

February 8, 2026

**Announcements**  
Brad McAlister

**Song Leader**  
Logan Yancey

**Scripture Reading**  
Bobby Bridges

**Opening Prayer**  
Larry Wood (A.M.)  
Tripp Yancey (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**  
Ross Shackelford (A.M.)  
Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**  
Tommy Wade

**Count and Usher**  
Rickey Loveless & Brice Lindley

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
Brice Lindley (02/11/26)

### OUR RECORD

February 1, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: NO SERVICES  
Sunday Morning Worship: NA  
Sunday Evening Worship: NA  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: NA

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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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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**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).

## How to Live for Christ By Robert H. Martin

## Friendship By Paul Meredith

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Pam Wood Mathis (Larry & Juan's Niece).

*Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.*

❖ **HOSPITAL:** Marsha Criswell

❖ **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Bobby Bridges

❖ **EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Jerry South, Kathy Ratliff (Stroke), Juan Stroupe, Caleb McAlister, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖ **CANCER:** Dewayne Morgan, Teresa Rhea, Kye Elliott (Sharon Pannel's Nephew), Rosie Marie Greer (Jane Morrison's Sister), Belinda Lucy (Jane Morrison's Niece), Marilyn Harrell, Vince Jordan, Jane Childs, Kelly Foster, Paula Curtis, Maverick Speck (3 yr. old), Cindy Moffitt, Kenny James, Chris Grisham, Benny Wallis, Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton

❖ **SHUT-INS:** *Home:* Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

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### BIBLE BOWL February 25<sup>th</sup> Adults vs L2Ls

March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
L2Ls Boys  
speeches & song leading

LADIES LUNCH  
March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Potluck  
L2Ls Girls  
speeches & song leading

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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?

- \* 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).