

November 2, 2025

Announcements
Randell Koon

Song Leader
Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading
Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer
Michiel Criswell (A.M.)
David Smith (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Bryan Davis (A.M.)
Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Gene Yancey

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (11/05/25)

OUR RECORD
October 26, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 94
Sunday Morning Worship: 108
Sunday Evening Worship: 81
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 85

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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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ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY
FOR OUR OWN SOULS
Mark Lindley

Every person is responsible for his own salvation. No one can understand, believe, or obey the gospel for me or you. Each person has individual responsibility to secure the salvation of his own soul.

What does this individual responsibility involve? In order to obtain salvation in Christ, one must learn about God, Christ, sin, and the conditions a sinner must meet. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me" (John 6:44-45). Please notice that Jesus taught that only those who "hear" and "learn" come to the Lord for salvation.

This implies that one must have an open mind and be willing to listen to God's Word (cf. Acts 8:26-39). Hearing the Word is necessary because it is only by exposure to the Word of God that true faith can be developed (Romans 10:17).

It is at this very point that some neglect the salvation of their souls by refusing "learn" God's Word. Rather than spending some time learning the teachings of God's Word, some will simply accept what a preacher says. Some seem to believe that whatever a preacher says must be true. However, the salvation of one's soul is too important to blindly accept what a preacher says about salvation. Even sincere preachers (including this author) can be, and are, at times, wrong. It would be foolish, therefore, to trust a fallible man with the salvation of one's soul.

Jesus warned that one must take heed to how one hears (Luke 8:18). It is good to listen to preaching, but it is vital to compare what is preached with what is revealed in the Bible. Consider the example of the Jews of Berea: "These were more noble...in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). When they heard preaching, they then "searched the scriptures" to see if the things taught were so. Would it not be wise to do the same today?

When it is time for the final judgment, each one will give an account of himself to God (Romans 14:12). Since each person will be judged individually, preparation for judgment is a personal responsibility. We need to know "why" we believe what we believe, and that is only possible by searching the scriptures for ourselves (II Timothy 2:15; II Peter 3:18). Let's prepare...Judgement Day is coming!

Why I Believe...

By Robert E. Guinn

Faith and belief are constantly used to justify one's religious practice and/or conduct. Yet that justification makes no sense if that faith is not a personal faith. So, what does it mean for faith to be personal?

For faith to be personal it must be more than a mere acceptance or acknowledgement of supposed facts. It is deeper than simply having an answer for a Bible question. Personally developed, faith can properly answer the question, "Why do you believe?" Not just supplying reasons to believe, but answering the question, "What truly persuades you to be a Christian?" or "Why are you convinced?" This answer should go deeper than the "I feel" responses and be more confident than "I think" statements. So, why do I believe? I am glad you asked.

I believe there is a God. When I consider Newton's Third Law, the Law of Bio- genesis, and the First Law of Thermodynamics, I find the Big Bang and Evolutionary theories contradicting fundamental laws of science and the natural world. I believe that the universe was created by a supernatural being known as God. I see design, engineering, and craftsmanship in our natural world. We look at a motorized vehicle and know that due to its complexity it was designed, engineered, and crafted by someone or something. In like manner, a small leaf from one tree is more complex than that automobile. I believe in a super-natural, all-powerful Creator.

I believe in the Bible. The most reliable documents from antiquity, based on manuscript evidence, are the Sacred Scriptures we call the New Testament documents. In a span of over two thousand years both the Old and New Testaments were penned. At least forty different humans, from various walks of life, were involved in its recording. Though supposed contradictions exist, I have yet to see one that cannot be adequately explained. Though its origin is found in antiquity, the Bible itself is not antiquated. The Bible has proven to be timeless and relevant to our present age with proper study and application. The Bible possesses the fingerprints of Divine origin. I believe that the Bible is the inspired inerrant Word of God.

I believe in Christ. The Bible is not the only ancient document that mentions Jesus as a real historical figure. Still, the New Testament, being the most reliable ancient document from manuscript evidence, clearly teaches that Jesus Christ is the son of God (Matthew 3:17, 17:5). He willingly allowed himself to be murdered by crucifixion (Luke 22-23), as a sinless sacrifice (Hebrews 4:15), for the sins of those willing to submit to His will (John 3:16, 36; Hebrews 5:9). Being raised to life again, he proved there is hope for life after this one (1 Corinthians 15; Romans 8). I believe in the risen, crucified Savior of my soul.

If I truly believe in these three faith statements, then my life should be in a constant state of transformation (Romans 12). No longer living for self but living for Christ (Romans 3). My belief should compel me to action, being grateful for God's salvation (James 1-2). Do you believe? Why do you believe?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Thanks

to all who helped make the Trunk or Treat last Saturday - such a great time for everyone. We appreciate all of your hard work.

**CHAPMAN'S
MEN SECURITY PROGRAM**
THIS SUNDAY - NOV. 2nd
AFTER EVENING SERVICE
Conducted by: Adam Bryant

FALL FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY
NOVEMBER 9TH
10 AM - BIBLE STUDY
10:45 - AM WORSHIP
12 NOON - FELLOWSHIP MEAL
1:30 PM - EVENING SERVICE
START INVITING!

HOLIDAY BASKETS & CAROLING
DECEMBER 7TH
After Evening Service
If you wish to help on purchasing items for baskets -
box located in foyer. Need by Nov. 30th

**Please review List of Names doing baskets for -
posted in foyer - make note if they are diabetic -
WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T MISS ANYONE.*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Gaylon Moore (Chris Moore's Uncle).

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

❖ **HOSPITAL:** Mandy Strickland

❖ **SURGERY:** Kye Elliott (Brain/Nov. 6th),
Annette Clark (Knee)

❖ **EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Juan Stroupe,
Caleb McAlister, Pam Mathis, Lori
Chapman, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman,
John Walker Perry

❖ **CANCER:** Teresa Rhea, Kye Elliott
(Sharon Pannel's Nephew), Rosie Marie
Greer (Jane Morrison's Sister), Belinda
Lucy (Jane Morrison's Niece), Marilyn
Harrell, Vince Jordan, Jane Childs, Kelly
Foster, Paula Curtis, Maverick Speck (3 yr.
old), Cindy Moffitt, Kenny James, Chris
Grisham, Benny Wallis, Billy Gross, Wade
Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Billy McBryde (Rita
Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly
Brewer's Father), Loxlee Eaton, David
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