

September 13, 2026

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

John Hopper

Scripture Reading

Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer

Tim McMillin (A.M.)
Ross Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Randell Koon (A.M.)
Keith Newby (P.M.)

Lord’ s Table

David Smith

Count and Usher

Danny Shackelford & Bryan Davis

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (09/16/26)

OUR RECORD

September 6, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 87
Sunday Morning Worship: 101
Sunday Evening Worship: 75
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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Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

PREACHER: Mark Lindley

“HAVE YOU NOT READ?” Mark Lindley

At least four times in the book of Matthew the question is asked: “Have ye not read?” Jesus is the one who raised the question. The question pertains to the reading of scripture, namely, the scriptures of the Old Testament. The people of Jesus’ day did not yet have the New Testament, but they were expected to be students of the Old Testament. Today, of course, we have God’s full revelation in the form of the Bible—the Old and New Testaments. Just as the Lord expected the people of His day to read the scriptures, we are to read and study the Bible today. Consider what Jesus’ question implies:

The asking of the question implies the importance of Bible study. Otherwise, Jesus never would have asked the question. Only through Bible study can we learn how to be saved from sin, and how to worship and serve the Lord in a way that pleases Him.

The asking of the question also implies that Bible study is personal. The question itself is very personal: “Have ye not read?” The question places the responsibility upon each individual to study. The question is not whether the preacher has read, whether one’s grandmother has read, or whether one’s spouse has read; rather, the Lord asked, “Have ye not read?”

The asking of the question implies that Bible study is profitable. Surely, Jesus was not asking the people to do something that would be a waste of their time. Studying the Bible is profitable because there is power in God’s word. The word will provide spiritual light, guiding us through this life as we strive to go to heaven: “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105).

Let us never be content to say, therefore, when asked a Bible question, “Well, I don’t know much about the Bible, but I believe....” The Lord has given us His word that we might know His will. However, in order to know His will, we must hear, learn, study, and read. That is, we must spend time with God’s Word. We should all make personal application of the question: “Have ye not read?”

BIBLE PREACHERS: PAUL—NO. 5

James Pilgrim

Paul begins his third missionary journey, recorded in Acts 18:22-21:26. By the way, the Bible is its best evidence. “Gone up” and “went up” (Acts 18:22; 21:15) are both accurate. Jerusalem was built on a higher elevation than most places in the land. Thus, the word of God is accurate when it speaks of going up from the north to the south. Here, Caesarea is 55 miles N.NE of Jerusalem, yet they went “up” to Jerusalem.

Paul “departed, and went all over the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples” (Acts 18:23), while Aquila and Priscilla corrected Apollos. (Acts 18:24-28). Thus, we see some of a preacher and woman’s work, edifying disciples and correcting those in need of such. In Acts 1-7, we find Paul baptizing twelve men (Acts 19:7) in the name of the Lord Jesus, who had erroneously been baptized unto John’s baptism after the baptism of Jesus became effective. Cf. Ephesians 4:5. Following their baptism in the name of Jesus, Paul (an apostle) laid his hands on them, and “they spake with tongues, and prophesied.” (Acts 19:5, 6; 8: 14-18). Paul then “went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading things concerning the kingdom of God.” (Verse 8). He did not compromise. He boldly spoke “alway with grace, seasoned with salt,...” (Colossians 4:6), not unkindly. Paul knew “how ye ought to answer every man.” (Ibid). Some “were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude.” (Verse 9). Paul then “departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of Tyranus...for two years;...” (Verses 9, 10). This resulted in “all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul. (Acts 19:11, 12). This led to the confrontation between Paul and the vagabond Jews. (Verses 13-20). “And the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.” (Verse 17). Verse 20 says, “So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.”

Paul purposed to pass through Macedonia, Achaia, Jerusalem, then to Rome (Verse 21; 23:11; Romans 15:24, 28). Showing that he realized that he could not do everything by himself, Paul sent Timotheus and Erastus into Macedonia, while staying in Asia for a season. (Verse 22). Demetrius caused a big “stir about that way.” (Verse 23). Has that changed? Bible preachers, as a result of preaching the truth, God’s word, may cause an uproar near and wide, even to the point of harming the preacher’s helpers. (Verses 24-41). Verse 32 said, “the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.” That did stop them from crying out about the space of “two hours”, “Great is Diana of the Ephesians.” (Verse 34). What did that change? Nothing! The Town clerk appeased the people, reminding them that nothing illegal has been done, encouraging them not to act irrationally, telling them that they had lawful courts to use, warning them of the danger of their unlawful assembly, and then dismissing the assembly. (Verses 35-41).

Bible preachers need to preach the truth with grace seasoned with salt. We must remember that it is the engrafted (implanted) word of God that saves. (James 1:21). May we, therefore, be content to use the word of God, not our own “wisdom”, to save souls. May hearers gladly receive (Acts 2:41) God’s word, saving themselves. (Acts 2:40; Philippians 2:47). May all understand that when we have done all God has commanded, we are still unprofitable servants (Luke 17:10), and that we are saved by God’s love (1 John 4:10), mercy (1 Peter 1:3), grace (Ephesians 2:8-10), Jesus’ blood (Romans 5:9), etc. As the sinful people we are (Romans 3:10-23), we do not Deserve Salvation (Romans 6:23), but “there is a God in heaven” (Daniel 2:28) who “so loved” us (John 3:16) that He will save us by His only Begotten Son if we will obey Him. (Hebrews 5:8, 9).

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL LECTURESHIP

September 20-23

GREAT LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF HOSEA

Sunday: 10 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship
12 Noon Fellowship Meal
1:30 PM Evening Service
Mon – Wed 7:00 PM

Pine Vale Children’s Home 2026 Fall Food Drive

We will be doing
monetary donations.
Donation Box is in the foyer.
Need by the 11th of October.

SLEEPING BAGS NEEDED

The **World Ukraine Mission** is in need of sleeping bags for children. Please leave them on the tables by the Teacher’s Supply Room. **Deadline is October 31st.**

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Caitlyn “CJ” Sipes (Montana Lindley’s cousin) and Martha Reid (Mallie Shackelford’s Grandmother).

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

❖**SICK SUNDAY** : Terry & Robin Chapman, Annie Lindley, Debbie Chapman

❖**HAVING TEST:** Nellie Wallace (Steve Morrison’s Granddaughter)

❖**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), Harold Hankins, 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

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