

March 1, 2026

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John Hopper

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Bo Chapman

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David Smith (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
James Pilgrim (A.M.)
Rickey Cissom (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Bryan Davis

Count and Usher
Michiel Criswell & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Ross Shackelford (03/04/26)

OUR RECORD
February 22, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 91
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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 CHRISTIAN AND GAMBLING

Mark Lindley

Did you realize that 2.9 percent of U.S. adults are considered to be problem gamblers? The gambling casinos would like to persuade us that gambling is a good, wholesome form of recreation like fishing or golfing. What the casinos do not tell us is that the average debt incurred by a male problem gambler in the U.S. is between \$55,000 and \$90,000. Neither do the casinos want us to know that the suicide rate for problem gamblers is twenty times higher than for non-gamblers (one in five attempts suicide).

No, the billboards advertising for the Tunica gaming business do not want us to know that sixty-five percent of problem gamblers commit crimes to support their gambling habit, and that the average rate of divorce for problem gamblers is nearly double that of non-gamblers.

Of course, some would respond by saying, "I'm not a problem gambler. I'm not addicted, and I view it as harmless recreation." We might expect such statements from those who do not claim to be Christians, but it is alarming to hear "Christians" (?) defending gambling. Gambling is at odds with the Christian life for the following reasons: (1) It violates the principle of stewardship (I Cor.4:2; Psm.50:10-12; Matt.25:14-30). God expects us to use our money wisely! (2) Gambling is often motivated by covetousness and a love of money (Col.3:5; Luke 12:15; I Tim.6:9-10); (3) Gambling violates the Golden Rule (Matt.7:12). In gambling, one must desire the misfortune of his opponent. One cannot honor the Golden Rule while desiring the misfortune of another; (4) Gambling is addictive and enslaving (cf. I Cor.6:12). There can be no dispute about the addictive nature of gambling since 15 million people in America show signs of gambling addiction; (5) The known gambler will lose his ability to influence others for Christ (cf. I Cor.9:12). Can a sincere child of God practice that which will hinder the cause of Christ? (6) Gambling violates the Bible's work ethic (Gen.3:19; II Thes.3:10; Eph.4:28).

These are just some of the reasons a Christian must not gamble. Others could be given. Though the Bible does not say, "Thou shalt not gamble," the Scriptural principles set forth here condemn it.

EXAMINE YOURSELVES

James Pilgrim

Paul (2 Corinthians 1:1) was inspired of God (2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17) to write, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;...." (2 Corinthians 13:5). Herein is implied that one to whom Paul wrote, "the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia," (2 Corinthians 1:1) may not be in the faith. Every Christians today should be punctual to "examine" him/her self to make sure we have not and do not leave the "one faith" (Ephesians 4:4), "which was once delivered to the saints." (Jude 3). A brief test of one's faith might be as follows.

First, one cannot do what one does not know. One, therefore, must "study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman of God that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15). What does an examination of my study tell me? Am I doing things I should not be doing, or not doing things I should be doing? Older brethren used to ask God in prayer to forgive them of sins of commission, and sins of omission, which is the same. Jesus teaches all to do His will, saying, and that such brings happiness, friendship, and shows that we are His disciples. (John 13:17, 35; 14:15; 15:14).

Second, regarding brethren, we are told, "provoke unto love and to good works" (Hebrews 10:24). This requires some effort, contact, teaching and example. I either help or hinder others by what I do!!!

Third, am I satisfied with my life and the assembling? (Hebrews 10:25). Am I present for the assembling when I can be there, or do I forsake it, as some in the first century did? My actions and words tell much about my faithfulness. What do they say?

Fourth, servants of Jesus are to be "apt to teach." (2 Timothy 2:24). This is not a suggestion, something that one may do or not do. The Hebrew writer rebuked some who were still on milk instead of meat, rather than being able to teach. (Hebrews 5:11-14). Jesus never sent anyone out to teach if they felt like it, but to teach. (Mark 16:15, 16; Matthew 10). We need to take the song seriously that we sometimes sing, "You Never Mentioned Him To Me." How many family members, friends, others, will be lost because of our failures to teach them? What about me???

Fifth, am I guilty of any of the works of the flesh? (Titus 2:11, 12; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21; others). Likely, most members are free from most or many of these sins. However, no body of Christ should have or allow such a sin(s) as did the church of God at Corinth. (1 Corinthians 1:2; 5).

Sixth, do I seek daily (Luke 9:23) to add and/or improve "the fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance..." in my life, knowing that "against such there is no law." (Galatians 5:22, 23; Philippians 4:8).

Seventh, in a discussion of Spiritual gifts, showing why and when they would end, the Holy Ghost had Paul to show that love would never fail, even calling it the greater of three things, that is, faith, hope, and charity (love). (1 Corinthians 13). In verses 4-8, Paul defines what love is. All should ask, do I truly love all others, using God's definition as a standard? It is obvious that the world does not love like the Holy Spirit teaches all to love. Members of the body of Christ should love as the Bible teaches, and should show the world how to love.

These are but a few tests one ought to use to determine one's spirituality, and to show others what genuine Christianity is. Read the entire word of God to see what you ought to be, and to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16).

UPCOMING EVENTS

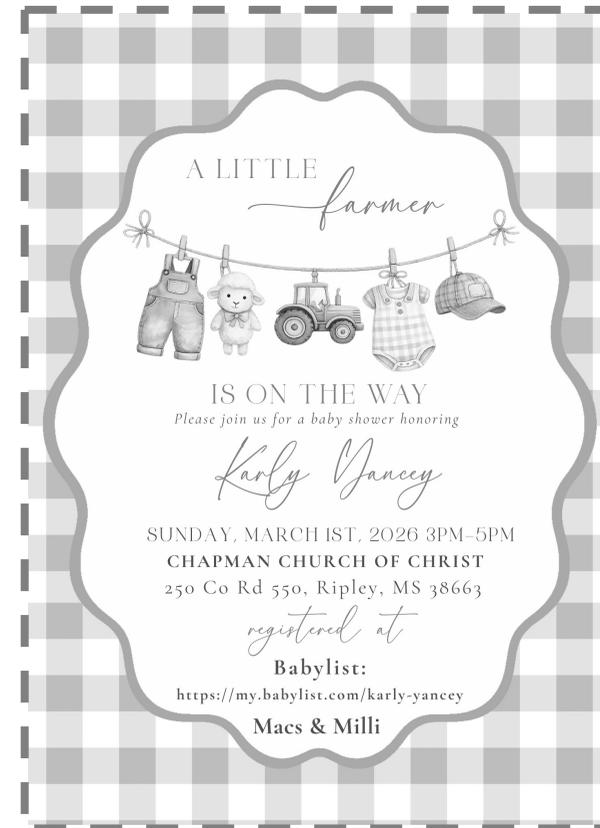
BIBLE BOWL
Wednesday, March 4th
Adults vs L2Ls

GOSPEL MEETING

March 22nd – 25th

Speaker: Eddie Gilpin
10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship
Fellowship Meal To Follow
1:30 p.m. Sunday Evening

7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday Evening



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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

❖ **SICK SUNDAY:** Bryan Davis

❖ **SURGERY:** Pat Shackelford, Danny Shackelford

❖ **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Marsha Criswell- send her a card: Union Health Care Center, 111 Bratton Road, New Albany, MS 38652

❖ **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 Pannell'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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