

**February 7, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.) Ricky Cissom (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Jeff Brewer (A.M.) Eli Carter (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade (Presiding),

Brock Lindley, Evan Yancey, Ross Shackelford

Count and Usher

Chase Chapman

Michiel Criswell

Prepare Communion

Connie & Bryana Davis

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Jack Harris(02/10/2016)

OUR RECORD

January 31, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 113

Sunday Morning Worship: 129

Sunday Evening Worship: 107

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 95

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,659

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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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Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

**I'm a Christian First
David Sproule**

Life. Sometimes it controls us. Sometimes we get so entrenched in what we're doing that we lose sight of what is most important. As Christians, there is one simple truth that must guide every decision we make and every move we take—Christ is to “have first place in everything” (Col. 1:18). Christ must have first place in my life! My relationship with Christ must take first place in all that I do! Above all other things in this life, I am a Christian first!

As a citizen of this country, I am a Christian first! My citizenship must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better citizen and my nation a better place!

As an employee with a job, I am a Christian first! My job must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better worker and my job a better place!

As a member of my family, I am a Christian first! My family must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better spouse, parent, child or sibling and my home a better place!

As a friend to others, I am a Christian first! My friends must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better friend and my relationships a better place!

As a member of various organizations, I am a Christian first! My involvement must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better member and my organization a better place!

How to Live for Christ By Robert H. Martin

* Do good to all people no matter what they do to you (Galatians 6:10). Christ is our example of doing good (Acts 10:38). We must follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21).

* Bless and love your enemies (Matthew 5:44). Christ was hated, mocked, spat upon, beaten...yet He prayed, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34). When we do this, we have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5).

* Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick (Matthew 25:34-36). Christ went about helping the downhearted (Matthew 9:35). By us doing this (especially to the brethren), it is the same as us doing it to Christ (Matthew 25:40).

* Count others better than yourself (Philippians 2:3). This is truly being Christ-like. When we do this, we are serving as Christ did selflessly (John 13:4-5).

* Put the kingdom (church) first in all things (Matthew 6:33). Jesus died for the church (Acts 20:28); we need to live for it. Put Christ's body above all earthly things.

This is Christianity. Do these things with all your might (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Be steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Friendship By Paul Meredith

Genuine friendship is one of the deepest hungers of the human heart. We innately seek out friends who have understanding, love and unwavering loyalty. True friendship is too rare and too precious to neglect, too infrequent to forget, and too sacred to carelessly cast away.

Jeremy Taylor wrote, "By friendship you mean the greatest love, the greatest usefulness, the most open communication, the noblest sufferings, the severest truth, the heartiest counsel, and the greatest union of minds of which brave men and women are capable." The value of friendship is truly tremendous. Euripides said, "Life has no blessing like a prudent friend." Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, "Fame is the senseless sunflower with gaudy crown of gold; but friendship is the breathing rose, with sweets in every fold."

Proverbs 17:17 says, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." A little later in the book of Proverbs we see a further parallel between a "friend" and a "brother": "There are friends who pretend to be friends, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (18:24). This dramatic kinship imagery is employed in order to solicit a stirring of our emotions. By comparing friendship to the powerful bond of blood brothers, the intensity of its significance is emphasized. In other words, God wants us to realize how tremendously important friendship is in each of us.

Let's be sure to value our friends and let them know how much we appreciate them. Also, let's be sure to be faithful as friends and companions. John 15:13-15 says, "Greater love has no man than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you." Are you a friend to Jesus?

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7, 2016

Chapman Singing:

Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home at 2 PM

&

Visitation Group:

Not Meeting

LADS TO LEADERS
BIBLE BOWL AND PEARLS TEST
Wednesday, February 10th

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Pauline McBryde (Rita Smith's Grandmother).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Janie Jumper, Tony Morrison, Lorene Willis

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Buddy Gross (Corinth), Audrey Box (Broke Hip - Corinth), Ola Wade (Corinth), Josh Ward (Corinth)

•**HOME RECOVERING :** Juan Stroupe (Hip Surgery)

•**HAVING TEST:** Robin Newby, Terry Jumper (02/10/16 - Kidney Transplant Testing)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Connie Mauney, Shelby Cissom, Erik Longoria, Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe's Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**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, Christine Chapman (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).