

November 30, 2025

Announcements
Randell Koon

Song Leader
Larry Wood

Scripture Reading
Reed Shackelford

Opening Prayer
Tommy Wade (A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Wayne Vandygriff (A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Danny Shackelford

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brock Lindley (12/03/25)

OUR RECORD

November 23, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 84
Sunday Morning Worship: 98
Sunday Evening Worship: 80
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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WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING

Mark Lindley

Throughout the Scriptures there is a strong connection between worship and thanksgiving. This connection indicates that God wants our worship to flow from a heart full of gratitude. It isn't sufficient merely to perform acts of worship in a cold, ritualistic fashion. Our worship must be done "in spirit"; that is, with the right attitude (John 4:24). Every act of worship should be done with thanksgiving.

Singing should be an expression of our thanksgiving: "Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and **give thanks** at the remembrance of his holiness" (Psalm 30:4). In song, we thank God for the gift of His Son, the Bible, the church, the hope of heaven, etc.

Prayer should be an expression of thanksgiving: "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6). In prayer, faithful children of God can thank God for the privilege of prayer and for the assurance that our prayers are heard and answered (I Peter 3:12; John 11:41).

Giving should be an expression of thanksgiving: "Offer unto God **thanksgiving**; and pay thy vows unto the most High" (Psalm 50:14). The New Testament does not teach us to "pay our vows" but rather to give "as we have prospered" (I Corinthians 16:1-2). The principle, however, is the same: our giving shows our gratitude to God. We should give to God because "in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

Observing the Lord's Supper should be an expression of thanksgiving. When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He "gave thanks" (Matthew 26:27). Today, the bread and fruit of the vine represent the body and blood of Christ. Certainly, we should be thankful for the sacrifice of Christ which places salvation within reach of every sinner (I John 2:2).

The preaching and studying of the Bible should be an expression of thanksgiving. God's Word is a "lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path" (Psalm 119:105). Without this marvelous light we would be lost in the devil's darkness of sin (James 1:21). Thank God for His Word.

Come and worship with us. Happy Thanksgiving!

THE APOSTLES—SIMON THE CANAANITE
James Pilgrim

“Simon the Canaanite” (Matthew 10:1-4) is the next apostle Matthew has in his list of “the twelve apostles, disciples, who were chosen to follow Jesus. A disciple is a learner or pupil. (Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Page 266). An apostle is a delegate, ambassador, or commissioner of Christ with miraculous power. (Strong’s, Page 73). Matthew 10 shows both to be true. Simon is also “called Zelotes”, or Zealot, that is one who was strongly for Israel’s independence. (Strong’s, Page1209).

Little is written about Simon the Canaanite ZeLOT. Being an apostle and pupil of Jesus carried with it a great responsibility. He has seen and been with Jesus, a necessity of being an apostle. (Acts 1:21, 22). Simon saw Jesus following His resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15: 5, 7). He would have been among those in the room where Jesus appeared after God raised Him from the dead. (Romans 1:4; John 20:19-29). Perhaps he and other apostles were witnesses of some of the signs mentioned in John 20:30, 31. We read of Simon Zelotes being present at the ascension of Jesus (Acts 1:1-12), and afterword, in the upper room. (Verses 13, 14).

Simon the Canaanite was a witness of the appointment of Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot, who “by transgression fell.” (Acts 1:15-26). Simon, with the eleven again was a significant part of the great beginning of the church on the day of Pentecost, when “about three thousand souls” “gladly received his word” and “were baptized” at Peter’s instruction. (Acts 2:38, 41). By the way, if baptism in water for the remission of sins and to enter the body, the church (Ephesians 1:22, 23) is so unimportant and unnecessary, why did Peter tell them to be baptized, and why did about three thousand do so?

Why did not Simon and other apostles not correct Peter, stopping the baptisms of the some three thousand? If the “sinner’s prayer” saves, why did Peter not call upon the multitude to say the “sinner’s prayer,” rather than telling them to “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost?” (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Galatians 3:26, 27).

Simon, like the other apostles was busy preaching the word of God, and would not cease to preach the word and serve tables. (Acts 6:4). They saw the need to visit the needy (James 1:27), and saw to it that this matter was done properly. Therefore, they called for a successful conclusion. (Acts 6:1-8). Their proposal, being done properly, resulted in “the word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, and a great number of the priests were obedient to the faith.” (Acts 6:7).

Matthew 28:16 tells us that “the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.” Verse 17 says “they worshipped him, but some doubted.” What was there left to doubt???? He told them that He had been giver all power in heaven and in earth. (Verse 18). Lastly, Jesus told them, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Verses 19, 20).

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIFTH SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 30
• 10 AM Bible Study • 10:45 AM
Worship
NO MEAL
• 1:30 Evening Service

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

LADIES BIBLE CLASS
DECEMBER 9TH
6:30 PM
At South Main Events
Bring an ornament – will do ornament exchange.

HOLIDAY TIME CHANGE
Midweek Bible Study will be on
Monday, December 22nd for the
week of Christmas.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Tom Childers.

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

❖**HOME SICK:** Jimmy Vandygriff, Stephanie McAlister

❖**HOSPITAL:** Arthur Koon (Randell's Brother/Hospice)

❖**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Susan Stevens, Kye Elliott, Amy Staggs

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

❖**CANCER:** Dewayne Morgan, 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 South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton

❖**SHUT-INS:** *Home:* Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

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