acts 13:9), “preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.” (Acts 9:20). “Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.”(Acts 9:22). He spake “boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus...and disputed with the Grecians;....” (Verses 27-29). Some went about to kill him because he had repented and was baptized. (Verses 23-30; Comp. Acts 2:38). However, Saul was aided to escape (Verses 25, 30),and the churches had “rest throughout Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified;....”(Acts 9:31).Barnabas, “a good man”, went to a number of places, then to “Tarsus, for to seek Saul.”(Acts 11:25). The two “a whole year...assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people.” (Verse 26a). “And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.” (Verse 26b).Barnabas and Saul took relief to those affected by the dearth in Judaea. (Acts 11:27-30).

Paul, along with others (Barnabas, Luke, John Mark, Silas, etc.),goes on three missionary journeys (Acts 13:1-14:28), (Acts 15:35-18:22), (18:22-21:26), and then a voyage to Rome as a prisoner, where he dwelt two whole years in his own hired (rented) house.(Acts 21:27-28:31). J.L. Hurlbut, A Bible Atlas, pages 127-129, thinks Paul MAY have been allowed to go on a final journey. Read the following passages, and draw your own conclusion: Philemon 22; Philippians2:19-24; 1 Timothy 1:3; Titus 1:5; 3:12; 2 Timothy 4:13, 20; 4:9,11. Acts 15 shows that Paul was not afraid to have a large discussion with his own brethren. On his missionary journeys, Paul “preached the word of God” (Acts 13:5), rebuked Elymus the sorcerer. (Acts 13:8-11). He preached “the doctrine of the Lord” (Verse 12), exhorting them(Verse 15), and gave them an important and instructive historical lesson from the deliverance from Egypt to Jesus the Savior (Verses 15-23, showing them that John the Baptist preached the baptism of repentance, pointing all to Jesus. (Acts 13:24, 25). Paul also preached “the word of this salvation.” (Verse 26). He did not omit that they had “condemned” and “slain” the guiltless One, but “God raised Him from the dead” (Verses 27-37), and gave proof. (Verse 31; Matthew28:1ff; Mark 16:1ff; Luke 24:1ff; John 20:1ff; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, and many more). Paul said that “the forgiveness of sins” was preached “through” Jesus, and that they “could not be justified by the law of Moses.” (Acts 13:38, 39). He warned them of what the prophets had said, and“ persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.” (Verses 40-43). “And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.” (Verse 44). When the envious Jews spake against the things spoken by Paul, he waxed bold, and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life,....” (Verses 45, 46). The Gentiles were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord God upon hearing the word of the Lord that they could have everlasting life. (Verses 46b-49).BUT Paul and Barnabas were persecuted and expelled out of their coasts by many Jews, devout (Cf. Acts 2:5) and honorable women, and the chief men of the city, for preaching the Word of the Lord. (Verse 50). “They shook off the dust of their feet against them,....” (Verse 51;Matthew 10:14, 15). “And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.” (Acts13:52).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN KID’S LUNCH

August 23rd

After morning service

BIBLE BOWL

Wednesday, September 2nd

Adult Challenge – 1 Kings 1-11

FALL LECTURESHIP

September 20-23

Sunday: 10 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

12 Noon Fellowship Meal

1:30 PM Evening Service

Mon – Wed 7:00 PM

AREA UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Area-Wide Young Adult Event

Sunday, August 22 from 5 – 8 PM

MAYFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ladies Day

Saturday, August 22 at 9:00 AM

Speaker: Lori Boyd

Registration starts at 8:30 AM

MARLOW CHURCH OF CHRIST

Gospel Meeting

August 23rd – 26th

Speaker: Dr. Patrick Chapman

**FLYERS ARE POSTED BY TEACHER’S SUPPLY ROOM.*

WONDERFUL Youth Night!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Area-Wide Youth Night such a great success!

Attendance was around 164!!

Special thanks to the ladies for the great meal.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

❖**SICK SUNDAY:** Amy Chapman, Pat Shackelford

❖**HOSPITAL:** Nancey Pannell, Joe Goudy

❖**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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