

September 1, 2024

Announcements  
Ross Shackelford

Song Leader  
Brice Lindley

Scripture Reading  
Dale Vandygriff

Opening Prayer  
Rickey Cissom ( A.M.)  
Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Closing Prayer  
Mickey Chandler (A.M.)  
John Hopper (P.M.)

Lord's Table  
Brock Lindley

Count and Usher  
Danny Shackelford & David Smith

Wednesday Night Song Leader  
Brock Lindley (09/04/24)

**OUR RECORD**

August 25, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: NA  
Sunday Morning Worship: NA  
Sunday Evening Worship: NA  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: NA

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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

## A TRUE HEART Mark Lindley

The Scriptures teach that one must have a “true heart” in order to worship God acceptably. Consider Hebrews 10:22: “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.” Notice that this verse begins with the words, “Let us draw near.” The context of these words is concerning “drawing near” to God in worship. Then, the verse states that we are to draw near with a “true heart.” A heart that is true is one that is real, sincere, and genuine. A true heart is the opposite of that which is pretended or counterfeit.

There is a great need for us to have true hearts, not only in worship, but also in all that we do. One cannot live for the Lord successfully without having a heart that is real, sincere, and genuine.

One of the Lord’s apostles became unfaithful to Jesus because the apostle did not have a true heart. I am referring, of course, to Judas. Scripture indicates that the devil “put into the heart” of Judas to betray Jesus (John 13:2). Judas pretended to love Jesus and to love the poor, but he really loved money. Consequently, he betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:15). Instead of a true heart, Judas had a corrupt and dishonest heart.

In view of these thoughts, we should consider our own hearts. How can we tell whether we have hearts which are true? One with a true heart is “real” at all times, and does not change the way he or she thinks, talks, or acts in order to fit in with others. Our conduct should be the same, whether we are with Christians on Sunday or with non-Christian buddies from work on Monday night

Do we always tell the truth? The whole truth? Do we tell the truth, even when it is inconvenient? Paul wrote, “Wherefore put away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor” (Ephesians 4:25). A true heart will lead us to be open and honest at all times.

Do we have a secret life that we try to keep hidden from others? We all have weaknesses, but we should not have an on-going secret life of sin. One with a true heart can enjoy the peace that comes from having a clean conscience. He has nothing to hide, and nothing to fear. These thoughts should help us all to examine our hearts.

# GOD CANNOT LIE

James Pilgrim

Paul said, “But I certify you, brethren, but the gospel which was preached of me is not after men. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (Galatians 1:11, 12). With those words in mind, Paul writes in Titus 1:2, “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.” Thus, prior to the beginning (creation) of the heaven and earth (Genesis 1:1), God had already **promised** something. What did He promise? (1) **Everlasting** (2) **Life**. That everlasting life will be in an (1) **Everlasting** (2) **Kingdom** (2 Peter 1:11) with an (1) **Everlasting** (2) **God/Godhead** (Romans 1:20; 16:26). A number of people have asked, “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?” (Luke 10:25; 18:18). The asking of this question indicates that those who raised the question believed that there was something for them to do. Jesus asked the lawyer who raised the question, “What read ye in the law? How readest thou?” (Luke 10:26).

The lawyer “answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.” (Luke 10:27). Jesus said, “Thou hast answered right, this do, and thou shalt live.” Do not overlook Jesus’ response, “this **do**, and thou shalt **live**.” Most religions today would tell people that there is nothing to do. For example, this writer heard Max Lecado, on Trinity Broadcasting, tell the audience, “Jesus on the cross told people ‘It is finished.’ What part of that do you not understand? If it is finished, what is there left for me to do?” However, he then told the audience that they had to believe and sow seed money. One wonders how much Max understands! Did those who were at the foot of the cross when Jesus said, “It is finished”, receive forgiveness, or was it when they obeyed Peter’s words recorded in Acts 2:37, 38?

The ruler who asked Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life (Luke 18:18), was commended for recognizing Jesus’ deity, and he was told not to commit adultery, kill, steal, bear false witness, and to Honor father and mother. (Luke 18:20). When he told Jesus that he had done all of this from youth, Jesus said, “Yet lackest thou one thing:....” (Luke 18:22). He left lost because he refused to obey Jesus. (Luke 18:23ff).

Eternal life awaits the obedient. “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called,....” (1 Timothy 6:12). Read John 3:16, Believe; Luke 13:3, 5, Repent; Matthew 10:9, 10, Confess; and John 3:1-5, 23, Be Baptized; and Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58, Be Faithful.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPMAN FALL LECTURESHIP SEPTEMBER 8-11

SUNDAY SERVICES:

10:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

12 NOON FELLOWSHIP MEAL

1:30 P.M. AFTERNOON SERVICE

7:00 P.M.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY EVENING

### FIFTH SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

12 NOON FELLOWSHIP MEAL

1:30 P.M. AFTERNOON SERVICE

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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:** Many are sick with COVID.

**HOSPITAL:** Sarina Tigrett (Parents: Kane & Anna, heart problems - LeBonhuer)

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Dorothy Hopper, Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John’s Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman’s Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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