

October 6, 2024

**Announcements**

Tommy Wade

**Song Leader**

John Hopper

**Scripture Reading**

Parker McAlister

**Opening Prayer**

James Pilgrim (A.M.)  
Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Rickey Cissom (A.M.)  
Bo Chapman (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Michiel Criswell

**Count and Usher**

Danny Shackelford & David Smith

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Mason McAlister (10/09/24)

**OUR RECORD**

September 29, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 90  
Sunday Morning Worship: 110  
Sunday Evening Worship: 91  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 91

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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

## GOD SEES YOU

Mark Lindley

Hagar had fled into the wilderness to escape the fury of Sarai (later called Sarah). Hagar was Sarai's Egyptian maid who had become pregnant by Abram, Sarai's husband. The union between Hagar and Abram was actually Sarai's plan. Sarai wanted children but could not conceive. She suggested that Abram take Hagar as his wife and try to have children with her. The plan was successful until Hagar became pregnant. Then, bitter jealousy became a major problem between Sarai and Hagar. The feelings of jealousy were so strong that Hagar had to flee from Sarai. She ran into the wilderness, and there the soon-to-be-mother sat alone, afraid, confused, rejected, and hurt.

It was then that "the angel of the Lord found her" (Genesis 16:7). The angel had encouraging words concerning Hagar's son who would soon be born. The angel also instructed Hagar to return to Sarai, and to submit to her. In response to God's message presented by the angel, Hagar named God, "Thou God seest me" (Genesis 16:13). She believed the name was suitable for God since He had "seen" her in her time of trouble and affliction. He not only saw her, but He also cared for her and comforted her.

This account teaches that God sees us when we need Him most. God doesn't see in the same manner that we do because God is a spirit (John 4:24) and does not possess flesh and bones (Luke 24:39). Since God does not dwell in a fleshly body, He has no eyes. However, God sees us in the sense that He *knows* all there is to know about any one of us. Jesus stated that the Father is aware of every little sparrow that falls to the ground, and that He knows the number of hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:29-30). Because he is all-knowing, He is always aware of our circumstances and constantly concerned about us.

God knows the thoughts, motives, and intentions of our hearts (1 Samuel 16:7). He knows when we are faced with temptation and struggling to do what is right (Hebrews 4:13). He knows when we have sinned and are trying to keep our sin a secret (Proverbs 15:3). He also knows when we are lonely, depressed, afraid, confused, and hurt. And He cares. "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Psalm 55:22). He cared for a lowly Egyptian servant named Hagar, and He cares for you!

## I THINK, I FEEL, OR I BELIEVE

James Pilgrim

One frequently hears someone say, “I think....” At other times, one will hear another say, “I feel....” “I believe...” is likely what will be said, especially when the conversation is about religious matters. What I “think” or how I “feel” about any religious matter does not settle it, and never will. The Holy Spirit moved Paul to write (2 Peter 1:20, 21), “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” If one is to correctly say, “I believe....,” that one must have first read the scriptures, rightly dividing them. (2 Timothy 2:15). Consider....

One frequently hears others say, “I believe the use of mechanical instruments of music in New Testament worship is O. K.” One may think that, or one may feel this to be true. However, remember that faith comes by hearing the word of God. Where does God say it is O. K? There are but eight (8) statements regarding the music of the New Testament found in the second law: Matthew 26:30; Acts 16:25; Romans 15:9; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2:12; and James 5:13. There are instances of mechanical instruments of music in the Old Testament (the first law, also called the Law of Moses). For example, Psalm 150, “Praise him with the sound of the trumpet...psaltery and harp...timbrel and dance...stringed instruments and organs...loud cymbals...high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.”

However, read Amos 6:1-6. Even if one believes that the mechanical instruments were accepted under the Old Testament, that law was nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14-16), and is no longer binding upon anyone (2 Corinthians 3; Hebrews 8). Cf. Galatians 5:1-4; 4; 3:19, 24-29. Appealing to the Law admits no New Testament authority.

Another says, “I believe salvation is by grace or faith only.” Where does the word of God teach that? Remember, faith comes by hearing God’s word. We read of salvation by grace and faith, but not by either alone. We are saved by grace through faith when we walk in the works God has ordained. (**Ephesians 2:8-10**; Mark 12:29; Hebrews 11:6; James 2:24; John 8:24; Acts 17:30, 31; Matthew 10:32, 33; Romans 10:9, 10; and Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:20, 21). We cannot earn salvation by meritorious works when we have done all God ordained (Luke 17:10), but neither can we be saved without doing all God has said. One, like Paul, may think or feel one is saved. (Acts 23:1; 26:9), while doing wrong (Acts 26:9-12; Acts 9:1, 2), needing to repent (Acts 9:3-18; 22:1-16). The only way one can truly believe one is saved by doing what God has said. Read Acts 7:54-60; 9:1-18; 22:1-16; 26:1-32.

“And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.” (1 John 2:3). Beloved, do not go to the judgment thinking of feeling that you are saved. **GO! BELIEVING! Go, reading, rightly dividing the word of God, and doing what He said. Go “In hope of eternal life, which God that cannot lie, promised before the world began.” (Titus 1:2).**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PUMPKIN PATCH

*For the Young & Old*

OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 3:30 PM

2100 CR 805, Blue Mountain

Pumpkin Picking/Festive Food/Fellowship & Activities for All Ages

Please RSVP – sign up sheet and more information in foyer

### CHAPMAN’S TRUNK-R -TREAT & HOTDOG ROAST

October 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM

### Pine Vale Children’s Home 2024 Fall Food Drive

We will be doing  
monetary donations.

Donation Box is in the foyer.

*Need by the 20<sup>th</sup> of October.*

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**HOME SICK:** Juan Stroupe, Joy Simmons

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

**CANCER:** Ray Henderson, Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John’s Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), 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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