

August 3, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ross Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Luke Hobson

Opening Prayer

Tommy Wade (A.M.)

Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

J C Newby (A.M.)

Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Gene Yancey

Count and Usher

Rickey Loveless & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Tripp Yancey (08/06/25)

OUR RECORD

July 27, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 82

Sunday Morning Worship: 101

Sunday Evening Worship: 78

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 80

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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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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## DO YOU BELIEVE IN WATER SALVATION? Mark Lindley

I have attended services of churches of Christ for the past forty-seven years. I have heard countless sermons, sat through Bible classes each week since I was a toddler, been to Christian-youth camps, and have been a member of the church of Christ since I was thirteen years old.

I graduated from two schools, in which faithful members of churches of Christ taught the Bible. For the past twenty-five years I have preached and taught Bible classes each Sunday, Wednesday, and in other evangelistic endeavors. In addition, I have preached scores of sermons on television and radio while serving churches of Christ.

Please understand that I have written none of these things to boast of any accomplishments or works I have done. God, alone, is worthy of praise and worship, and I realize, more than anyone, that I am a weak and fallible man, in need of God's grace.

The reason I mentioned the experience I have with churches of Christ is to establish that I am very familiar with what is taught within faithful churches of Christ.

In all my association with the church of Christ, I have never heard anyone teach the doctrine of "water salvation." Why is this fact significant? Because sometimes people misunderstand—some may intentionally misrepresent—what faithful churches of Christ teach regarding water baptism. Some charge, "You teach water salvation."

When Naaman the Leper was cleansed of leprosy after dipping in the Jordan, was that "water salvation" (II Kings 5:1-14)? When the blind man of John chapter 9 was told to go and wash in the pool of Siloam, and after doing so, he was healed and could see, was that "water salvation" (John 9:1-7)? Did the "water" cure these men, or the power of God? We all agree that the power to cure leprosy, and blindness was not in water, but in God.

Now, friend, if you can understand these simple illustrations, I know you can understand that the power to remove sin is not in water, but in the blood of Christ. However, that blood cleanses "when" one is baptized "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

Naaman was cleansed of leprosy when he "dipped"; the blind man was healed when he "washed"; sinners are forgiven when they are baptized to have sins washed away (Acts 22:16). This is not "Church of Christ" doctrine; this is Bible doctrine, and faithful churches of Christ will teach what the Bible teaches. Friend, please consider these matters with an open heart and open Bible. God bless!

**MOSES MY SERVANT IS DEAD**  
**James Pilgrim**

Deuteronomy 34:5 says, “So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.” The death of this great leader did not end God’s will and work. God told Joshua, “Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I give them, even to the children of Israel.” (Joshua 1:1, 2). God would not fail to give them anything He had promised Moses. (Joshua 1:3, 4). No one would be a successful threat to them, because as God was with Moses, so would He be with them, without fail. (Joshua 1:5). All God asked of them was that they be strong, of good courage, and obedient to Him. (Joshua 1:6, 7). They were to keep God’s law, meditating therein day and night. (Joshua 1:8). The people told Joshua that they would “do” and “go” wherever God sent them. (Joshua 1:16). Any who rebelled against God would be put to death. (Joshua 1:18). “It is appointed unto men once to die....” (Hebrews 9:27). This includes leaders and followers. The work of the church here must go forward with good leadership and faithful followers when the present membership ceases to walk in the light of God’s word. Adults, make sure that every member is taught, believes, and will see that this is done.

We have had good men and women to go before us. Faithful men and women have stepped up to carry on the work as God designed it. However, we must understand that the church can be lost in one generation. It is, therefore important that we “provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4). The word must be preached (2 Timothy 4:2), NOT the doctrines and commandments of men (Matthew 15:7-9), NOT what “itching ears” desire to hear (2 Timothy 4:2, 3), NOT “fables” (2 Timothy 4:4), NOT anything but the word of God. As the writer’s father admonished him many times, “Preach the Word. (2 Timothy 4:2). If you find out that I was wrong, don’t follow me. Preach the truth. It is the only thing that will save one. (John 8:32).” By the way, he also said, “Preach the word simply. Put it down where the calves can get it, and the cows will have no problem.”

Another admonition. Be faithful to obey the Lord’s will. Your good example may lead one or more to obey the gospel. (1 Peter 3:1ff). People are watching you. What are they seeing? Is it something they need to be doing?

Young Christians, you are the called out (the church) of today. Some of you may be the leaders tomorrow. Prepare yourselves for that work: “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15; Cf. 1 Peter 3:15). Others may need to be good followers, helpers, and supporters. (Hebrews 13:7, 17). Prepare yourself for this great and important work.

REMEMBER!!! Some of us, eventually all of us, including you, dear reader, will one day be gone. Let us make sure that we leave the church even better than we found it. See you in heaven one day!!!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CARD PROGRAM**  
*Know someone who needs a card. Please complete green cards located on table by teacher’s supply room. We appreciate your help.*

**FIFTH SUNDAY**  
*August 31<sup>ST</sup>*

*10 AM Bible Study*  
*10:45 AM Worship*  
*12 Noon Fellowship Meal*  
*1:30 Evening Service*

**PROGRAMS OF WORK**

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

❖Kristen McVey and baby are doing well. Kristen will be home Friday.

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

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

❖**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Chase Chapman

❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Caleb McAlister, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, 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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