

February 14, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Dalton Beard

Scripture Reading

Casey Harris

Opening Prayer

Johnny Cissom (A.M.) Britt Lindley (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.) Wayne Vandygriff(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

J C Newby (02/17/2016)

OUR RECORD

February 7, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 123

Sunday Morning Worship: 135

Sunday Evening Worship: 93

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 108

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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

WORRYING AND PRECIOUS TIME

Mark Lindley

Time is a precious blessing not to be wasted. With each tick of the clock, the brief span of time we have in this world is passing. This is why Paul exhorts us to use our time wisely: "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). We should "number our days," making the most of each moment, living life to the fullest (Psalm 90:12).

Perhaps, nothing hinders a proper use of time more than the futile exercise of worry. To worry is to "to afflict with mental distress or agitation: make anxious" (Webster's). Worry goes far beyond reasonable concern. To worry is to be anxious and fretful.

Everyone, at some point, will have to deal with the temptation to worry. Many cares and concerns burden our minds. We may worry about our children, finances, health, marriage, and a thousand other things. But worrying wastes time and accomplishes nothing!

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave some powerful principles regarding worry. He asked, "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" (Matthew 6:27). The "cubit" of Scripture was roughly 22 inches, from the elbow to the end of the middle finger. It is apparent that one cannot increase his or her height by worrying about it. God, by the process of biology, determines the "cubits" each person's height. This is out of our control. In this same way, the vast majority of our worries are beyond our control. Worrying will never improve one's finances, health, or marriage. Worry will never help your children or grand-children make wise choices. In fact, worry will never do one thing positive for you. But it will waste your time!

Jesus teaches us to "take no thought" for our lives or for tomorrow (Matthew 6:25, 34). Since God knows our needs, He will provide. He takes care of the birds and the lilies, surely, He can and will take care of all who seek Him (Matthew 6:26, 28, 30). Rather than spending our time worrying, we should spend our time seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

If worry has become a problem in your life, break the cycle today. Realize that time is quickly passing. Begin looking to God. Seek Him through a study of His Word, the Bible. Put Him first in your life. Trust His promises, obey His will, and He will take care of you! He promised: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

Everyone's Favorite Day...Someday

What is your favorite day? Wednesday, "over the hump" day when the work week is half over and the rest of the week will be a breeze? Is it Friday, the end of the work week, time to quit working and start playing? Is it Saturday, play day, no pressure day, a day for "doing your own thing?" For some it is Sunday, a day of rest, a day to get over the effects of Saturday and get ready to go "back to the grind" of Monday. Monday is nobody's favorite day, so far as I can tell.

THANKSGIVING is a favorite with some, a day to "pig out" on special goodies, when nobody cares if you blow your diet. Many insist that "CHRISTMAS" is the best day, a day when most people are better to each other than at most other times of the year, when "peace and good will" are words often heard. I know some who wish it could be "Christmas every day" of the year. How about your BIRTHDAY, when others honor you and say they are glad you were born and give you things to prove how important you are?

Actually the day that seems to be a favorite with most people is SOMEDAY. Someday is never today. It is almost any day after today. It gives one a false sense of hope when he says "I'll have it someday. It will come to me some day." It gives one a false sense of security when he says, "I'll do it someday," as in "I'll become a Christian someday. I'll get right with God someday." But he says this while continuing to enjoy the pleasures of sin in the present. Felix was a someday person. He told the preacher Paul, "When I have a convenient season I will call you" (Acts 24:25).

Just another way of promising something for someday. King Agrippa was "almost persuaded to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28). That is like saying, "Maybe I will be a Christian, someday."

If the truth were known, everyone's favorite day is someday. That is the day we are going to get organized, get busy, get to work. Someday is when we will obey the gospel and become a real Christian, a member of the Lord's church. Someday we will admit our waywardness and unfaithfulness - our sins - and get right with God again. But that kind of someday is like the mañana that never comes. Yet people go on, as if they thought they would live on earth forever and have unlimited opportunities, as many as they want or need to "get right with God."

There is a sure and certain someday coming to every person. We are reminded of it every time some person dies. "And it is appointed to all men once (someday) to die, and after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). If you do not want to fear what that someday of God will bring to you, heed these words of the apostle Paul: "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold today is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). On that day when God's judgment comes, no one will say he can still do what is required for salvation someday. All one will be able to do then is offer feeble excuses for failure to do what he should have done long before. But the time and opportunities will be forever gone. All days on earth will have ended.

We can sum all of this up with some words by hymn writer Tillit S. Tedlie. Here's how he puts it:

Someday you'll stand at the bar on high,
Someday your record you'll see;
Someday you'll answer the question of life.
What will your answer be?

- Gerald Cowan

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Chapman Area-Wide
Ladies Bible Class
Thursday, February 18th at 6:30
Dinner Served**

**Speaker: Jo Martin,
Tiptersville Church of Christ**

"Keep Calm & Love Your Friends"

Happy Valentine's Day!

**Area-Wide
Lads To Leaders Bible Bowl Practice**

**Sunday, February 21
after Evening Services**

Food Sign Up Sheet in Foyer.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Janie Jumper, Tony Morrison, Lorene Willis, Ola Wade, Connie Koon, Kathy Moore

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Buddy Gross (Ripley/Rehab), Audrey Box (Send Card: Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab., 36 Bazeberry Road, Cordova, TN 38018)

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

•**HAVING TEST:** Robin Newby, Robin Chapman, 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*).