

**May 28, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Palmer Jones

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Kevin Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Gene Yancey (A.M.) Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Tommy Wade (A.M.) Ross Shackelford (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Britt Lindley (Presiding),

Jeff Staggs, Michiel Criswell, Bobby Bridges

Count and Usher

David Smith and Andy Reese

Prepare Communion

Candace Hopper & Sandy Newby

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Johnny Cissom (05/31/17)

OUR RECORD

May 21, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 122

Sunday Morning Worship: 151

Sunday Evening Worship: 111

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 101

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,981

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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

"FOR I KNOW
the plans
 I have for you,"
declares the
 Lord, "PLANS TO
 PROSPER
 & NOT TO HARM
plans to give you
 HOPE & *a future*
 Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations



Montana Brown

Brock Lindley

Class of 2017

The Rule of Law by Bill Brandstatter

When candidate Trump was running for President, he stated that he was going to enforce the current laws on immigration that were already on the books. A law in 1952 gives him the right to do what he is currently doing with immigration. Other presidents have done it, so is he. Yet there is a big outcry about his decision. Laws are made to be enforced. Laws are made for our good. Some hold the view, "Laws are made to be broken." God's people are ones who have laws that must be obeyed.

In the Old Testament, laws were expected to be obeyed. At the end of the Old Testament, the Lord speaking through Malachi stated, "Remember the law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments" (Mal. 4:4 NKJV). Mankind has always been reminded to obey the laws, not make new ones of their own. Many today want to make new laws on morality and number of other issues and ignore the law of God.

Some today may believe there is no law in Christianity. They might emphasize the grace of God instead. However, we are under law today. That law is Christ's law. Paul described it as "under law toward Christ" (1 Cor. 9:21). James described a law that all Christians are to obey as the "perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25). The Psalmist wrote: "the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul" (Ps. 19:7). Paul described the law of the Lord as "holy, just, and good." (Rom. 7:12). All these adjectives describing the law indicate there is nothing better. There is no need to appeal to a higher court. There is no higher court. Christ has all authority (Matt. 28:18; John 5:27). John writes, "For this is the love of God that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome." (1 Jn. 5:3). We therefore cannot love God unless we keep His commandments or laws.

The Bible plainly indicates we are under a law today. What does it mean to be under law? It means we are to obey the law or consequences will result. Laws are meant to be obeyed, not broken. Paul commands Christians to obey civil law (Rom. 13:1). As with any law, a violation brings repercussions. This general principle is stated by Paul in Gal. 6:7 when he states, "Whatever a man sows, that will he also reap." The punishment for obeying Christ's law may not come in this life, however (Jn. 12:48) The punishment is far reaching and everlasting. Jesus will take vengeance on those who don't know Him and don't obey Him (2 Thess. 1:7, 8). However, God's law is always superior to man's law. That is why Peter and the other apostles stated, "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29).

We ought to be content with the laws that are given to us in the New Testament. Are we satisfied with them, or do we think we can change them to fit the situation? We don't need any others. Christ has the perfect way. To follow it means heaven will one day be our home.

Worship or Entertainment? By Bob Pritchard

Neil Postman described serious problems in modern culture in his insightful 1985 book, *Amusing Ourselves to Death*. His thesis was that public discourse has been reshaped to such an extent by television and entertainment that thoughtful discourse is missing. "Show business" hype has affected advertising, politics, and religion. Postman's conclusion is that none of these changes have made for improvement.

In our entertainment-oriented culture, many churches find themselves trying to "outdo" themselves with more and more elaborate additions to worship. What began as special music by a choir becomes a full orchestra with professional soloists. A dramatic reading necessitates a full Broadway stage production. And as long as those who come to worship enjoy what is offered, anything goes. The expectation is that sermons will be shorter, wittier, and more uplifting. Anything in worship that cannot be "jazzed up" must be abandoned as boring--and there is nothing worse than being boring, we are led to believe.

The problem with this entertainment orientation is that the very object of worship is forgotten. God is the "audience" in worship. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that ignorant worship was unacceptable to God, even though it may have been sincere or enjoyable. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him that spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). To worship God in spirit and truth means that worship must be from the heart, not just outward acts, and that it must be done in exact obedience to God's commands. The worship must be directed to Him, not to the whims of the worshipers.

God's regulations for worship as set out in the New Testament are neither boring nor out-of-date. They are God-centered, while entertainment is man-centered!

Culture relevance is important--thus many churches are implementing modern technology such as projection systems to enhance sermons. And there is nothing wrong with the worshiper enjoying worship. God intended worship to bless His children. But when worship is merely window dressing for an entertainment performance, it cannot please God. The apostle warned, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God" (2 John 9). Paul condemned things that "have indeed a show of wisdom in will worship" (Col. 2:23). "Will worship" is that which is fashioned after man's desires.

[Note: Will worship involves a disobedient spirit. Regardless of a lack of Bible authority, people affirm, "I will do it because I like it." It does not matter to some Christians if a practice such as instrumental music or handclapping is not authorized and that they cannot take the Scriptures and show that it is approved. They like it, and they will do it - even at the cost of division. - Gary Summers; from *Spiritual Perspectives*- Sept.21, 2008 via *The Biblical Journal* (Fort Worth)]

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•**HOSPITAL:** Jarvene Shackelford (Tupelo)

•**TEST:** Mary Brady, Tracie Gross, Keith Newby

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Rhonda Newby (Knee), Juanita Michael

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Dwight Ward, Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, Lana Waldon, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, 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 Daily, Christine Chapman (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663). Johnnie Carpenter (Mailing: Tishomingo Living Center, 1410 West Quitman Street, Iuka, MS 38852**