

December 14, 2025

Announcements
Tommy Wade

Song Leader
John Hopper

Scripture Reading
Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer
Randell Koon(A.M.)
Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Mickey Chandler (A.M.)
David Smith (P.M.)

Lord' s Table
Terry Chapman

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (12/17/25)

OUR RECORD December 7, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 93
Sunday Morning Worship: 100
Sunday Evening Worship: 90
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 82

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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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THERE IS ONE FAITH Mark Lindley

The statement above is from the book of Ephesians. Paul affirms: “There is...one faith” (Ephesians 4:4-5). The word *faith*, as it is used here, does not refer to one’s personal belief, but to what is believed, namely, the Gospel. Galatians 1:23 affirms that Paul preached “the faith”; but, I Corinthians 9:16 says Paul preached “the gospel.” Should we conclude from this information that Paul preached two different messages? No, we should conclude that “the faith” is the same as “the gospel.” So when Paul wrote, “There is one faith,” he was simply saying that there is one Gospel.

This teaching contradicts the thinking of many today. Many people have asked me, “What faith are you?” The asking of this question seems to indicate that the one asking believes there are many “faiths.” Some seem to believe that merely subscribing to “a” faith (instead of to “the” faith) is sufficient for one’s salvation because all faiths are equally acceptable to God. It isn’t uncommon to hear someone defending world religions such as Islam and Buddhism as viable choices for one’s faith. Even among those who call themselves Christians, some believe there are various denominational faiths. Contrary to the “politically correct” society of our day, however, God’s Word still says, “one faith.”

How many is one? One is simply one less than two! To say there is “one” faith—as the Bible so plainly says—is to exclude all others. Does Paul’s statement that there is “one God” (Ephesians 4:6) settle the matter? Can one follow the God of his choice today and expect to go to heaven? All Bible believers know the answer. Well, then, if “one God” means only one, then “one faith” means only one as well. According to the Bible, there are just as many faiths as there are Gods. Not only does the New Testament teach that there is one faith, but it also teaches that we must obey that one faith: “...and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith” (Acts 6:7). Let’s all resolve to believe in and to obey the one faith of the Gospel.

THE APOSTLES—MATTHIAS

James Pilgrim

Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16), then later went out and hanged himself (Matthew 27:4-6), “and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.” (Acts 1:18). This was prophesied by the “Holy Ghost by the mouth of David... concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.” (Acts 1:16; Psalm 41:9). Judas Iscariot was to be replaced. (Acts 1:20, 21). The qualifications of his replacement were set forth. He had to have “companied with the apostles all the time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto the same day he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of the resurrection.” (Acts 1:21, 22). “They appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.” (Acts 1:23). They realized that the choice was the Lord’s, so they prayed to the Lord, who knows the hearts of all, and asked Him whom He had chosen to take part of this ministry and apostleship. (Acts 1:24, 25). “And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.” (Acts 1:26). As was the case in the selection of the first twelve, Matthias was the Lord’s chosen. There are twelve apostles again.

EXTRA! Did Joseph cry and cause problems because he was not chosen to be the apostle to replace Judas Iscariot? NO! If so, the scriptures are as silent as the Proverbial church mouse. The church is not sinless, but they knew how to handle Problems. Eg. Acts 6:1ff.

Perhaps Matthias’ first work was on the great day of Pentecost, the day the first recorded Gospel sermon was preached, the day the glorious church began. (Acts 2; Ephesians 5:25-27).

What else did Matthias do? One must read the works of the apostles from the day Matthias was appointed to find this out. “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.” (Acts 2:1). They, inclusive of Matthias, were united.

“Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of Prayer, being the ninth hour.” (Acts 3:1). They healed a lame man and preached the gospel. (Acts 3:1ff; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). “And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the people, and the Sadducees, came upon them,...” (Acts 4:1). They were questioned about their actions and words, threatened, commanded not to preach the gospel any longer, and being let go (Acts 3:2ff), “went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them, and they prayed and continued faithfully.” (Acts 4:23-5:11). As an apostle, Matthias was a part of this. The apostle had prayed for strength to do “signs and wonders...by the name of thy holy child Jesus.” (Acts 4:30). Acts 5:12 says, “And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch.”

Cf. Acts 5:12-16; John 20:30, 32. This did not go unnoticed or unpunished. (Acts 5:17, 18). The apostles, Matthias now being one, at the instruction of an angel of the Lord, were told, “Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.” (Acts 5:20). This they did, knowing what the consequences would be. (Acts 5:25). When questioned, they appealed to the scriptures, saying, “We ought to obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29). The Greek word, DEI, means and is translated necessary and must. (Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Page 762). The apostles, having been beaten (Acts 5:40), departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” (Acts 5:41, 42).

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY BASKETS & CAROLING

Thanks to **EVERYONE** who helped make this year’s baskets/caroling such a great success. The youth did a wonderful job.

HOLIDAY TIME CHANGES

Midweek Bible Study will be on **Monday, 22nd** for the week of Christmas and **Monday, December 29th** for the week of New Year’s.

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IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Cross and Sue Parish.

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

❖**HOME SICK:** Bobbye Chapman, Wayne Morgan

❖**HOSPITAL:** Arthur Koon (Randell’s Brother/Hospice), Tommy Benson

❖**SURGERY:** Allison Smith (Wayne Vandygriff’s niece/brain/Dec 12th)

❖**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Susan Stevens

❖**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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