

October 20, 2024

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

J C Newby

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)
Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Tim McMillin (A.M.)
Jimmy Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Jarvene Shackelford

Count and Usher

Danny Shackelford & David Smith

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (10/23/24)

OUR RECORD

October 13, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 101
Sunday Morning Worship: 114
Sunday Evening Worship: 99
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 55

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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

PICKING UP BEER CANS

Mark Lindley

The author of this article often has the “joy” of picking up beer cans. It seems as if drinkers have not been taught the common decency to throw their empty cans into the trash. Rather, they seem to believe that littering our highways, roads, and yards is a better option. While it may be a bit frustrating to have to pick up beer cans others have thrown into one’s yard, just think of all the “benefits” of living in a wet county. Consider the following:

Selling beer and whiskey in our county gives all citizens a job—picking up all the empty beer cartons, beer caps, beer bottles and cans, as well as empty whiskey bottles.

One can travel nearly any backroad in the county and find plenty of these “opportunities.” Also, it is not uncommon for one to find such a “blessing” in one’s own front yard. Sometimes, one will be “blessed” with more than one “opportunity” per day! And who wouldn’t want to make time for picking up behind partiers as they drive past our homes and litter our county! Although most people are busy with work, tending to a family, going to our kids’ ballgames, attending church services, taking elderly parents to the doctor and a thousand other things, surely, we can always find time for the “joy” of picking up empty beer cans!

Someone might object by arguing that selling beer and liquor in our stores may lead to addiction, more violence, more women and children abused and neglected, and to more deaths along our highways. These things are certainly true. The Bible warns about the dangers of strong drink: “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” (Proverbs 20:1). Drunkards often live in poverty, have sorrow, suffer accidents and injuries, commit adultery, speak nonsense, and are addicted (Proverbs 23:21-35).

However, some maintain that the “pros” outweigh the cons! They often say, “Look at how it helps the local economy.” In other words, the hidden message is that *money is the most important thing!* Even more important than people’s health, happiness and lives! Indeed, the love of money is the root of all evil (I Timothy 6:10).

Nevertheless, since beer and liquor are now being sold in our county, we all get to “enjoy” the trash the drinkers leave behind. So, the next time you are tempted to complain about picking up other people’s trash from your yard, just take a minute and think of all the “blessings” (?) that come from selling beer and liquor in our county! Keep picking up those cans!

[This article, written with sarcasm, is designed to highlight a problem that is a blight to our area.]

Faithful in Attendance

By Brian Mitchell

The story is told of three preachers who got together for coffee one day and found out that all of them faced the same problem with bat-infestations in their church buildings. One of them said, "I got mad and took a shotgun and fired at them. I missed the bats and it put a hole in the roof. I don't suggest that approach." The second said, "I caught the bats in traps and drove them 50 miles away and released them. Unfortunately, they beat me back to the church building." The third one said, "I solved my bat problem. I simply baptized them and made them deacons. I haven't seen them since."

On another Sunday morning, two men were fishing and feeling pretty guilty for skipping church, especially since the fish weren't biting. One said to the other, "I guess I should have stayed home and gone to church." The other man replied, "Maybe so, but I couldn't have gone to church anyway...my wife is sick in bed." During a very long church service, in the middle of a long-winded sermon, a small child was overheard whispering to his mother, "Mommy, are you sure this is the only way we can get to heaven?"

Today, I want us to talk about our need for being more faithful in attendance. I really should begin by commending you for being here today. In some respects, I'm preaching to the choir, so to speak. But as you will see, this lesson is really for all of us. I really want to be frank today, but I don't want to be negative. I do believe the church has a problem, but I think we can see it as an opportunity for positive action. So, before we discuss positive solutions, let's take a look at the numbers.

First of all, let me state that I'm thankful that we have an average attendance of about 140-150. The downside, however, is that on average there are about 60-70 of our people missing ALTOGETHER. Some miss because: they are sick, they are working or they went somewhere else. Others miss because they just did not want to come that day and these are the ones I will primarily be referring to in this lesson.

So in summary, we have a mix of at least one third of our members here that miss every week for some reason or another. I don't want to spend much time trying to analyze all of the reasons that people may be missing so much. Certainly, there are some good and legitimate reasons why people might be missing from the gathering of the church (things like illness, travel, family complications or work might fall into this category). And certainly, there are some wrong or inappropriate reasons why people might be missing from the gathering of the church.

What I would like to remind us of today is the Scriptural and spiritual mandate for gathering with the church. Our passage from Acts 2 gives us a beautiful snapshot of the experience of the early church and stands as a wonderful example for Christians for all times—Acts 2:40-47. Exciting and wonderful things were happening in the church at the time. No one needed to be coerced into attending the gathering of the church. They all were concerned about each other and were serving each other.

It was indeed an exciting time. There was a lot of enthusiasm and momentum. I wish we could bottle some of that, or put it in a pill and take it when we needed it. Amen! Because then everyone would want to be here every time they could and for the same reasons they gathered together and grew daily.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADS TO LEADERS
Sign up sheet in foyer.

**CHAPMAN'S
TRUNK-R -TREAT
& HOTDOG ROAST**
OCTOBER 26th 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 20th of October.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Brandon Crawford (Sandy Newby's Nephew) and Ruby Bridges (Bobby's Grandmother).

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

HOSPITAL: Janie Chapman (TCH), James Allen Murphy (Rita Smith's Uncle)

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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