

June 28, 2026

**Announcements**

Danny Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Larry Wood

**Scripture Reading**

Parker McAlister

**Opening Prayer**

Ross Shackelford ( A.M.)

Terry Chapman (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)

Tripp Yancey (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Rickey Loveless

**Count and Usher**

Rickey Loveless & Brock Lindley

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Tripp Yancey (07/01/26)

**OUR RECORD**

June 21, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 92

Sunday Morning Worship: 115

Sunday Evening Worship: 80

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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Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE THIEF ON THE CROSS Mark Lindley

The most well-known thief of all time is one of the thieves crucified beside Jesus. One of the thieves repented and acknowledged his wrong-doing. Jesus said to him, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

Even though this man was labeled a "thief," in his dying hour he demonstrated some commendable qualities. First, he wanted to prepare for death. He said to the other thief, "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?" (Luke 23:40). Notice that the penitent thief feared God. He knew he was about to die, and he wanted to be prepared to meet God. This is an attitude we all need. If the Lord does not come during our lifetime, we will die and we need to prepare to meet God in judgment. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). We all need to prepare for death by obeying the Gospel of Christ.

Second, the thief acknowledged his sin. He stated, "for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss" (Luke 23:41). Many will never be saved because they are unwilling to admit their need for God and repent of sin. No one can be saved without first realizing he/she is lost. The Bible teaches that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and the wages of sin is death (Romans 3:23; 6:23). It takes humility to admit one's need for God and repent. Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

There are additional things we should know about the thief on the cross: 1) The thief on the cross was saved while the Law of Moses was still in effect; 2) The thief on the cross was never required to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. This command would not become effective until after Jesus arose from the grave and established His church (Acts 2:1-47). Those who lived under the Old Testament system were not required to be baptized; 3) The thief did not believe God had raised Jesus from the dead (cf. Romans 10:9). The thief was not required to believe this because Jesus had not even been buried when the thief died. This proves that the thief was not saved under the terms of the New Testament; 4) No one today can be saved in the same manner that the thief was saved!

Today, in order for one to be saved, one must realize his/her need for salvation. Then, one must believe (John 8:24), repent (Acts 17:30), confess (Romans 10:10), and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 22:16).

The thief on the cross demonstrated some good qualities before he died, but no one today can be saved as the thief was saved.

## BIBLE PREACHERS: PETER

James Pilgrim

The first recorded, and most likely, the first gospel sermon preached under the third age, the Christian age, is seen in Acts 2, “the day of Pentecost.” (Acts 2:1). “They”, the twelve apostles, Matthias being numbered with the eleven, chosen by the Lord to take the place of Judas Iscariot (Acts 1:23-26), who had fallen due to his transgression. (Acts 2:1; 1:25, 26). In fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy (Isaiah 2:1-5; 2 Peter 1:20, 21), that (1) the word of the Lord would go forth (2) in the last days (3) from Jerusalem (4) to all nations, and that (5) the Lord’s house (church, 1 Timothy 3:15), we see the exact fulfillment of this prophecy in Acts 2. Notice that there were “Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven” (Acts 2:5) who were in “Jerusalem” (Acts 2:5), in “the last days” (Acts 2:17), about three thousand were added to the church that day, with daily additions (Acts 2:41, 47), and “Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice,” and preached the word. (Acts 2:14-40; 2 Timothy 4:2).

Please notice that the message spoken was in the tongues (Acts 2:3), that is, languages of the hearers (Acts 2:6, 8, 11). The words were clearly understood by the hearers. The fact that they were “pricked in their heart” upon hearing and hearkening to the message shows this beyond any doubt. (Acts 2:14, 37). Non-sense syllables were not used!

Peter “lifted up his voice,” and told his audience, “be this known unto you, and hearken to my words.” In other words, they could understand what he was about to say in full. Using Joel 2:28-32, he showed that “these are not drunken.” Rather, Joel’s prophecy of events, including salvation the last days was being fulfilled. Peter then turns his attention to “Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs...as ye yourselves know.” (Acts 2:22). These devout men did a wicked thing by crucifying and slaying Jesus, but God raised Him up. (Acts 2:23, 24).

David is mentioned three (3) times (Verses 25, 29, 34) in the last part of this sermon, likely due to the esteem with which the patriarch (Acts 2:29) and prophet (Acts 2:30) is held, and the impact he would have on the audience, especially because David submitted to Jesus. (Acts 2:25-35).

Peter does not “sugar coat” the message. He makes it crystal clear that those present, whether active, or guilty in some other way, had crucified the God, Jesus, “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal to God; But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:6-8; 1 Timothy 3:16).

Peter’s sermon had an impact upon his hearers. “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). How many asked this? This we do not know. We are informed that “they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” (Acts 2:41). Verse 47b says, “And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” One wonders if some of these were hearers of Peter’s sermon, who later realized that what Peter taught was right, and should be done.

Peter did **NOT** tell his hearers that **grace alone, faith only, the sinner’s prayer**, saves. He answered their question, saying, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,....” (Acts 2:38-40). Is this what you tell people? If not why not?

That is what an inspired apostle told people.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

VBS

June 28 – July 1 – 6:00 to 7:30 PM

### Tiplersville Church of Christ

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

July 12, 2026

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VBS

July 12-15 – 6:30 to 8 PM

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July 12<sup>th</sup>

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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:** Wayne Vandygriff

❖ **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

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

**Isaiah 40:31**

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