

April 7, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer

Ricky Cissom (A.M.) Palmer Jones (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Barrett Chapman (A.M.) Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Britt Lindley (Presiding),

Eli Carter, Brock Lindley, Ross Shackelford

Count and Usher

Joel Moore and Terry Chapman

Prepare Communion

Janette Rickles & Romia Palmer

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (04/10/19)

OUR RECORD

March 31, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 116

Sunday Morning Worship: 135

Sunday Evening Worship: 122

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 102

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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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SALVATION AND OBEDIENCE TO THE TRUTH

Mark Lindley

The Bible teaches that salvation and obedience to the truth are connected. Consider this passage: "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:22-23).

Having read this text, please notice these important facts: 1) Those to whom Peter wrote had obtained forgiveness of sins. The text shows that their souls had been "purified." This could only mean that they had obtained forgiveness of sins; 2) The text also indicates that those to whom Peter wrote had been "born again" (verse 23). To be "born again" is another way of saying that one has been saved. Therefore, it is certain that those under consideration were saved; 3) Those to whom Peter wrote were saved by "obeying the truth." They had been "born again" because their souls had been "purified," but their souls had been "purified" because they had "obeyed the truth." This proves that "obeying the truth" is necessary for one to be saved (born again). Whatever is involved in "obeying the truth," one must do it to be saved.

In the religious world of our day, it is not uncommon to hear someone affirm that "obedience" has nothing to do with salvation. We are told that if one tries to "obey" to be saved, then one is trying to get to heaven by "good works." Further, it is taught that "works" have no part in the salvation process; rather, we are saved by "grace only."

It is certainly true that we are saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8-9). It is also truth that no one can "earn" salvation by good works. However, it is not true that sinners are saved by "grace only" without "obeying the truth." Just read the text again and notice that souls are "purified" by "obeying the truth." Obedience to the truth is how one receives the benefits of God's grace, including salvation from sin.

Obedience to the truth includes believing in Christ (John 8:24); repentance (Acts 17:30-31); confession of faith (Romans 10:10); and, being baptized to have one's sins washed away (Acts 22:16). Since "obeying the truth" is necessary for salvation, all should consider whether they have been obedient.

Unwanted! By Ronald Bartanen

“Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them: for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again” (Luke 8:37).

Jesus Christ will not impose Himself upon anyone. He won't stay where he's unwanted. The Gadarenes were so upset with Jesus when He cast a legion of demons from a man and sent them into nearby hogs. To them, the hogs were of more value than the man, so they “besought him to depart from them.” In our world today there is an increasing animosity towards Jesus as He seemingly intrudes into men's comfort-zones. Even the mention of His name in prayer is not considered appropriate in schools, the military, etc. His word is considered out-of-date and irrelevant.

Some would purposely exclude Him from their lives. These would tell us there should be no positive mention of Him in school or public activities. He is even being written out of school history books.

Some would exclude Him in their choice of life-style. Evil so fills their hearts and lives, it is impossible for Christ to take up residence in them. He is excluded from their lives.

Some would crowd Him out—not purposely, but simply by filling their lives with material things. Such find no time for Christ, Bible reading or church. Other things clamor for their attention.

What about you? Would you be among those to send Him away? Or would you welcome Him into your life?

Four Things I Want My Children to Know about the Church By Adam Faughn

We live in times where speaking about “the Church” is looked down upon. People want to talk about Jesus, but not about the Church. Or, at times, people have a concept of the Church as just being another social gathering, much like a community club or ball team.

The Church, however, is far more. I need to know and appreciate that, and I also need to instill that in my children. So, while this is not an exhaustive list, here are four things I want to teach my children about the Church.

1. The Church is Not Mine; It Belongs to Christ. Here is where it all starts. This is a divine institution. It is not man-made, and it was certainly not made by me. Jesus built it (Matthew 16:18) and purchased it with His blood (Acts 20:28). That being true, He has the say in how the Church is organized and what is practiced. We do not get that say, and we only truly honor Him when we faithfully follow Him, the Head of the Church (Colossians 1:18).

2. The Church is a Beautiful Family of People. Though a divine institution, the Church is comprised of people, and those people are from all over the world and are made up of every walk of life. The Church is described as a body (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27) where each part plays a vital role in maintaining the health of the whole. Young and old, married, and single, people of every race and language; they all make up a beautiful family that must work together and work through problems together to the glory of God.

3. The Church Should be the Center of Our Schedule. I want my children to see the priority of the Church right on our calendar. When there is an activity, priority is given to the Church, not the world. That does not mean we will be able to attend every single activity, but the priority is being with God's people and working and worshipping with them.

4. The Church Will be in Eternity Together. I want my children to learn to love being with God's people here because it is God's faithful people who will be together for all eternity! I want them to know that following Jesus really is the only way (John 14:6), so only those in the Church that belongs to Jesus will be in eternity.

There are certainly many other things I want to teach my children about the Lord's Church, but these four are invaluable to them gaining a lifelong love for this great body. I pray that, in teaching these things to my children, it also builds an even deeper love for the Church in my heart.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS!

*Several of our young people
worked hard to memorize
100 bible verses.*

*Jamison Staggs
Christy Jones
Tripp Yancey
Taylor Staggs
Ruby Jones
Tavin Fitzgerald*

CHAPMAN SPRING BRING Sunday, April 14th

We will have a fellowship meal (potluck)
followed by services at 1:30 p.m.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Wilma Wood, Reed Shackelford, Danny Shackelford, Gearlene Cissom

•**HOSPITAL:** Joanie Kate Reese (LeBonheur-ICU)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Pat Waide, Joanie Kate Reese, Carlin Johnson, Faye Jenkins, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Tony Morrison, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGaughy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Gary Michaels, Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith,, Rhonda Horton, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny Yancey, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno.

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: **Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman, Willard Shackelford** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).