

December 15, 2024

**Announcements**

Kevin Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Brad McAlister

**Scripture Reading**

Parker McAlister

**Opening Prayer**

Tim McMillin (A.M.)

Gene Yancey (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Brock Lindley (A.M.)

Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Ross Shackelford

**Count and Usher**

Chase Chapman & Dale Vandygriff

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brice Lindley (12/18/24)

**OUR RECORD**

December 8, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 85

Sunday Morning Worship: 102

Sunday Evening Worship: 85

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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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**“GOD WITH US”**  
Mark Lindley

During the holiday season many reflect on the birth of Christ. Biblically, there is no precedent to celebrate December 25 as the birth of Christ because the Scriptures are silent about Jesus' date of birth. Nevertheless, the Scriptures are not silent regarding His birth, and Christians should rejoice always that a Savior was born.

The birth of Christ was predicted by Isaiah the prophet. Hundreds of years after the prophecy had been made, Jesus was born. Matthew, inspired writer of the New Testament, affirmed that the birth of Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy: "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:22-23). Notice that His name would be called "Emmanuel," which means "God with us." What a comforting thought—God with us!

It is very fitting that Jesus be referred to by a name that means "God with us" because Jesus Himself claimed to be deity, God in flesh. He said, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30); and, "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). Those who saw Jesus saw God (cf. John 20:28).

How can one be sure that Jesus' claim is true? Just imagine for a moment that God had determined to come to earth and manifest Himself to us. How might He accomplish this? Since God, by definition, is all-powerful, the Creator of all things, it is reasonable to assume that if He were born into the world, His birth would not be a normal birth. Suppose He decided to be born of a virgin. Would a virgin birth not arrest our attention and indicate that the one who is born is, in fact, not an ordinary person?

This is precisely what happened roughly two thousand years ago when Jesus was born. His miraculous entrance into the world helps to establish His claim of being divine. A miraculous entrance into the world is exactly what we would expect, if God came to earth. We might also expect other miracles, wonders, and signs if God came to earth. Jesus healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, walked on water, calmed storms, and raised the dead. He not only claimed to be deity, but He also proved His claim.

It is true—Jesus was "God with us." He is worthy of our trust, obedience, and life-long service. Follow him today!

## THINGS JESUS SAID—NO. 1

### James Pilgrim

This article, and others, set forth a number of things **Jesus said** which are ignored by many.

Please carefully read each of these writings, and determine what you believe about them. Remember, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of truth," (Romans 10:17). Also, do not forget that one is sanctified (set apart) or saved by God's word of truth (John 17:17; 8:32), the gospel of Christ. (Romans 1:16).

Jesus (Matthew 5:1, 2; 4:23-25), "taught them, saying,"

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Verse 3)

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." (Verse 4).

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." (Verse 5)

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

(Verse 6).

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." (Verse 7).

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall see God." (Verse 8).

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." (Verse 9).

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of

heaven." (Verse 10).

"Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you, falsely, for my names sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." (Verses 11, 12).

We generally call these statements from the sermon Jesus preached on a high mountain, The Beatitudes, from the Latin word, Beatus. The exact location of the "mountain" is not known. It is generally thought by some to be within sight of the seas of Tiberias and Capernaum, perhaps on a mountain between the two of them. A "disciple" is a learner. Thus, those who came to Jesus, came to learn from Him. Hopefully, you will learn from Jesus as His teachings are set forth. If you already know what Jesus taught, it is hoped that you will be reminded of the Savior's words. If your faith is foreign to what Jesus taught, realize that what you thought was not genuine faith, but thoughts, feelings and a trust in your own understanding (Acts 26:9; Proverbs 3:5, 6), and do as did the writer's earthly father, and as the writer has done upon learning the truth.

Question: Can one be saved, go to heaven, who does not do what Jesus taught in the verses above? (Hebrews 5:8, 9, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.")

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOLIDAY BASKETS & CAROLING DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AFTER EVENING SERVICE

**HOLIDAY TIME CHANGE**  
Midweek Bible Study will be on  
Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for the  
week of Christmas.

### FIFTH SUNDAY DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

*NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL*

2:00 P.M. AFTERNOON SERVICE

### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Butch Hutcheson.

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

**HOME SICK:** Margie Hurt, Romla Palmer, Debbie Chapman, Ellen Hendrix

**HOSPITAL:** Randell Mauney

**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Roger McAlister

**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:** 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 Walker Perry

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