

June 24, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

David Smith

Opening Prayer

Joel Moore (A.M.) Brad McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Logan Yancey (A.M.) Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Brian Davis (Presiding),

Brock Lindley, Ross Shackelford, Michiel Criswell

Count and Usher

Palmer Jones & Ricky Cissom

Prepare Communion

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

Wednesday Night Song Leader

John Hopper (06/27/18)



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Joel Moore, Jarvene Shackelford,
Tommy Wade
DEACONS: Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Why are you Waiting Saul?
Jonathan McAnulty

Saul of Tarsus waited three days in the city of Damascus for someone to tell him what he needed to do (cf. Acts 9:8-9). It was no doubt a trying time for the heartbroken man: Three days, full of grief, repentance, and prayer. He refused to eat, or drink. He knew he was in trouble and he knew he needed to do something about it. But he was forced to wait, for Jesus had commanded him to do so, and Saul had a new found awe and respect for Jesus.

On the road to Damascus, Saul had seen the risen Lord, and had been struck blind by the same. At that Saul no doubt knew he had had gotten off easy, for Saul had been hunting, imprisoning, torturing and killing Christians – doggedly so. The first words of Christ to Saul had been, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” (cf. Acts 9:1-7)

Saul had been persecuting Jesus, because he had been convinced that Jesus was a fraud and that Christianity was a lie, but seeing the risen Lord in His glory converted Saul. Saul went from persecutor to believer in record time. And being a man who desired to please God, it no doubt broke Saul's heart to know how wrong he had been. It would not be unfair to deduce that his prayers were prayers of penitence, pleas for mercy and forgiveness.

But, rather than immediately telling him what to do, Jesus commanded Saul to go into the city and wait. And so Saul waited. Three days he waited.

At the end of three days, Jesus appeared to a man named Ananias and told him to go to Saul, heal him, and tell Saul what he needed to do. Which, Ananias, after some protesting about the character of Saul, did. (cf. Acts 9:10-15)

Years later, when Saul recalled that encounter with Ananias, he could remember it vividly. It must have been quite a moment, the climax of three days of worry, anxiety and sightlessness. Saul had been left alone with little but his wounded conscience. And then, there was Ananias, explaining that Jesus had sent him, healing Saul of his blindness, and telling Saul what Jesus expected of him. Saul had work to do for Christ, he was to be an ambassador, an apostle, sent to the Gentiles to teach them about Jesus. But first there was something that Saul still needed to do. He needed to make things right with God.

So Ananias chastised Paul: “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” (Acts 22:16; NKJV)

Why had Saul waited? Because Jesus had told him to. But three days was enough waiting. Paul needed to do the right thing, and get rid of those sins that were still separating him from God. He needed to obey the command of Jesus and be baptized for the remission of his sins, and brought into the family of God (cf. Acts 2:38, 47; Mark 16:16)

OUR RECORD

June 17, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 123

Sunday Morning Worship: 132

Sunday Evening Worship: 113

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 90

Budget: \$3,500

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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).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Linda Chapman, Joan Berryman

•**HOSPITAL:** Cortney Cissom (Memphis)

•**TEST:** Danny Shackelford, Patti Hall

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Cortney Cissom, Tony Morrison, Juanita Mauney, David Young, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Jimmy Smith, Roxieann Foster, Danny Yancey, Lana Waldon, Diane Hodges, Bobby White, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, 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.

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (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).

UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHAPMAN
LADIES BIBLE CLASS**
Thursday, June 21st at 6:30

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Thus we are admonished to “do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10.)

Brotherly love requires that we strive, “every one of us,” to “please (our) neighbor for his good to edification.” (Romans 15:2.) We are expected to pray for our brother (1 Thessalonians 5:25), teach and admonish our brother (Colossians 3:16), exhort our brother (Hebrews 3:13; 10:25), and show hospitality toward him. (1 Peter 4:9.) When our brother is overtaken in a fault, we must, “in the spirit of meekness,” attempt his restoration. When he is overcome with burdens, love demands we help in bearing them. (Galatians 6:1,2.) Briefly stated, we should treat our brother as we would wish to be treated. (Matthew 7:12.)

If this defines the term, “keeper,” then there can be no doubt: we must be our brother's keeper.

We are not, however, responsible for our brother's choices in life; nor are we responsible for the consequences of those choices. We are not charged with policing his every thought, word and action. There are some burdens – burdens of individual responsibility and accountability – which our brother (or sister) must bear alone. (Galatians 6:5.) Ultimately, “every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” (Romans 14:12.)

In this sense, our brother's decisions, and the consequences of those decisions, are not ours to keep. God himself does not force or coerce anyone to be saved or to remain faithful.

Nor can we.

Years later, another apostle, Peter, would write: “For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.” (1 Peter 4:3; NKJV)

How long did we spend in sin? Was it one year, five years, ten years, twenty years? However long it was, it was enough and then some. You've spent too much time in sin. Even if it was only a minute of sin, it was more than enough. You don't need to waste any more time that way.

How long should we wait before we do what we need to do? Was it three days, such as Saul spent? Three years? Thirty years. Whatever the length of time, we don't need to wait anymore. Once you know what you need to do, the question is, “Why are you waiting?” Three seconds spent in not doing the right thing is three seconds too long.

It's notable that Saul is one of the very few examples in the book of Acts of anyone who had to wait before coming to Christ. (Cornelius in Acts 10, is perhaps the only other, and he, like Saul, was simply waiting for the preacher to get there.) Most often, when a sincere believer heard what they needed to do, they did it. Because while God is patient with us, eventually we are all going to run out of time to do the right thing; so, if you know what to do, and you haven't done it, God is asking, “What are you waiting for?”

"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?" by Dalton Key

It all depends upon the definition given the word “keeper.”

We are instructed of heaven to love all men: our neighbor (Matthew 22:39), our enemy (Matthew 5:44), and yes, and of course our brother (Romans 12:10). Love, if genuine, must be active; it must work for the good of the one loved.