

November 3, 2024

**Announcements**

Dale Vandygriff

**Song Leader**

Logan Yancey

**Scripture Reading**

Tripp Yancey

**Opening Prayer**

Bryan Davis (A.M.)  
Brad McAlister (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Michiel Criswell (A.M.)  
Tommy Wade (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

James Pilgrim

**Count and Usher**

Bobby Bridges & Larry Wood

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brice Lindley (11/06/24)

**OUR RECORD**

October 27, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 84  
Sunday Morning Worship: 94  
Sunday Evening Worship: 62  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 83

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

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## DOES PRAYER REALLY WORK? Mark Lindley

One of the great privileges of the Christian life is the opportunity to approach the heavenly Father in prayer. God's people are encouraged to draw near to the Father's heavenly throne with boldness, seeking help in time of need.

Sometimes, Christians get discouraged and may wonder if prayer really works. One might say, "I prayed that God would heal my loved-one, but now my loved-one is dead. Why did my prayer not work?" I suppose we all struggle with the question, "Why?" The answer to the question is not always easy to understand, and, frankly, in some instances we may never find an answer that satisfies.

Nevertheless, Christians can know with all certainty that God hears and answers prayer. Biblical proof of this is James 5:16: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." This passage declares that "prayer...availeth much." In other words, prayer not only works, but it also works powerfully and accomplishes much! This should settle the issue for everyone who believes the Bible—God really hears and answers prayer. Prayer works!

But notice the kind of prayer that works. The verse cited from James chapter 5 indicates that an "effectual fervent" prayer is the kind that works. The term "effectual fervent" means "powerful or energetic." Prayer that avails is not merely uttering words in a cold, routine manner. It is not simply "saying" a prayer, but rather it is "praying" a prayer with sincerity, eagerness, and faith. The one praying pours out his heart to God.

Another characteristic of prayer that works is that it is prayed by "a righteous man." A righteous man is one who is just and holy, one who is a faithful child of God. God does not promise to honor the prayers of those living in rebellion to his will (Psalm 66:18), but the prayers of his righteous children avail much.

God does not always answer prayers with a "yes." However, God's people have assurance that God hears; He cares; and He answers according to his divine will.

In view of these thoughts, how comforting it is when a righteous child of God says, "I'll be praying for you." No wonder Paul encouraged, "Brethren, pray for us" (II Thessalonians 3:1).

## HELL AND HELENE—No. 3

### James Pilgrim

“Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;) And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia,” (Galatians 1:1, 2, 11, 12), said, “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10). Titus 3:8 tells “they who believe in God...be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.” It is refreshing to read of the “riches of their liberality” Paul attributes to brethren. (Read 2 Corinthians 8:1, 2, and context). Notice that they gave “beyond their power” (Verse 3), they were “willing” to do so (Verse 3), “Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift” (Verse 4), “**first**” giving “their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.” (Verse 5). Read chapters 8 and 9, to see more. V. P. Black wrote much on giving. Three good books are “My God and My Money,” “Rust As A Witness,” and “See That Ye Abound in this Grace Also.” Get them if you can, and study them. Congregations have seen an increase in weekly contributions where these books have been taught.

Dearly beloved, look around the inside of your house. Go outside and take a good look. Get your financial statement, and take a good look at it. As the song says, “Count your many blessings, Name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.” Those in Hurricane Helen’s way, and now Milton’s, have little or nothing left. Others will lose much or all as more hurricanes and tornadoes come and go.

They need urgent help. May God help us to see what we can do, **and do so**. Even the widow’s mite can be used to help relieve what these people are now experiencing. What would you expect from others if this tragedy had hit you? A now deceased uncle and aunt, at two separate times, were putting the church down for its lack of activities. The writer stopped their complaints by asking them what they were doing to aid others. As Paul, inspired of God said, let us be careful to maintain good works.

1 Corinthians 16:1ff speaks of the contribution, which would be used in part to help others. Verse 3 shows that they would not be sending scraps, but their “liberality” would be brought to Jerusalem. It is estimated that one and one-half million Jews were in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. “And all that believed were together, and had all things common. And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.” (Acts 2:44, 45).

Read Acts 4:31-37 to see how the early church handled a need. Acts 6:1-8 gives us insight as to what the church did to correct the mishandling of benevolence. The late, beloved, and studious Gus Nichols counted over one thousand times where the Old and New Testaments declared the need to be benevolent. Brother Nichols preached and practiced charity. So should we.

## 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.

**LADS TO LEADERS**  
**Sign up sheet in foyer.**

**FALL FRIENDS &  
FAMILY DAY**

**NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**10 AM - BIBLE STUDY**

**10:45 - AM WORSHIP**

**12 NOON - FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

**1:30 PM - EVENING SERVICE**



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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lamar Criswell and Jennifer Cissom.

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

**HOME SICK:**, Wayne Vandygriff, Chris and Lottie Moore

**HOSPITAL:** Janie Chapman (TCH)

**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, 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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