

June 21, 2026

**Announcements**

Danny Shackelford

**Song Leader**

John Hopper

**Scripture Reading**

Reed Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**

Jarvene Shackelford ( A.M.)

Rickey Cissom (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

J C Newby (A.M.)

Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Tim McMillin

**Count and Usher**

Rickey Loveless, Brock Lindley

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brice Lindey (06/24/26)

**OUR RECORD**

June 14, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 98

Sunday Morning Worship: 111

Sunday Evening Worship: 101

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 69

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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

## NO SUCH COMMANDMENT Mark Lindley

The Lord's church began on the day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts chapter 2. The church grew rapidly as thousands obeyed the gospel and were added to the church (Acts 2:41; 4:4; 5:14; 6:7).

However, it did not take long for Satan to try to hinder the cause of Christ. Certainly, Satan was behind the false teachings of Acts chapter 15. There were those who were teaching that unless Gentiles practiced circumcision, in keeping with the law, then they could not be saved (Acts 15:1-2).

Of course, circumcision had been part of the Law of Moses, but that Law was no longer binding. The Law, including the command to be circumcised, had been taken out of the way and nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14-17; Galatians 5:6).

When the news spread to Jerusalem that there were men teaching this false doctrine, the apostles, elders, and the whole church decided to send letters explaining why the false doctrine regarding circumcision was wrong. Here is a portion of the letter that was written: "Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment" (Acts 15:24). The letter explained that the men who were teaching that circumcision was necessary for salvation were wrong because the inspired apostles had given "no such commandment." This is what was wrong with the doctrine: it had no divine authority behind it. The apostles had given "no such commandment."

If all people today would resolve to teach only what is authorized in the Scriptures, there would be far less religious division. For example, what is wrong with sprinkling water on a baby's head and calling it "baptism"? The same thing that was wrong with the false doctrine regarding circumcision of Acts 15. There is "no such commandment" in the Bible. What is wrong with sprinkling water on an adult and call it baptism? Answer: "no such commandment" has been given. Why should instruments of music not be used in the worship of the church today? Answer: "no such commandment" has been given. What would be wrong with observing the Lord's Supper at times other than "the first day of the week"? Answer: "no such commandment" has been given.

There is a great lesson to be learned from Acts 15:24. We should be content with what is authorized in Scripture. We should never practice things for which there is no Biblical authority. Rather, we should speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent.

**BIBLE PREACHERS: Stephen NO. 3  
James Pilgrim**

The third look at Stephen's sermon before the high priest (Acts 7:1), "all that sat in the council" (Acts 6:15), "false witnesses" (Acts 6:13, 14), "Libertines...Cyrenians...Alexandrians...them of Cilicia and Asia" (Acts 6:9), whom he addressed as "Men, brethren, and fathers" (Acts 7:1), begins with God's action against Israel following her turning to idols. "God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets,...." (Acts 7:42, 43; Amos 5:25-27; Cf. 2 Kings 24:15). We learn from things written before. (Romans 15:4). Therefore, we know how God will deal with anyone who changes His will. (Matthew 15:7-9).

Stephen then reminded them how their fathers brought the true tabernacle which God had told Moses how it should be built. Israel was to build it as they had been shown. (Acts 7:44; Exodus 25, noting verse 40). That tabernacle and its contents were brought into the promised land, the land inhabited by Gentiles, the land God promised to Abraham and his seed with Jesus (Joshua), the new leader. (Acts 7:45; Joshua 1:1, 5, 16-18; 3:14). David told Solomon that he wanted to build God a tabernacle, an house (Acts 7:46; 1 Chronicles 22:7), but God disallowed such because his hands had shed much blood. (Verse 8). God reserved the building of the house, the Temple, for David's son, Solomon. (1 Chronicles 22:9, 10; 2 Chronicles 2:1-7:11). Stephen then quoted from Isaiah 66:1, 2, to show that God does not dwell in temples made with hands.

This great preacher returns to "The God" with whom he began, saying, "Hath not my hand made all these things? (Acts 17:24-29; Genesis 1; 2; John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:1, 2).

Had Stephen stopped here, he might have lived, but he would have quit without telling the things they needed to hear. This wise spiritual man continued, saying, "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it." (Acts 7:51-53; Exodus 32:9; Leviticus 26:40, 41; Deuteronomy 10:16; Jeremiah 4:4). About 3000 were saved and added to the church (a good number). (Acts 2:41, 47). However, it has been estimated that there were some 1,500,000 present. That means that for every one who obeyed the Spirit's instruction to obey Jesus (Acts 2:38), fifty rejected the Holy Spirit's word.

"When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed upon him with their teeth." What truth preached did that change????? The accusers are now put on trial!!!!!! This preacher does not ask, "Why me? Why this?" He being full of the Holy Spirit looked stedfastly into the heaven, where he saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on His right hand. (Acts 7:55, 56). The rejectful crowd (mob) cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and stoned him to death. (Acts 7:57-60). Again, Stephen was not asking why God was allowing this to happen, pleading with God to destroy them. Rather, he was asking for the Lord Jesus to receive his spirit, and loudly praying for their forgiveness, forgiving (Acts 7:59, 60; Compare Luke 23:34; Matthew 5:43-48). Young Saul was holding Stephen's garments and consenting unto his death. (Acts 7:58; 8:1). "Devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him." (Acts 8:2; Cf. John 11:35, 36).

What a great example of Bible preaching (2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Peter 4:11) by a Bible Preacher!! Does this remind you of gospel preachers named Mark Lindley, Eddy Gilpin, B. J. Clarke, and others who preach the word?

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**June 19-21**

Speaker: Michael Bates

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**June 20-21**

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

❖ **SICK SUNDAY:** Jan Morrison,  
Richard Stephens

❖ **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  
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❖ **SHUT-INS: Home:** Janie Chapman,  
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& Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

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