

May 19, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Chance Criswell

Scripture Reading

Britt Lindley

Opening Prayer

Barrett Chapman (A.M.)

Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Tommy Wade (A.M.)

Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Danny Shackelford (Presiding),

Palmer Jones, Mason McAlister,

Chase Chapman

Count and Usher

Michiel Criswell and Bobby Bridges

Prepare Communion

Candice Hopper and Sandy Newby

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Logan Yancey (05/22/19)

OUR RECORD

May 12, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 112

Sunday Morning Worship: 141

Sunday Evening Worship: 96

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 108

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,380

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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 Divine Basis of Religious Unity By Gary Colley

Newspapers and billboards often advertise "Attend the church of your choice." These suggest, and many tell us, that one church is as good as another. To those who are moving into new communities and searching for churches to attend, it may be an impressive building that attracts their attention or a friend might invite them, but most seem to believe that one church is as good as another. If one church is as good as another, then to attend the church of one's choice would be correct, but what saith the Scriptures (Rom. 4:3)?

The Lord said He would build His church (Matt. 16:18). Could a man-built church be as good as the church Christ built? Christ is the foundation of His church (I Cor. 3:11). Could any other foundation be as good as this foundation? Christ established His teaching in His church (Matt. 28:18-20). Could the division and confusion of denominationalism made by the creeds of men be as good as the unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:1-6, Matt. 15:13)? Christ shed His blood to save man and purchase His church (Heb. 2:9, Acts 20:28). Can any man claim that his blood could purchase his church and cleanse as Christ's blood does? Christ proclaims that He is the Head of His church (Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:18).

Now, men claim to be the head of their churches, and one even claims to be the pope of his, but who would claim that a human head is as good as the Divine Head, a position only Jesus Christ holds over His church? The Lord commanded His apostles to teach people who obeyed the Gospel by faith, repentance, confession, and baptism, "...to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matt. 28:20). This included the commands for His worship. The five items He commanded in worship were singing, preaching, giving, partaking of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day, and praying (Acts 2:42, Acts 20:7).

There are many different kinds of worship in the many man-made churches. Would any be foolish enough to contend that what man has commanded in worship equals what Christ commanded in worship (John 4:24, Matt. 15:9)? No, one church is not as good as another! Let us choose the church of Christ's choice!

"We Don't Study the Bible" By Bill Brandstatter

In a Bible study a few years ago, a lady made a startling revelation to me. She mentioned the name of the group she was associated with; then she said, "We don't study the Bible." She then admitted they needed to study it more. When another lady in the class asked her if she had a Bible, again it was affirmed that she didn't study the Bible. The first lady did stay for our class and did study with us. She was right in saying her group needed to study the Bible more.

The Bible is God speaking to us. Paul indicated, "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God." (2 Tim. 3:16) Peter acknowledged that "Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." (2 Pet. 1:21) God speaks from His Word. God speaks to us by His Son. (Heb. 1:2) Are you listening?

The Bible is a lamp and a light. (Ps. 119:105) The Bible can help us to better understand life and its difficulties. It can also provide us with all that we need to face temptation and all that this world throws at us. Paul advises that we "put on the whole armor of God." (Eph. 6:11) Without the Bible in our lives, Satan cannot be resisted effectively.

The Bible is man's source for the future. I don't know what the future holds, but I know I have a future and I know it is in God's hands. After death, every person has a future. The Bible says, "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27 NKJV) That future involves eternity. Jesus said the future is either everlasting punishment or eternal life. (Matt. 25:46) Where I spend eternity depends on what I do now. The words of Jesus and our obedience to them will be the determining factor in judgment. (Jno.12:48; Heb. 5:8, 9)

The Bible is our source for the right equipment in life. Paul wrote that through the Scriptures, "the man of God may be "complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Tim. 3:17 NKJV) Man cannot provide the equipment that the Bible does. How equipped are we to handle tragedy in our lives? Remember, Paul stated, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17). Without the Bible I would not have the faith I need to get through this life or get to eternity.

Do you need to study the Bible more? Think about what the lady said at a recent Bible study. God will bless us and heaven can be our home if we "receive with meekness the implanted word which is able to save your souls." (James 1:21)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 26, 2019 SENIOR DAY

After evening services in fellowship hall.

Congratulations to our
2019 graduating high school senior:

Mason Bradley McAlister

Please make plans to join us in wishing
him well in his future endeavors.

*Ladies please bring
finger foods, desserts or 2 liter drinks.*

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Connie Koon

•**HOSPITAL:** Janie Jumper (Tupelo)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Wayne Vandygriff, James Newby (Rehab/Birmingham), Don Blackwell (4-wheeler accident/preacher and elder of Southaven congregation)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Pat Waide, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Tony Morrison, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Gary Michaels, Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith,, Rhonda Horton, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny Yancey, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), 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: **Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).