

September 27, 2026

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Brandon Dees

Opening Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.)

Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.)

Dale Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord’ s Table

Rickey Loveless

Count and Usher

Danny Shackelford & Bryan Davis

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brice Lindley (09/30/26)

OUR RECORD

September 20, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 89

Sunday Morning Worship: 101

Sunday Evening Worship: 91

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 94

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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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Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

PREACHER: Mark Lindley

THE BASIS FOR A CHRISTIAN’S FAITH Mark Lindley

The Christian life is a life of faith. Paul wrote, “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (II Corinthians 5:7). Therefore, nothing could be more important to a Christian than faith. Without faith, it is “impossible to please God” (Hebrews 11:6).

Skeptics would have Christians believe, however, that to have faith in Jesus’ miracles and resurrection is to be naïve and gullible. Skeptics speak of a Christian’s faith as nothing but a “blind leap into the dark”—something that has no evidence to support it. Is this true? Is there any real support for a Christian’s faith in Jesus? Not only is there real support, but there is the strongest testimony available to support a Christian’s faith—eyewitness testimony.

In a court of law, if there is an eyewitness who can positively identify a suspect as the one who committed a crime, that is strong testimony. This is precisely the kind of testimony that supports a Christian’s faith. The apostles and others were eyewitnesses to the miracles, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. Note what they said: “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and **we beheld his glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). “To whom also he **shewed himself** alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being **seen** of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3). “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which **we have seen with our eyes**, which **we have looked upon**, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and **we have seen it**, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)” (I John 1:1-2). “After that, **he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once**; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep” (I Corinthians 15:6).

Can you imagine how strong a case a prosecuting attorney would have if he could gather all these eyewitnesses? On one occasion, more than five hundred saw Jesus after His resurrection!

Christians should not be intimidated by the skeptics and modernists of the world. Some will criticize, others will scoff, but the Christian has rock solid support for his faith.

Growth VS. Gospel

Dan Winkler

As God's people, we find ourselves in competition with the world and denominational circles. The conflict is serious for the salvation of souls and the expansion of our spiritual kingdom are at stake. We want to succeed! But should we succeed at any cost?

A subtle danger faces us, which might be called the "growth syndrome." Without care, "Will it help us grow?" will become the criterion by which we measure success and the standard by which we live.

With a pen of balance and a heart of loving concern, might we suggest some terrifying consequences of this danger.

First, if growth is our main emphasis, we could be encouraged to shift our "mission." Jesus said "*God into all the world, and preach the gospel*" (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19). As a church, we exist to walk in the steps of Jesus who "*came to seek and save that which was lost*" (Luke 19:10). Without care, our mission can subtly shift from "*going into all the world,*" to "growing before the eyes of the world." God forbid!

Second, if growth is our main emphasis, we could be encouraged to weaken our "message." Again, Jesus said "*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel*" (Mark 16:15). As a church, we exist to "*preach the word*" (II Tim. 4:2-4). Without care, our message can become slanted, weakened, or even compromised out of a desire to be less offensive/controversial and more appealing to the masses for which we compete. God forbid!

Third, if growth is our main emphasis, we could be encouraged to pursue an improper "metamorphosis." Christians are to be "*transformed* [literally undergo a spiritual metamorphosis] *into the same image*" of Jesus (II Cor. 3:18). As a church, our goal is to think and feel the way Jesus thought and felt (Phil.2:5), as we attempt to follow his example (I Pet. 2:21). Without care, we can subtly become more interested in "our image" than we are in "*the image of Jesus.*" God forbid!

Fourth, if growth is our main emphasis, we could be encouraged to weaken our "missionary" thrust. We are to "*go...make disciples of all the nations*" (Matt. 28:19). In Paul's day, the gospel "*was preached in all creation under heaven*" (Col. 1:23). Can we say the same? Without care, we can easily become imbalanced, pressing for a strong home base with numbers running over to the neglect of souls elsewhere who are starving for the good news of Jesus. God forbid, for both are important!

May our hearts pulsate with a desire for the church to do well! At the same time, may we press forward to a greater future, refusing to compromise our mission, our message, nor our God-given quest to be like Jesus and share Him with others! After all, spiritual growth is the secret to church growth. "*So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily*" (Acts 16:5).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Thanks to all that helped make our 2026 FALL LECTURESHIP great. Thanks to everyone who invited, attended, and prepared food. Great job!

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Monday, October 12, 2026

Speaker: Anna Palmer

South Main Events

102 South Main Street, Ripley, MS

Pine Vale Children's Home 2026 Fall Food Drive

We will be doing monetary donations.

Donation Box is in the foyer.

Need by the 11th of October.

SLEEPING BAGS NEEDED

The **World Ukraine Mission** is in need of sleeping bags for children. Please leave them on the tables by the Teacher's Supply Room. **Deadline is October 31st.**

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

❖ **IN HOSPITAL:** Janie Chapman

❖ **HAVING SURGERY:** Johnathon Ledbury (Larry Wood's great-nephew)

❖ **HAVING TEST:** Nellie Wallace (Steve Morrison's Granddaughter)

❖ **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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