

May 3, 2026

Announcements
Dale Vandygriff

Song Leader
Larry Wood

Scripture Reading
Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer
Terry Chapman (A.M.)
Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Mickey Chandler (A.M.)
Bo Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Tommy Wade

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Brandon Dees

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brock Lindley (05/06/26)

OUR RECORD

April 26, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 84
Sunday Morning Worship: 97
Sunday Evening Worship: 72
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 71

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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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HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS

Mark Lindley

When Jesus told the apostles He was going to leave them and ascend back to heaven He promised that the Holy Spirit would come. As the Lord told His apostles about the coming of the Spirit, He said that the Spirit would convict the world of sin: "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, **he will reprove the world of sin**, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:7-8). Notice the word "reprove." This word literally means "to convict." Therefore, Jesus was saying that the Holy Spirit would convict people of sin.

But *how* does the Spirit convict? Does the Spirit do this directly or indirectly? Does the Spirit do this by a mysterious "better felt than told" experience? Does the Spirit do this in a miraculous way? How does the Spirit convict? The Bible answer is revealed in Acts chapter 2. Jesus had promised that the Spirit would come upon the apostles and guide them into all truth (John 16:13). On the occasion of Acts 2, the Spirit did come upon the apostles, just as Jesus promised: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). These Spirit-filled apostles preached about the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Acts 2:22-24). Then, having preached to the people of Acts 2 about Jesus, those people were convicted: "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do" (Acts 2:37)? Did you notice in this verse that the people were "pricked" when they "heard"? That is, when they *heard the Word* preached by the apostles, they were "pricked" or convicted of sin.

Putting this information together, we learn the following: (1) Jesus promised that the Spirit would come; (2) When the Spirit came, He would convict the world of sin; (3) The Spirit came upon the apostles in Acts 2:4; (4) When the people of Acts 2 heard the apostles preach the Word, they were pricked in their hearts. Therefore, the Spirit convicts people of sin *through the Word of God*. A sinner is not convicted of sin by a miracle from heaven, nor by some strange experience, but by God's Word. That is why Paul wrote, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17). The Holy Spirit's "sword" is God's Word and He uses it to convict people of sin.

RESERVED IN HEAVEN FOR YOU:---NO. 1 James Pilgrim

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:1), was “moved by the Holy Ghost” to “speak” (2 Peter 1:20, 21) “to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.” (1 Peter 1:1). He told them that there was “an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled,

and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 Peter 1:4, 5). It is important for us to study the gospel to receive this great promise. (Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 2:15).

First, let it be known that there is indeed life after death. Luke pictures life after death, by writing of a rich man, Lazarus, Abraham, and “they.” (Luke 16:19-31). The inspired story of Jesus concerning His raising a different “Lazarus” from the dead, definitely points a resurrection of the dead, life after death. (John 11:1-46, especially verses 43 and 44). Jesus said, “Marvel not

at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in he graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth;....” (John 5:28, 29; Read 2 Corinthians 5:1ff). Remember, Martha, Lazarus’ sister, said Lazarus “stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.”(John 11:39). How long one has been dead or the state of one’s composition will not stop the great resurrection. Neither will such put a hold on the reward about which the Spirit moved Peter to write.

Second, do not miss being in paradise or Abraham’s bosom with Jesus and the saved (Luke 23:43; 16:23). Upon death, you will go to the Hadean world. (Luke 16:19ff). The righteous will be in a place of comfort, while the unrighteous will suffer torment in flames. (Luke 16:19-31). A great gulf fixed between them will disallow one in torment to escape to the other side, and visa versa (Luke 16:26), although one cannot imagine one in Abraham’s bosom wanting to go to a place of torment.

Third, there is not a reservation like this one. (1 Peter 1:4). Think of having a reservation that is incorruptible, that is, it will never decay or be tarnished. This reservation “fadeth not away,” that is it will be there awaiting your arrival because it is perpetual. It is reserved especially for you, and will not be sold or given to any other. Do whatever it takes to inherit this lofty promise.

Fourth, “the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23). However, it is not without cost. Many do not understand how something could be a gift, if a cost were involved in it. Years ago, a denominational preacher wrote an article to which he gave the title, “A Gift You Work For.” He used verses pertaining to faith to say that you cannot work for something that is a gift.

Peter told those who asked, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37) to “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,” adding, “Save yourselves....” (Acts 2:38, 39). Question: Did they have to do what, Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:1-4), said??? If so, and it is so, one must work (do something) to receive God’s gift of eternal life. Christians, from newborn babes until death must “grow in grace , and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever more. Amen.” (1 Peter 2:2; 3:18). One cannot earn salvation (Luke 17:10; Ephesians 2:8-10), but there are things one must do to show one’s love for God. (Philippians 4:8; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; Titus 2:11, 12; 2 Peter 1:3-11; John 14:15). Must one do the things God has told us to do? If not, why do them? Why require others to do them? If we must do them, and we must, then God’s gift is a gift for which one must work, do God’s will?

Beloved, God has an inheritance, incorruptible, undefiled, which never fades away reserved in heaven for you. Live for Him, die in Him, and receive this inheritance that you may enjoy the blessings of heaven eternally. (1 Peter 1:11).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies - Food Sign Up Sheet for Susan Stephens in foyer.

NARCAN TRAINING CLASS MAY 3, 2026

Instructor: Chris Shackelford

Learn how to perform life-saving technique.

Evening Service will be at 1:30 pm. *No meal.*

Class after Evening Service (2:30 pm) and will be 30 to 40 minutes.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our 2026 University graduates:

Sydney Yancey, Doctorate of Pharmacy
University of Mississippi

Eli Carter, Masters of Science – Sports
Management, Business Administration (Minor)
University of Tennessee

Lauren Carter, Doctorate of Optometry
Pennsylvania College of Optometry

SENIOR DAY May 17, 2026

After Evening Service - Fellowship Hall
Congratulations to our 2026 graduating high
school seniors:

Ella Reese Shackelford

Barry Eugene Yancey III

*Please make plans to join us in wishing
them well in her future endeavors.*

CHAPMAN YOUTH May 24, 2026

OUT OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION
After Evening Service
Booneville Park

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

*So glad to see Mrs. Marsha Criswell
back with us Sunday.*

❖ **SICK SUNDAY:** Margie Hurt,
Charlotte Lindley (Mark’s Mother)

❖ **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Susan
Yancey, Dennis Hopper, King McCarver

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

❖ **CANCER:** Dennis Hopper, (John’s
Father), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s
Father), Dewayne Morgan, Teresa
Rhea, Rosie Marie Greer (Jane
Morrison’s Sister), Belinda Lucy (Jane
Morrison’s Niece)

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

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