

July 27, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)

Brad McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)

Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Randell Koon

Count and Usher

Michiel Criswell & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (07/30/25)

OUR RECORD

July 20, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 84

Sunday Morning Worship: 99

Sunday Evening Worship: 132

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 75

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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 TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

Mark Lindley

We often emphasize the importance of effective, Bible preaching. The man in the pulpit, however, can only present God's Word. In order for preaching to be effective, people in the pews must listen as they should. Jesus said, "Take heed therefore how ye hear" (Luke 8:18). How should one listen (hear) to a sermon? Here are some suggestions:

1. **Listen with an open Bible.** The noble Bereans "searched the Scriptures daily" to see if what they were hearing was true (Acts 17:11). As the preacher refers to Bible verses, look them up to see if the preacher is speaking the truth. No man should be blindly followed just because he is a preacher.
2. **Listen with an open heart.** Ezra sets a good example for us: "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord..." (Ezra 7:10). All the preaching in the world cannot penetrate a heart that is calloused and unwilling to change. We must be open to the truth, even when that truth contradicts some previously held belief.
3. **Listen reverently.** On the occasion of Nehemiah 8 when God's Word was read, all the people, with reverence for the Word, stood (Nehemiah 8:5). During the preaching of God's Word is not the time for sleeping, thinking about the Sunday afternoon ballgame, balancing the checkbook, writing notes to friends, or playing with babies.
4. **Listen in view of eternity.** The Word being preached is the standard by which all will be judged. Jesus said, "...the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Should we not earnestly listen to God's Word since we will be judged by it?

These suggestions, if applied, will help us properly listen to God's Word, and listening to God's Word will help us prepare for Judgment.

A BAD MINISTER

James Pilgrim

Mark is doing an excellent work in teaching. In a recent lesson on First Timothy, chapter four, Mark commented on part of verse six, “A good minister of Jesus Christ.” Among the things he brought to our attention was that it is the teacher’s responsibility to tell people what God said. He then gave some examples of a good minister doing just that.

After class, the writer told Mark that the statement also implied more. Mark said, “bad Minister,” and quickly called for the writer to follow up with an article to that effect. Thus, “A Bad Minister.” If a “good minister” is one who puts others in remembrance of the things God has said, one who changes God’s will is “A Bad Minister.” Herein, a number of things will help you, dear reader, to identify good and bad ministers.

Jesus said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.” (Mark 16:15, 16). A good minister will tell all who seek salvation what Jesus told us to tell those seeking salvation. A bad minister will tell those seeking salvation that they are saved by faith only, by grace alone, to say the sinners prayer, or something different to what Jesus said.

Jesus said, “Upon this rock I will build my church:....” (Matthew 16:13-19, esp. v. 18). One who tells others what Jesus said is “a good minister of Jesus Christ. By the pen of Paul, the Lord called the church after Jesus, the builder. Cf. Romans 16:16. Jesus built but one church, “my church” (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 4:4; 1:22, 23; 1 Corinthians 12:12, 13, 27). The church is

also called the house of God (1 Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 3:6), and such like. What will a good minister call the church? Look around you at the many names given to churches. Now, search the word of God for verses where he called the church by that name or description.

Jesus taught His people to be faithful, or they would fall and be lost. (1 Corinthians 10:1-14, esp. vv. 12; 2 Peter 1:5-10; Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23). A good minister will tell people what the word of God says. A bad or false teacher will instruct differently to the word of God, which some have done (Galatians 1:6-9), and which some do. (1 Timothy 4:1).

Folk, do not be deceived by the pious looks and actions of others. The scribes and Pharisees looked religious, but were not to be followed. (Matthew 23:3). Hymenaeus and Alexander were delivered unto Satan. (1 Timothy 1:20; 2 Timothy 2:16-18). These were Christians who left the faith. Also, do not be deceived by churches who profess to follow Jesus. Synagogues, which had at one time been loyal to God, became supporters of evil. Paul was a part of such, and he became one who tried to change them. (Acts 9-Hebrews).

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.” (2 John 10, 11). We have “a good minister” and some good ministers. May it continue and increase!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TEACH ME TO PRAY

July 27th

*Will meet after morning services.
Contact Kim Lindley with any questions.*

FIFTH SUNDAY

August 31ST

10 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

12 Noon Fellowship Meal

1:30 Evening Service

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

❖**EXPECTING MOTHERS:** Kristen McVey (in Pennsylvania)

❖**SICK AT HOME:** Breanna Bullock, Juan Stroupe, Pat Shackelford, Doris Williford

❖**HOSPITAL:** Holly Madugula (Robin Chapman’s Sister)

❖**SURGERY:** Chase Chapman

❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Caleb McAlister, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖**CANCER:** 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, Austin Wentz

❖**SHUT-INS:** *Home:* Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer **Dogwood Plantation/New Albany:** Joy Simmons **Corner Stone/ Corinth:** Mike Stroupe

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