

**March 22, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Mickey Chandler

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Ross Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.) Randell Koon (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Chase Chapman (A.M.) Larry Wood (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tom Wade (Presiding),

Larry Wood, Andy Reese, Eric Melton

Count and Usher

Mike Criswell

Rickey Loveless

Prepare Communion

Connie & Bryana Davis

Wednesday Night Song Leader

J C Newby (03/25/15)

OUR RECORD

March 15, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 138

Sunday Morning Worship: 160

Sunday Evening Worship: 188

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 100

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,232

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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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Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister,
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS Mark Lindley

In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus taught His disciples how to identify false prophets. The Lord said, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:15-20). Twice in this passage, Jesus taught that a false prophet can be identified by his fruit. This principle holds true in our day. We not only can identify a false prophet by his fruit, but we can, over time, identify a false Christian by his or her fruit as well.

Jesus warned that a false prophet might come in sheep's clothing. Jesus gave this warning to help us understand that false teachers and false Christians do not freely reveal their true identity. A false prophet or false Christian may greet others with a smile, appear to be religious, attend church services, compliment and praise others, but these things do not reveal the person's true heart. Jesus warned: "but inwardly they are ravaging wolves." There is a world of difference between a meek, mild sheep and a fierce and vicious wolf. The latter is driven by the desire to kill and slaughter. Christians need to be aware that there have been and still are wolves roaming around, pretending to be sheep.

However, there is a way to test others. Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." We all understand that an apple tree can be distinguished by its fruit—apples. In this same manner, a true Christian can be identified by his or her fruit. Therefore, one who is true to the Lord will produce sincere brotherly love, true faithfulness to the Lord, genuine concern for others, selflessness, and humility.

On the other hand, Jesus taught that a corrupt tree cannot produce good fruit. A corrupt tree (person) will produce the fruit of false doctrine, lies, gossip, pride, selfishness, envy and rude, ungodly behavior.

Fruit takes time to grow. Apples do not grow overnight. Neither does the true fruit of one's life. Over time, however, we can examine the fruit one produces and that fruit will tell us something about that person's faithfulness to the Lord.

Dealing With Difficult People

By Justin Morton

As a Christian, several things can be classified as hard. For example, evangelizing a lost friend or neighbor might be considered hard by some. For others, finding time alone with God is tough. For me, one of the hardest parts of my Christian walk is dealing with difficult people. I find it hard to deal with people when it seems their sole purpose in life is to make my life difficult. Whether it is a friend, boss, neighbor, relative or even a member of your church family, it's never easy to deal with difficult people.

The good news is that God's Word gives insight into dealing with difficult people. Consider Paul's words to the church at Rome when describing how the gospel should look in the life of believers: "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceable with all" (Rom. 12:18). Paul told the Christians at Rome to live peaceably with all people if possible. Don't you suppose difficult people fall into this category as well? I do. Yet, even though they may be difficult, Paul teaches us to strive to live in peace with them.

Jesus had to deal with difficult people too. Some people opposed His ministry (Mk. 5:1-17; Lk. 4:16-29), didn't believe He was who He said He was (Jn. 12:35-37), and some even sought to kill Him (Jn. 7:1-25). It doesn't get much more difficult than this. Yet, Jesus preached, "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matt. 7:12). Notice Jesus said we are to treat people the way we want to be treated, not the way people treat us.

The next time you are annoyed by the difficult people in your life, remember how the Bible teaches us to deal with them. Strive for peace and treat them in the manner you want them to treat you. Situations with difficult people will always occur, but our actions should be pleasing to God and that's what's most important.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Ray Renolds

Remember the song "How Great Thou Art"? Do you think about the words of that song when you sing it? Who is exalted as great? God! God is truly great! And He intends to make our lives great. So that leads me to ask, "What about you? How are you? Are things 'great' with you? How are you doing?" I hope that you are doing great, but I realize that you may not be doing great. For those of you that are struggling today, I want to share a few thoughts.

A few years ago I was given a small piece of paper. It looked like it was cut out of a magazine (I assumed that it was a religious magazine). On it were "Ten Rules For Making Every Day a Great Day." It was truly a blessing to me. I put it up in my office for a while. But eventually it ended up in my desk and I didn't find it again until recently.

When I re-discovered the list, I realized I needed the list that day! Maybe the list will help you as much as it has helped me.

Ten Rules For Making Every Day a Great Day

1. Think that good things will happen.
2. Express gratitude to a loved one.
3. Put your gripes away in a box.
4. Be patient with an annoying person.
5. Do something special for yourself.
6. Reach out to someone who needs comfort.
7. Focus deeply on each moment.
8. Learn from a mistake.
9. Look closely at a flower or tree you haven't noticed before.
10. SMILE!

Imagine if we lived by these standards each and every day. Do you know where this list was originally found? This list appeared in the *Times Daily* (Florence, AL) several years ago, but it keeps getting circulated around. Before I moved from Pine Hill (in 2003), one of our elder's wives gave it to me. I have enjoyed it for some time and now you can enjoy it too. I hope and pray that this will help you in your daily Christian walk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Thanks to all that helped make our Gospel Meeting great. **Thanks** to everyone who attended, invited and prepared food. Sunday Evening - we had **188** attend our Area-Wide Youth Night! Great job!

CHAPMAN FIRST QUARTER BIRTHDAYS (January - March) This Sunday - March 22, 2015

The Lads to Leaders would like to invite those who have a birthday in the First Quarter of 2015 to stay after church services Sunday Night for cake and ice cream for you and your family in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.

March 22, 2015

MARK'S SUNDAY EVENING

BIBLE CLASS 4:30 PM

&

BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE 4:45 PM

5th Sunday/March 29th:

Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning services. Evening Service at 1:30 p.m conducted by Chapman young men.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

• **SICK SUNDAY:** Joan Berryman, Erik Longoria, Janie Chapman

• **HAVING SURGERY:** Phyliss Christian this Friday (Gallbladder) Send her a card (new address): 3290 County Road 419, Ripley, MS 38663

• **HOME FROM HOSPITAL-RECOVERING:** Janie Jumper, Daniel Melton(Bettye Melton's Son), Tony Morrison, Deborah Gullick (604 West Main, Blue Mountain, MS 38610)

• **MILITARY:** David Spires

• **EXTENDED ILLNESS:**

Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Grady Chandler (Athens, AL, Mickey's Father), Beverly Koon, Renae Koon, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman, Christopher Pruitt. • **CANCER:** Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Eva Crawford, Elaine Mauney, Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer

• **SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: Oleta Phillips (*Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Willis, Lorene Daily, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Pauline McBryde (Rita Smith's Grandmother) (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*)

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