

October 4, 2026

Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

John Hopper

Scripture Reading

Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer

Tommy Wade (A.M.)

Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)

Bo Chapman (P.M.)

Lord’ s Table

Michiel Criswell

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Tavin Fitzgerald

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brice Lindley (10/07/26)

OUR RECORD

September 27, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 86

Sunday Morning Worship: 104

Sunday Evening Worship: 77

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 81

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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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JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE

Mark Lindley

Jesus often used figures of speech to teach spiritual lessons. On the occasion of John chapter 6 Jesus stated, “I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst” (verse 35). Obviously, when Jesus referred to himself as “bread,” he was using figurative language to encourage people to come to him and receive everlasting life. Here are a couple of ideas to inspire us to partake of the Bread of Life:

First, we need to consider that each person is composed of body and spirit. James wrote, “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:26).

We can readily see the need to give our bodies the nourishment (“bread”) needed to sustain and strengthen our bodies. Without food for our bodies, we could not live for very long. The same is true concerning the spiritual dimension within each of us. Food for the soul is necessary in order to be spiritually strong and healthy. Jesus said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Jesus’ statement shows that the spiritual food needed to sustain our souls is the Word of God (cf. 1 Peter 2:2).

But how often is your soul fed? Does your soul receive the nourishment of God’s Word daily? If your body were fed only as often as your soul is fed, how long would you live? Many of us would not live for very long because we often neglect to feed our souls. Some hear a few verses mentioned in a sermon on Sunday, and that is the only spiritual food they receive. Others receive no spiritual nourishment. We often partake of too much food for the body, but starve our souls. We make time for ballgames, hunting, shopping, going out to eat, and other activities we want to do, but then say we are “too busy” to read and meditate on God’s Word, the Bible. We must prioritize and arrange our schedules so that we spend time feeding our souls.

Second, Jesus taught that the bread he offers will satisfy. He said that those who receive it “shall never hunger.” A spiritual hunger deep within each of us often sends us on a search for satisfaction. We may try to fulfill this inner longing of the soul by getting a better job, buying a bigger house or new car, having the “best” children, engaging in multiple sexual relationships, or by attempting to calm our restless hearts by using drugs or alcohol. These pursuits may provide a temporary escape, but then we find that the spiritual hole within us remains. The only true remedy is Jesus, the Bread of Life. If you are looking for answers, he is your answer.

BIBLE PREACHERS: PAUL AND OTHERS
James Pilgrim

Acts 21 does not record a sermon, but it does reveal to us what preachers and others were doing. First, verses 1-3 show much travelling. They went on a “straight course to Coos, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara: And finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, and set forth, Now when we had discovered Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed unto Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.”

Actually, Phenicia (Verse 2) follows Tyre. (Verse 3). They stayed there one week. “Paul through the Spirit” was advised “that he should not to go up to Jerusalem.” (Verse 4). Although nothing is said, based upon other events, this writer’s opinion is that much teaching was done.

Second, as Paul and company were leaving, being brought on their way by “all...with wives and children.” (Acts 21:5). Luke says “we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.” Verse5; 7:60; 20:36). Cf. also. 1 Thessalonians5:17; Luke 18:1; Ephesians 6:18; Matthew 26:41.

Third, it was said, “We...finished our course.” (Acts 21:7). When Paul was about ready to be killed, he would make the same statement. (2 Timothy 4:6-8). Bible preachers not only begin, but those who obey God “finish” the work they began. They are not like Demas who forsook God and Paul because of his “love of the world...the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.” (2 Timothy 4:10; 1 John 2:15-17).

Fourth, Paul and company entered into the house of Philip the evangelist at Caesarea, and they stayed there many days. Philip had four virgin daughters who prophesied. (Acts 21:8, 9; 1 Timothy 2:12-15). While there, a certain prophet, Agabus of Judaea, came down, and “took Paul’s girdle,” and prophesied that the Jews would do the same to Paul in Jerusalem. (Acts 21:8-12).

The writer of Acts, Luke (Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1), says “we” (including himself in Paul’s company), and others unsuccessfully besought Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. (Acts 21:12, 14). When Paul asked them why they wept and broke his heart, saying that he was willing to be bound and killed in Jerusalem “for the name of the Lord Jesus,” they went up with him. (Acts 21:13, 15, 16).

Fifth, Acts 21:17 says, “And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.” This shows the oneness and love between New Testament Christians. (Philippians 2:2).

Sixth, Paul and company went in unto James and the elders, saluted them, and reported on his ministry among the Gentiles (Verses 18, 19), whereupon “they glorified the Lord”--- not Paul.

Seventh, the Jews, staunch believers in the Law of Moses, but not always with the same actions (Matthew 23, especially verses 13, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29), incorrectly accused Paul of teaching contrary to the Law of Moses. (Acts 21:21ff). Paul had taught that circumcision was neither right nor wrong (1 Corinthians 7:19; Galatians 5:6; 6:15), but not that it was right or wrong to do so, unless required to be saved. (Acts 15; 21:25). He circumcised Timothy (Acts 16:3), but not Titus. (Galatians 2:1-9). Paul took the four men into the Temple and had them circumcised in harmony with Galatians 5:6.

Eighth, Asiatic Jews stirred up the people, laid hands on Paul, falsely accused and beat him, going about to kill him, until the chief captain, Claudius Lysias (Acts 23:26), immediately stopped it. However, the mob was not done, crying, “Away with him,” Paul asked the chief captain if he could speak to the mob. He was given liberty to do so following his identification of himself. (Acts 21:37-39). Bible preaching is not always easy. Some die proclaiming God’s word. Others are simply mocked and such like. “Preach the word.” (2 Timothy 4:2).

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Monday, October 12, 2026

Speaker: Anna Palmer
South Main Events
102 South Main Street, Ripley, MS

**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

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

- ❖**SICK SUNDAY:** Sandy Newby, Brandon Dees, Debbie Chapman
- ❖**IN HOSPITAL:** Janie Chapman, Dolly Brock (Hospice Care)
- ❖**HAVING SURGERY:** Johnathon Ledbury (Brain- Larry Wood’s great-nephew), Billy Jordan, Dixie White, Samuel Pilgrim (Hip- James & Sammie’s son)
- ❖**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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